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Ms. Leslie O’Leary ~ x 202

**Director of Faith Formation**
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Mr. Hector Perez

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

**Administrative Assistant**
Ms. Marsha Blackburn ~ x 212

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**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.

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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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

On the Sixth Sunday of Easter, we hear the powerful words that Jesus uses to send us on our mission: “This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.”

On Thursday, around the world and in all but a few parts of the United States, it is the Ascension of the Lord. For those who don't celebrate it Thursday, the Ascension will be next Sunday, May 17.

The Ascension readings give us the stories of the Jesus' being taken up to heaven from the beginning of Acts of the Apostles. Another version is heard through the last chapter of Mark’s Gospel.

Our Easter season readings from Acts of the Apostles continue this week. We read of Paul and Silas in jail, and the conversion and baptism of the jailer and his family; Paul's bold speech to the crowd at the Areopagus and his fearless preaching in Corinth, despite the growing threat from the Jews.

In John's Gospel, we sense we are approaching Pentecost in two weeks as Jesus begins to speak of his leaving the earth and of the coming of the “Advocate” - the Spirit of Truth. The image of the Trinity is clear: “when the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father....” To his disciples, the idea of his leaving fills their hearts with grief but Jesus reassures them, “it is better for you that I go” so that the Spirit can come to them. The Spirit “will guide you to all truth.” “So you also are now in anguish. But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.” Jesus encourages them to pray: “whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you.”

If we feel tongue-tied or don't know where to begin, that is exactly the place to start. Each morning as we awaken, we can speak from our hearts.

Loving Jesus, I'm not sure how to do this. I can feel in my heart an emptiness or longing for something deeper in my relationship, but I don't always know where to begin. Help me to open my heart to you this day, and to carry with me the sense of how much you love me and how much you want this kind of personal relationship with me.

Let me feel your Spirit present with me as I face the challenges of the day and let me live my life this day as your follower, in the peace of your love.

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Stewardship Report: Revenue

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Building Fund for May 2015 to date: 2,903.00
Building Fund for May 2014: 4,697.00

Number of Adult Envelopes: 221; Number of Children’s Envelopes: 5; Number of Faith Direct Donors: 63; Number of Regular Households: 813.

Recent Expenditures

Craig Hough Landscaping (1 Mo.): 770.00
Waste Management Trash (1 Mo.): 660.03
Electric Bill: 2,598.69
Washington Gas: 1,050.20
Comcast—School Phone & Internet: 274.44

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 Saint 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.

Reminder: There will be a second collection at all of the Masses today to assist Father Noel and his parish in South Sudan. He is a nephew of parishioner Sylvester Ugoch and brother of Juliette Chikere. Checks should be made to Saint Matthias with Fr. Noel/South Sudan written in the memo section.

A Stewardship Moment: Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today’s Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus.

Celebrate Mass Schedule for the Weekend of May 16th/17th

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The Academy Raffle Winner

Dawn Ferguson, the winner of $300 Tee Fisher as the seller of $50 for the May 4th drawing.
From the Administrator

Jesuit education is a learning process that was initiated more than 400 years ago. The experience of the founder of the Jesuit order was St. Ignatius Loyola. Loyola was the name of his father’s house. Ignatius served in his father’s army. During a battle at Pamplona, Spain in 1521, Ignatius was seriously injured—hit by a cannon ball that damaged one leg. Recovering in hospital, Ignatius had a spiritual conversion. Today, as in the early days of Jesuit education, the heart of the Jesuit learning process ties together academics and discernment of God’s will in a student’s life. A student attending a Jesuit school will hear this short charism: “finding God in all things.” Ultimately this theme calls students to recognize good rather than evil. Jesuit grads are taught that a major factor in life is “the greater good.”

Items of Note

Matthias-Loyola Academy: Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle. Just go to the Chipotle at 10201 Martin Luther King Jr. Hwy. on Tuesday, May 19th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. A flyer will be provided next week to show on your smartphone, or tell the cashier you’re supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle.

Living Rosary: On Tuesday, May 12th The Mother Seton Knights of Columbus will have a “Living Rosary” in the Church at 7:30pm. A reception will follow in The Hughes Center. All are invited to participate.

Camp St. Charles: Boys and Girls Catholic Over-night Summer Camp. Attend our open house on May 17th from 11am to 4pm to learn more about Camp St. Charles. Join us for lunch, a tour, a ride on the giant swing and an opportunity to meet the staff of Camp St. Charles. For over 60 years, thousands of children have been making friends, learning to work together, and developing an appreciation for Creation while camping out, riding horses, working their way through a challenge course, trying archery, paddling on the river, making art projects and lots of other activities in beautiful Southern Maryland. Fully Accredited with the American Camp Association and certified by the State of Maryland, Camp St. Charles has been run by the Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers and Lay Salvatorians for over 60 years. New families may save on tuition by registering at our open house. For more information, directions and to sign up, see our web site: www.campsstcharles.org or call us at 301-934-8799, or email director@campsstcharles.org.

Mass Intentions for the Sixth Week of Easter

Monday, May 11:
8:30 am Mother’s Day Novena
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Benediction

Tuesday, May 12: St. Pancras, Martyr
8:30 am Mother’s Day Novena

Wednesday, May 13: Our Lady of Fatima
8:30 am Mother’s Day Novena

Thursday, May 14: Patrocal Feast of Parish
8:30 am Mother’s Day Novena

Friday, May 15: St. Isidore
8:30 am Mother’s Day Novena

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 16: Vigil Mass
5:00 pm Mother’s Day Novena

Sunday, May 17: The Ascension of the Lord
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; Grace Buck; Yvette Butler; Sylvia Conte; Al Craig; Ronnie Davis; Emma Graham; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; Wonema Hammer; Salome Ihiejirika; Dorothy Johnson; Pamela Jones; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Janice Lipa; Terry Looney; Ed Mahlin, Jr.; Katherine Mahlin; Joe Makowski; Carole New; Bernice Nnanah; Molly Onuwoke; Raphael Onyewu; Joe Owens; William Pinchback; Martin Reedy; Nicole Riley; Pablo Rocha; Lisseth Salvador; Ben Self; Lucille Strenge; Kay Villem; Krystal Williams; Jean; John, and Sam Zanin; Eugene Zehner and Mary Ann Zehner; may God’s healing grace be theirs. For our military serving overseas: Protect them from all harm. For all the faithful departed; may they rest in peace.

Mother’s Day: The African Community has organized a reception for all mothers in Friendship Hall after the 10:30am Mass today in celebration of Mother’s Day. All mothers and their families are invited.

Spring Luncheon at the Monastery: Enjoy the annual Spring Luncheon in the cloister garden of the beautiful Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 1pm. Tickets are $45. Proceeds benefit the ministry of the Holy Land friars. Register at www.myfranciscan.org/spring-luncheon or call Margherita at 202-526-6800, ext. 895. The monastery is at 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017. Free on-site parking or Metro/H6 bus.

Pope Francis’ Resolution For May

“Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others.”