Parish Staff

Administrator
Reverend Milton E. Jordan ~ x 203

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Principal
Mrs. Abigail Greer ~ x 214

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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 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Sunday in the US is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. For the rest of the world, it is the Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. “If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.”

Thursday is the Memorial of Saint Barnabas, Apostle. Friday is the Solemnity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, with its own special readings.

We begin a two-week cycle of readings from Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians, as he confronts the challenges to this early Christian community.

We have ended our readings from Mark for this Liturgical Year and take up the Gospel of Matthew, which will be part of our readings until Advent. The week begins with the beloved teaching of the Beatitudes, found at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. The Kingdom of God belongs to the lowly, the peacemakers, those persecuted. These words are some of the most familiar of all the gospels. Jesus urges us not to hide our gifts under a bushel basket but to recognize that “you are the light of the world.” Jesus transforms what the people had been taught. We are to go beyond not killing; we are to love our enemies. He tells us that he has “not come to abolish laws but to fulfill them.” Jesus tells us that if we haven’t forgiven someone, we should leave our offerings on the altar and go forgive those with whom we need reconciliation. He speaks about adultery saying, “If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna.” By the end of the week, we hear Jesus encouraging us to live honestly, making elaborate promises and oaths unnecessary. “Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No,’” he says. The words we use are less important than the life we lead.

We can all begin this week letting Jesus look at us this way. Each morning we can practice choosing to focus our attention on some way we are spiritually poor or desiring justice, some way we are merciful or a peace maker, some way we might be experiencing the cost of being a believer, and simply ask our Lord to convince us of our blessedness there. It is likely that each of us, every day, can be attentive to some aspect of our daily lives, some part of our relationships or responsibilities, that place us right there in a place for Jesus to tell us that we will be comforted, satisfied, blessed beyond our imagining.

Stewardship Report: Revenue

June 1st: 8,674.00
Faith Direct: 2,184.80
Total Offertory: 10,858.80
Last Year: 12,964.25
Poor Box: 83.00
Every Penny Counts Box: 45.55
Feast of the Ascension to date: 1,748.00
Feast of the Ascension 2014: 1,861.00
Catholic Relief Services to date: 2,142.00
Catholic Relief Services for 2014: 2,609.00

Number of Adult Envelopes: 181; Number of Children’s Envelopes: 4; Number of Faith Direct Donors: 59; Number of Regular Households: 813.

Building and Maintenance Fund: Our second collection this weekend is for the Building and Maintenance Fund. This monthly collection enables us to make ongoing repairs and improvements to our parish and school buildings and grounds. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

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 support. Please prayerfully consider helping 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.

Summer Stewardship: Please remember that your parish counts on your weekly sacrifice of treasure, joyfully given to the Lord in gratitude, and that treasure is needed even when you’re away from us on vacation. Please remember to mail your offertory envelope to the rectory before you go away on a well-deserved vacation, or drop it in the collection basket the week before you leave. Thank you for being a faithful steward.

Every Penny Counts: Donate your loose change to the “Every Penny Counts” Box which provides funding for the annual Father E. Albert Hughes Scholarship Awards. The scholarship awards are given in the form of tuition assistance to deserving parish students.

The Academy Raffle Winner

April McIlvain, the winner of $300
Tori Robinson, the seller won $50
for the June 1st drawing.

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**Items of Note**

**Faith Formation Registration:** Ms. Catherine Tolnay, Director of Faith Formation, asks that if your child/children do not go to a Catholic School, you register them for our Faith Formation classes (grades K-8) which will begin in September. You will find registration forms in the pamphlet racks in the vestibule of the Church. Please fill out one form for each of your children who will attend classes, include the registration fee in a sealed envelope with Ms. Tolnay’s name on the envelope and bring it to the Parish Office. If the Office is closed, put it in the mail slot at the bottom of the door. Please understand that children need to be in Faith Formation Classes for two years to receive a sacrament. **Register and pay by July 20th as the registration will increase on July 21st due to the rising costs of materials.** We look forward to aiding you in passing on the full deposit of the faith to your children.

