Parish Staff

Administrator
Reverend Milton E. Jordan ~ x 203

Administrative Assistant
Ms. Mary Young ~ x 201

Business Manager
Ms. Leslie O’Leary ~ x 202

Director of Faith Formation
Ms. Catherine Tolnay ~ x 205
Adult & Youth Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation

Director of Music Ministry
Ms. Regina Loffredo 301-464-9193

Organist
Ms. Deborah Kijak-Hess

Maintenance Supervisor
Mr. Hector Perez

School Office Staff

Telephone: 301-577-9412

Principal
Mrs. Abigail Greer ~ x 214

Director of Development and Admissions
Mrs. Vivian O. Richards ~ x 215

Administrative Assistant
Ms. Marsha Blackburn ~ x 212

Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM

Daily Mass Schedule
Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM

Monday Devotion
Adoration and Blessed Sacrament: 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Confessions: 7:00 to 8:00 PM
Benediction: 8:00 PM

Holy Days of Obligation
*Masses at: 7:30 AM, 12 Noon and 7:30 PM
*Unless otherwise announced

Sacrament of Baptism
Parents must be registered at least six months, practicing and attend a mandatory preparation seminar, which may be completed prior to the child’s birth. Please contact the Office of Faith Formation for information and registration.

Sacrament of Marriage
Registered, practicing parishioners must contact a parish priest at least six months in advance of the wedding.

New Parishioners
Welcome! Please fill out a parish census form in the church vestibule or contact the rectory. All parishioners must be registered and practicing in order for us to serve you by issuing a Letter of Good Standing for sponsorship at the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, or Matrimony.

Moving?
Please notify us as soon as possible if you are moving or have had a change of address in order for us to update our records.

Saint Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church
9475 Annapolis Road • Lanham, Maryland 20706-3020
Telephone: 301-459-4814 • Fax: 301-306-4582
Visit our Web Page: www.stmatthias.org

The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle
9473 Annapolis Road • Lanham, Maryland 20706-3020
Telephone: 301-577-9412 • Fax: 301-577-2060
Pre-K-4 years old to Grade 8
Catholic school whose mission is to provide quality education in a safe and caring environment. Parish students are welcomed throughout the school year. If you’d like to take a tour, please call the school offices for an appointment.
LENT ★ 2015

LENTEN WEEKDAY MASS and DEVOTIONS
Daily Rosary prior to Mass at 8:00 AM
Mass: Monday through Friday at 8:30 AM
Sacred Heart Litany and Consecration
First Fridays after Mass

SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM;
Sunday at 8:00 AM; 10:30 AM; 6:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Friday during Lent at 7:30 PM
Note: The Academy of Saint Matthias Class of 2015 will sponsor a fish fry before and after the Stations of the Cross on March 13th (4:00 to 9:00 PM)

CONFESSIONS
Mondays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM,
or by appointment with a parish priest,
with Adoration from 6:00 to 8:00 PM closing
with Benediction at 7:45 pm
There will be no Confessions, Adoration or Benediction on Monday, March 16th

LENTEN COIN FOLDERS AND DEVOTIONALS
Coin folders and devotionals are available for those who wish to give alms to the poor during Lent. Lenten spiritual reading materials such as The Word Among Us and Magnificat for Lent are available for a modest fee in the narthex.

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR CATHOLICS
Fasting is to be observed by all persons 18 years of age and older, who have not yet reached their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices are allowed. Abstinence is observed by all those 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday (February 18th) and Good Friday (April 3rd). On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not apply. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted. Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE
The Catholic Charities’ Annual Lenten Food Drive will be held the weekend of March 7th/8th. Bags will be given to parishioners after Mass that weekend to be returned the weekend of March 14th/15th. Please be generous in your donations to fill parish and community pantries.

Stewardship Report: Revenue

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Recent Expenditures

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Faith Direct: Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide Saint Matthias the Apostle with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. You can quickly sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: MD41, or by mailing an enrollment form available in the pamphlet rack or the Father Hughes Center.

A Stewardship Moment: “You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God’s many gifts. May this understanding that all is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.

EASTER DUTY
The Easter Duty is more properly called the Paschal Precept. This states that all the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Eucharist, are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday. Those in serious sin are also bound to go to confession at least once a year, preferably during this time (Canons 920 and 989).

