Parish Staff

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Principal
Mrs. Abigail Greer ~ x 214

Director of Development and Admissions
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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.

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.
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

“I am the vine. You are the branches.” On the Fifth Sunday of Easter we have the wonderful reading from John’s gospel about Jesus as the vine. We are the branches that are pruned to bear more fruit. The powerful invitation is to remain connected with Jesus, that we might make our home in him, and bear much fruit.

In the continuing weekday readings from the Acts of the Apostles, we see Paul and Barnabas preaching to the Gentiles. They encounter some who want to make them gods; others who want to stone them. A major discussion is held about whether a Gentile had to become a Jew before becoming a Christian. Peter declared that God granted Gentiles “the Holy Spirit just as he did us” and urged them not to burden Gentiles with the difficult Jewish laws. The group turned to the Holy Spirit and prayed for guidance and decided that Gentiles did not have to adhere to Jewish laws. Paul followed the Spirit to expand his travels, ending with his decision to go to Macedonia.

John’s Gospel continues the “Last Discourse” of Jesus, taking chapters 14 and 15 of the Fourth Gospel during the weekdays. These gospels offer a layered and poetic look at the kind of inseparable love we share with God. “Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.” He promises the Holy Spirit who “will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.” He offers us peace and encourages us “not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” “As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.” He tells his followers, “It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.” Saturday, Jesus reminds us that if the world didn’t like his announcing and living of this good news, then it won’t like our announcing and living it either.

This is a great week to get in touch with our deepening desires and to let my conversations with Jesus grow in friendship. The easiest way to do this is to simply say simple ordinary things -- the very way I would say them to a close friend. Some examples might offer words that will inspire our own conversation with the Lord who loves us.

“Jesus, every time I hear you say I don’t have to let my heart be troubled, I pause. I sense you are pointing to the ‘troubles’ I’m working through today. You’re asking me to let go of them, aren’t you? I’d like to, Jesus, but some of this is big stuff. It scares me. I know some of what I need to do, but I put it off. I know what I’m avoiding. It helps to focus on your love for me this week. I guess what I really need to ask you for today is that you help me trust you more completely. It is really nice these days to feel that you are so close to me, and that I’m not alone today.”

Recent Expenditures

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Faith Direct: The Lord is risen! As Christ’s disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish’s many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Matthias the Apostle with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code MD41 or mail in an enrollment form from the parish office.

A Stewardship Moment: In today’s Gospel, Jesus says that God is glorified when a disciple, gifted in Christ, produces abundantly and bears much fruit. The disciple must then be a good steward of that abundance.

The Academy Raffle Winner

Eric Anaafi, the winner of $300
Charlotte Anaafi as the seller of $50 for the April 27th drawing.
**From the Administrator**

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola conclude with a powerful image of God as the infinite gift giver! It is that concept of a loving God that we encourage our students in Jesuit schools or those adopting some of the spirituality of the Spiritual Exercises to bring into their lives each day. This is the God we seek to teach students to look for regardless of the student’s religion. These are a few of St. Ignatius Loyola’s words: “This is to consider all blessings and gifts as descending from above. Thus, my limited power comes from the supreme and infinite power above, and so, too, justice, goodness, mercy, descend from above as the rays of light descend from the sun, and as the waters flow from their fountains.” So it is always an encouragement from Jesuit Spirituality to daily meditate on the image of God as gift given in the many places you will be each day of the week.

**Items of Note**

**Matthias-Loyola Academy:** Teacher, Mrs. Ann O’Hare, was awarded the Betty Roemmelmeyer Advocate Award. The Betty Roemmelmeyer Advocate Award is given annually to a teacher, librarian, or other advocate who exhibits a love of children’s literature and strives to share it with others. The award was given out as a part of the Spring Festival of Children’s Literature at Frostburg State University. Mrs. O’Hare currently serves as the librarian for grades 4-8 and the Spanish teacher for grades 6-8 at The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle. She is in her 22nd year at Saint Matthias.

**Living Rosary:** The Mother Seton Knights of Columbus will have a living Rosary on Tuesday, May 12th at 7:30pm in the Church. All are invited.

**Mother’s Day Novena:** What is a novena? “Nine days of public or private prayer for some special occasion or intention. Its origin goes back to the nine days that the disciples and Mary spent together in prayer between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday. Our novena will focus on asking God to bless our living mothers with good health, peace, and blessings throughout the coming months and to grant eternal rest to our deceased mothers.

The novena of Masses for our mothers will be held from May 9th through May 17th with a Mass offered each day for the intentions received. Names received for the novena will be prayed for aloud, at least once during Mass throughout the nine days. Cards will be available after Masses this weekend. A $5.00 offering is suggested for each name submitted to the novena.

**Mother’s Day:** The African Community will be organizing a reception for all mothers in Friendship Hall after the 10:30am Mass on Mother’s Day. All mother’s and their families are invited.

**Mass Intentions for the Fifth Week of Easter**

**Monday, May 4:**
- 8:30 am  Linda Morgan
- 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  Confessions
- 8:00 pm  Benediction

**Tuesday, May 5:**
- 8:30 am  Gordon Clark & George Kosko

**Wednesday, May 6:**
- 8:30 am  Louisa Ezcafulukwe

**Thursday, May 7:**
- 8:30 am  Guadie M. Montesa (Living)

**Friday, May 8:**
- 8:30 am  Stanley Aitcheson

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday, May 9:**  Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor
- 5:00pm  Mother’s Day Novena

**Sunday, May 10:**  Sixth Sunday of Easter
- 8:00 am  Mother’s Day Novena
- 10:30 am  Mother’s Day Novena
- 6:00 pm  Mother’s Day Novena

**Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends:**
- Melvin and Elaine Brooks
- Muriel Brown
- Shawn Brown
- Yvonne Brown
- Yvette Butler
- Sylvia Conte
- Al Craig
- Ronnie Davis
- Emma Graham
- Francis and Genevieve Greenfield
- Wonema Hammer
- Salome Ibejirika
- Dorothy Johnson
- Pamela Jones
- Jack Jordan
- Kay Kaderabek
- John and Joan Kodak
- Janice Lipe
- Terry Looney
- Ed Mahlin Jr.
- Katherine Mahlin
- Joe Makowski
- Carole New
- Bernice Nnannah
- Molly Onwukwe
- Raphael Onyewu
- Joe Owens
- William Pinchback
- Martin Reedy
- Nicole Riley
- Pablo Rocha
- Lisseth Salvador
- Ben Self
- Lucille Streng
- Kay Villen
- Krystal Williams
- Jean, John, and Sam Zanin
- and Eugene Zehner; may God’s healing grace be theirs. For our military serving overseas: Ryan Morgan has returned home safely. For all the faithful departed; James Wills and Roy Roberts; may they rest in peace.

**Weekend Retreat:** A retreat specially planned for men and women facing serious physical illness will be held at the Dominican Retreat House in McLean, VA, from May 22-24, 2015. A team of doctors, nurses, priests, sisters and helpers will be present around the clock. Scheduling allows plenty of time for rest and reflection. There is no fee to attend this retreat. It is a non-smoking weekend. Registration closes May 12, 2015. If you have an interest in attending, please call the Dominican Retreat House ASAP at 703-356-4243 in order to register. For questions about the retreat you may call Doug Sebek at 703-477-5681.

Jesus died over 2000 years ago. Nobody has ever referred to HIM as the late Jesus, not even the heathens. Nowhere in history, nowhere has He ever been referred to in the past tense. He 'is' the Living God! When Jesus died on the cross He was thinking of you! "May God Smile on You Today"