Parish Staff

**Administrator**
Reverend Milton E. Jordan ~ x 203

**Secretary** ~ 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

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**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.

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 Ascension of the Lord**

The Seventh Sunday of Easter shows the Spirit at work in the *Acts of the Apostles* as a large group of disciples prays for guidance in choosing an apostle to replace Judas. In John’s *Gospel* Jesus offers a moving prayer for those he loves asking the Father to “keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one.” In a few US dioceses, Sunday celebrates the *Ascension of the Lord*.

This is our last week of the Easter Season and of the readings from the *Acts of the Apostles*. The Apostles carry on the work of Jesus and the future community takes shape with the gift of the Holy Spirit being given to the gentiles.

The “Priestly Prayer” of Jesus which we read in the gospels this week lets us listen in on the prayer of Jesus for his disciples, and for us. He doesn’t ask the Father to take us from the world, but we can tell that he is concerned for us. It is tender and feels quite personal. We are the Father’s gift to Jesus, entrusted to his care and now he prays that we might all be one, that the world might know it was the Father who sent Jesus.

Friday of this week takes us to the end of the Fourth *Gospel* and an image of Jesus shaping Peter’s ministry (and ours). If we love him, then he asks us to feed his sheep. Saturday’s gospel brings us back to the Last Supper and the closing verses of John’s Gospel, as well as a closing out of the Easter season’s weekday readings.

This week, let’s be a Church between Ascension and Pentecost— sensing Jesus has gone before us and longing for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The invitation for us is to pray to the Father this week, as Jesus did. We pray through the desires churning around in our hearts. Getting in touch with those desires will bring us closer to preparing for celebrating Pentecost. Naming what we long for, will place us with Jesus, praying to the Father for help.

We find that we have plenty to talk with the Father about and ask for. Perhaps we can pray:

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle within them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be re-created and join you in renewing the face of the earth.***

Taken from Creighton University’s Online Ministries website: [http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html). Used with permission.

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**Cardinal’s Appeal for 2015:**

Recently, Fr. Jordan received a report from the Cardinal’s Appeal staff as follows: Our goal is $81,186.00. As of 5/6/15 we have pledged $58,606.00. The percentage of our goal is 72.19%. As of 5/6/15 we have donated $37,018.00. The percentage of our donated goal is 45.60%. The number of donors is 171 and our number of households is listed as 948. The number of pledges is 192 which is 18.88%. The average pledge is $305.25. **Thank you to every donor** here at Saint Matthias the Apostle who has made a gift to the 2015 Cardinal’s Appeal. If you would like to learn more, visit the Archdiocese of Washington website at [www.adw.org](http://www.adw.org) and click on Archbishop’s Appeal. It is our hope that we will at least reach our goal by June 1 ‘15—WE CAN.

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**Stewardship Report: Revenue**

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**Number of Adult Envelopes:** 201; **Number of Children’s Envelopes:** 4; **Number of Faith Direct Donors:** 59; **Number of Regular Households:** 813.

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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 Saint Matthias the Apostle with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. You can sign up online at [www.faitheirect.net](http://www.faitheirect.net) using our church code MD41 or mail in an enrollment form from the parish office.

**2015-2016 Father Hughes Scholarship:** The Father Edward Albert Hughes Scholarship Application forms are available on the Website at [www.stmatthias.org](http://www.stmatthias.org). This Scholarship is funded by donations from parishioners, the “Every Penny Counts” campaign, and memorial donations. Scholarships are awarded to parish students who attend The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle or an Archdiocese of Washington High School. The **deadline for submission is Friday, May 29, 2015.** A TADS application must be on file for each family for their student(s) to qualify for the scholarship. Please direct questions to Ms. Richards at vrichards@stmatthias.org or call at 301-577-9412.

**Repairy:** The cost of the foundation repair currently in progress on the west side of the school is expected to be $40,000. This cost will be covered by a grant from the State of Maryland intended to shore up aging schools. However, the parish and school will need to pay for this repair in full before any reimbursement can be authorized. Please be generous in your financial support of this project, so that the funds will become available at the earliest possible time for other important parish projects and needs.