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of March 14th/15th

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School Raffle Winner

Yvette Hall of Springdale is the winner and seller of $350 for the March 3rd drawing.
Lenten Retreat
Sunday, March 15th After 6:00 pm Mass
Speaker: Deacon William Wuenschel
Monday, March 16th 7:30 pm
Speaker: Father Everett Pearson, Pastor, Mount Calvary
Tuesday, March 17th 7:30 pm
Speaker: Dr. Susan Timmony
Secretary of Pastoral Concerns, Archdiocese of Washington

Items of Note

The Academy Hall of Fame: The deadline for purchasing tickets for the Hall of Fame dinner and Silent Auction is this week. Please return your ticket order or purchase online by Wednesday, March 11th. The event on Saturday, March 14th will honor former Saint Matthias teachers (Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. Coyle, Mrs. Doran, Mrs. Wilson, and Mrs. Wood), volunteer Alice Gugliotta, and parishioner Bernice Zempolich. Please consider supporting this event, as it is a great fundraiser for our school.

Bishop McNamara Program: The Bishop McNamara Theatre Program presents its spring play The Madwoman of Chaillot. A play hailed as a "poetic and comic fable," set at a cafe in Paris in 1947. Performances will take place in the BMHS Fine Arts Theater on Friday and Saturday, March 13th and 14th at 7:30 pm and Sunday, March 15th at 2:00 pm. For tickets, please go to the www.BMHS.org website or contact Mrs. Adrienne Davis at 301-735-8401 x136.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Take time to reflect on what God is asking for your marriage. Sign up today to attend the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in the Archdiocese of Washington on April 17-19 in Rockville. For more information and to apply online, visit wwwme.org, call 301-541-7007 or email applications@welovemarriage.org

Project Rachel Ministry: Having Unresolved Feelings After Abortion? Support Groups are forming on March 19th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm and April 22nd from 9:00 am to 11:00 to help you overcome this pain, in your life. In this support group, you will experience the safety and encouragement you need, to heal and become whole. Location: Washington, DC area; exact location is only disclosed to women who register. For more information, call or e-mail Alma Malter at 301-853-4565, ProjectRachel@adw.org. All contacts are confidential.

Palm Cross Workshop: Bring the family and enjoy making palm crosses at this free workshop sponsored by the volunteer Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild on Saturday, March 21st, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Participants will be able to purchase crosses. The workshop will be held in the monastery greenhouse, 1400 Quincy Street, NE. Enter near the gift shop or use the service driveway just north of the monastery. For more information, call 202-374-0541, or visit www.FMGG.org or email l1rtrjoe@gmail.com.

Pope Francis’ Resolution For the Month
"Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy."

Mass Intentions
Third Week of Lent Events
Monday, March 9: Saint Frances of Rome, Religious
8:30 am Monsignor James Gillen
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Benediction

Tuesday, March 10:
8:30 am Franz Faller

Wednesday, March 11:
8:30 am Maria Torchia

Thursday, March 12:
8:30 am Father Fred Roensch

Friday, March 13:
8:30 am Miriam and Anna Rizui (Living)
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Saturday, March 14:
5:00pm Father Jeff (Living)
Sunday, March 15:
8:00 am Richard Opalski
10:30 am Theophilus Oleru
6:00 pm Irene Pezzuti
7:15 pm Lenten Retreat - Deacon William Wuenschel

Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends: Fernando Alatares; Margie Baker; Melvin and Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Shawn Brown; Yvonne Brown; Martina Coleman; Olen Dove; Rizalina Galicnaco; Joan George; Emma Graham; Francis Greenfield; Sylvester Ikpi; Dorothy Johnson; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Ethel Levock; Terry Looney; Ed Mahlin, Jr.; Joe Makowski; Carole New; Bernice Nnannah; Molly Onwukwe; Raphael Onyewui; Joe Owens; William Pinchback; Nicole Riley; Anna and Miriam Rizui; Pablo Rocha; Ben Self; Pat Springerman; Eric Stelmuck; Lucille Strenge; Marian Thomas; Kay Villemi; Jean, John, and Sam Zann; and Eugene Zehner. may God’s healing grace be theirs. For our military serving overseas: Ryan Morgan; protect them from all harm. For all the faithful departed; Kathleen Duffy; may she rest in peace.

Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament: The Father James S. Betz Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament, is looking for golf participants for their Friday, May 8th outing to be held at the Bowie Golf and Country Club Course (7420 Laurel-Bowie Road, Bowie). Funds derived from the tournament are used to benefit students who need tuition assistance to attend Catholic schools. For more information, contact Steve Kemp at 301-237-8098.

Pictorial Directory - Save the Dates!
Because a number of you had to have your photo session cancelled due to inclement weather, we are happy to inform you that MyChurch Family will be back the week of Tuesday, April 21st through Saturday, April 25th. More information will follow at the beginning of April. SAVE THE DATES!