

Catholic Schools Week **January 31-February 6, 2016**

The Academy of Saint Matthias the
Apostle



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The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle in Lanham, Maryland welcomes prospective families to our 2016 Open Houses to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. **All are welcome.**

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 31st from 1:00pm—3:00pm

Wednesday, February 3rd from 9:00 am—11:00 am

Please spread the good news and encourage your friends and neighbors to consider enrolling their children. For more information, contact Vivian Richards, Director of Admissions and Development, at 301-577-9412 or vrichards@stmatthias.org. **Please support our school.**

Family Connection

Jesus' statement that no prophet is accepted in his home town reminds us that it is often difficult to hear a challenging message from those who know us best, even if it is true. Perhaps we remember and even regret this aspect of our childhood and adolescence. We may have overlooked the wisdom and guidance of our parents, while allowing the voices of others—teachers, friends, and counselors—to carry more weight, even when these people were telling us the same thing. Perhaps this developmental stage is unavoidable. Perhaps as we have matured, we have come to a new appreciation for our parents and others whose perspective and experience we once rejected. Today's Gospel provides an opportunity to talk about and to learn from such experiences.

As you gather as a family, consider proverbs or other wise sayings that are familiar to your family (“Blood is thicker than water;” “All that glitters is not gold.”). Consider what these proverbs mean and whether you believe them to be true. Why or why not? Jesus challenges the people of Nazareth by reminding them of old sayings that seem to have a lot of truth in them. Let's listen to this Gospel and consider what these proverbs mean. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 4:21-30. Ask: What were the proverbs that Jesus quoted? (Physician, cure yourself; No prophet is accepted in his native place.) Consider the meaning of these proverbs and look for examples from your own family life that show their truth. Consider how your family might accept one another's wisdom and guidance and not reject the prophets in your midst. Conclude by praying together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

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Due to last week's closures, the Stewardship Report will be published in next week's bulletin.

If you were unable to attend Mass last weekend, please remember that we rely upon your weekly offertory.

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Our Second Collection this weekend continues for our parish school, The Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle. Please be generous in supporting Catholic Education.

Seek first the Kingdom of God

Matthew 6:33



2016 Cardinal's Appeal: Again, you are asked to review the Cardinal's Appeal brochure and the tabloid that you will receive

with your bulletin today. The theme of the campaign is: “Seek first the kingdom of God.” (Matthew 6:33)

The Cardinal's Appeal campaign is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over ten months.

A significant gift to the Cardinal's Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way. As you review the work enabled by your contribution, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the archdiocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Looking Ahead

Volunteer Drivers Needed: We are looking for volunteers to transport priests who reside in northeast Washington for an occasional Saturday Vigil Mass here at our parish. Please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or email tereme@stmatthias.org.



7 Church Walk: DCCatholic invites all young adults to the 13th Annual 7 Church Walk! The walk will be held on March 19th from 10:00 am—6:30 pm. Join young adults (20s and 30s) for our annual Lenten pilgrimage as we continue a Roman tradition in DC! We will visit seven churches in downtown DC, pray together at each station and reflect on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and the upcoming Passion of our Lord. For more information visit <http://adv.org/event/7-church-walk-3/>

The St. Matthias Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Sunday in the Church after the 10:30 am Mass. All are welcome.

Hosting An Event? Friendship Hall is available for rent. For information, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or email tereme@stmatthias.org.

Missals for Sale: Saint Joseph Missals for 2016 are available for sale in the church vestibule and at the Hughes Center parish office. The cost is \$4.00.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Old Palm Branches Needed

Parishioners are invited to return the dried palm branches that were blessed at the beginning of previous Holy Week celebrations on Palm/Sunday. The palm branches will be burned and reduced to ash for distribution of ashes here in our parish at Ash Wednesday Masses on February 10th. There will be a designated receptacle at the entryway to the church for you to deposit your palm branches.

Items of Note

Do you want Saint Matthias News? Visit our parish website at www.stmatthias.org. Also, sign up to receive **MOBILE ALERTS**. To receive text messages from us, text your name & "enroll" to: (301)-859-4752. Mobile Alerts will **NOT** be used for fundraising. Only important parish news will be texted.

Ash Wednesday: Masses are scheduled for 7:00 am, 12 noon and 7:30 pm on Wednesday, February 10th. Ashes will be distributed after all Masses.

Daily Mass on Saturday: Have you heard? There is now a daily Mass here at Saint Matthias on Saturdays at 8:30 am. Please attend!

The St. Matthias Library, located in the Hughes Center, will open Feb. 2nd. Parishioners are welcome to browse, sit and read, and check out books during regular office hours, Monday through Friday. Toni Webster will be available on Tuesdays to assist. Please enjoy the parish library!

Holy Water Bottles are available for purchase in the vestibule of the church and at the parish office. The cost is \$3.00.

Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, & Altar Servers February 6 & 7

| | <u>Lectors</u> | <u>EMCH</u> | <u>Altar Servers</u> |
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| 5:00 pm | J. Murray | TBD | TBD |
| 8:00 am | J. Walters | TBD | TBD |
| 10:30 am | R. Ihegbe | TBD | TBD |
| 6:00 pm | H. Jorgensen | TBD | TBD |

Mass Intentions Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 1:

8:30 am Jack O'Leary
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration & Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Benediction

Tuesday, February 2: The Presentation of the Lord

8:30 am Jack O'Leary

Wednesday, February 3: Saint Blaise, Bishop

8:30 am Rev. Monsignor Richard W. Burton

Thursday, February 4:

8:30 am Rev. Mark W. Erwin

Friday, February 5: (First Friday) Saint Agatha

8:30 am Jude and Florence Nwoko (Living)

Saturday, February 6: Saint Paul Miki and Companions

8:30 am Intentions of the People of the Parish
5:00 pm Intentions of the People of the Parish

Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 7:

8:00 am Mary Anne DeMaio (Birthday - Living)
5:00 pm Giuseppe Torchia
6:00 pm Intentions of the People of the Parish

Readings for the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends:

Margie Baker; Carly Bastianson; Muriel Brown;
Ronnie Davis; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John
and Joan Kodak; Joe Makowski; Rocco Martino;
Dick O'Connor; Ester Oleru; Marion Prout; Marian
Thomas; Madeline White, Eugene Zehner

-For our military, protect them from all harm.

-For all the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.

Names will be placed on our prayer list for 4 weeks. To place a name on the list, please contact Pat Ford at 301-459-4814 x 201 or email pford@stmatthias.org

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of February 6/7



5:00 pm Father Canice
8:00 am Father Edmunds
10:30 am Father Canice
6:00 pm Father Canice