**Bible Study:** Beginning on Wednesday, June 17th, Saint Matthias will offer a Wednesday night adult Bible study on the book of Revelation. We will meet in the Hughes Center from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Bring your Bible and a friend.

**Father’s Day Altar Wine Gift:** At Saint Matthias, it has been our custom as a parish family that mothers contribute food to the food pantry on Mother’s Day and fathers contribute to the annual cost of altar wine used for Mass on Father’s Day. We are inviting all fathers to join the Fathers’ Day Mass. Special offerings envelopes marked “Father’s Day Altar Wine Gift” are in the pamphlet racks at the entrance of the church.

**Father’s Day Novena:** This year, the Novena for our Fathers will be held from June 20th through June 28th with a Mass offered each day for the intentions received. Names received for the Novena will be called aloud once during each Mass throughout the nine days. The Knights of Columbus will be selling Father’s Day cards after all Masses on the weekends of June 7th and 14th.

**Friendship Hall:** This is to let our parishioners know that Friendship Hall will now be available for rental. If you have any questions, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814.

**The Catholic Tour:** The Catholic Tour is a 34 year old Catholic Travel Apostle and has been able to secure only 52 air seats and hotel beds for the last “Fatima Special” on November 4-10, 2015. The pilgrimage pricing will be only $1,499.00 which includes your transatlantic airfare from Newark NJ Airport, hotel, all breakfasts and dinners, tour escort, deluxe motor coach, and all airline fees and taxes. This “At Cost” pricing has been done on a per year basis for the last 5 years, but this will be the last “At Cost” Fatima over the next 2 years. **This offer will not be repeated in the future.** The Catholic Tour looks forward to serving you in this special “Thanks to Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrimage” tour November 4-10, 2015. For reservations please call 1-877-627-4268 toll free or send an e-mail to jimadair@thecatholicitour.com.

**Mass Intentions for the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, June 8:**
- 8:30 am  Msgr. 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, June 9:**  St. Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor
- 8:30 am  Robert Snyder, Jr.

**Wednesday, June 10:**
- 8:30 am  Father Michael Blackwell

**Thursday, June 11:**  St. Barnabas, Apostle
- 8:30 am  Lina Manlapaz

**Friday, June 12:** The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 8:30 am  Martin Nzewili

**The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, June 13:** Vigil Mass
- 5:00pm  Ann Sisco-Pendergrass

**Sunday, June 14:**
- 8:00 am  Linda Morgan
- 10:30 am  Victoria Ogbona
- 6:00 pm  Mr. V. Ramunno

**Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends:** Magie Baker; Melvin and Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Shawn Brown; Yvonne Brown; Bruce Buck; Yvette Butler; Sylvia Conte; Al Craig; Ronnie Davis; Patricia Garner; Emma Graham; Francis Greenfield; Wonema Hammer; Salome Ihejirika; Dorothy Johnson; Pamela Jones; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Janice Lips; Terry Looney; Ed Mahlin, Jr.; Katherine Mahlin; Joe Makowski; Carole New; Bernice Nanaah; Molly Onwukwe; Raphael Onyewu; Joe Owens; William Pinchback; Martin Reedy; Nicole Riley; Pablo Rocha; Lisseth Salvador; Ben Self; Lucille Strange; Marian Thomas; Kay Villeni; Krystal Williams; John and Sam Zarin; 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: David H. Qamar, Jean Zanin; may they rest in peace.

**Volunteer Concierges Needed:** The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land is seeking volunteer concierges to welcome visitors to the historic church, shrines, gardens and conference rooms. Volunteers must be reliable, friendly and well-spoken. Contact Friar John-Sebastian, mail@myfranciscan.com or 202-526-6800. The monastery is located at 1400 Quincy Street, NE, Washington, DC and online at myfranciscan.com.

**Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of June 13th/14th**

- 5:00 pm  Msgr. Balbago
- 8:00 am  Father Stan
- 10:30 am  Father Gerard
- 6:00 pm  Father Milt