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**A Stewardship Moment:** Jesus is the perfect steward—watching carefully over all who had been entrusted to Him by the Father and then sending the all out into the world in service. May I similarly protect and wisely use the gifts entrusted to me!

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**The Academy Raffle Winner**

Adrienne Byrd, the winner of $300
Damon Byrd as the seller of $50
for the May 11th drawing.
From the Administrator

Mother’s Day surely was marked by lively moments in the 10:30 AM liturgy as well as at the special reception prepared and served by the men of the African community. There was no shortage of happiness among everyone attending and especially among the mothers who were served their meal by most of the men who were there.

The special liturgy at 10:30 was marked by great joy and thanksgiving for our mothers. The African Choir was superb and the treat for the celebrant of the Mass, myself, was to have three of our African mothers in their best finery serving on the altar. What a sight to see some others, in their celebration best, taking up the collection!!!

Collection! Let me express my profound thanks to all who contributed to our special collection for Fr. Noel, MSP and his mission in the South Sudan. In all honesty, all who have contributed to this collection can easily feel that you may have indeed saved a life. Part of your funds to Fr. Noel will be used to feed the many in his parish who are ill and without food. Your total generosity to the Fr. Noel Collection was $1,934.00 Great Work!!!

Items of Note

Matthias-Lovola Academy: Make dinner selfless and fun 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 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. A flyer is available 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.

Faith Formations

First Communicants: Congratulations to the students who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 10th: Michelle Akem, Ryan Akem, Adimabua Amayiwe, Malachi Ayuk, Aaron Bullock, Andrew Bullock, Osita Eke, Felipe Garcia, Amia Hayling, Deborah Igbohwe, Elaiwe Etta Ikpi, Jada James-Ogbeche, Diego Joy, Franklin Morfaw, Njembeo Nghe, Sorom Norom, Ayodele Ogundade, Munachiso Okongwu, Hannah Parsons, Madeline Parsons, Michael Parsons, Ivan Valdez, Nicholas Victor, McKenney Victor, Julianne Walters, Nil Whannou. May the reception of the Eucharist in faith help them grow in their personal relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ, and empower them to live as faithful Catholics inspiring others to come closer to God. Let us keep them in our prayers.

Confirmation: Congratulations to all candidates who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 9th at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception where they were confirmed by Cardinal Wuerl: James Adeleye, Acheafac Akem, Joseph Buan, Andrew Bullock, Jayden Clyne, Chinoyele Nnorom, Ogochiukwu Nnorom, Anderson Somerville, Lexi Onuoha, Nicholas Victor, Marianne dela Cuesta, Melissa dela Cuesta, Jeffery Perez. Let us keep them in our prayers.

Mass Intentions for the Seventh Week of Easter

Monday, May 18: St John I, Pope & Martyr
8:30 am  Fr. Joe Howarth
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  Confessions
8:00 pm  Benediction

Tuesday, May 19:
8:30 am  Luisa Compas

Wednesday, May 20: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
8:30 am  Parish Prayer List (Lvg.)

Thursday, May 21: St. Christopher Magellan, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
8:30 am  Fr Jeff Defayett (Lvg. Anniv. Ordination)

Friday, May 22: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
8:30 am  Betty Dietrich

Pentecost Sunday

Saturday, May 23: Vigil Mass
5:00 pm  Lucille Snowdon

Sunday, May 24: Pentecost Sunday
8:00 am  Linda Morgan
10:30 am  Adama Ugoch
6:00 pm  Pearl Aitcheson

Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, neighbors, family, and friends: Margie Baker; 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; Roberta Henderson; Salome Iheiwraka; 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 Nnamah; Molly Onwukwe; Raphael Onyewu; Joe Owens; William Pinchback; Martin Reedy; Nicole Riley; Pablo Rocha; Lisseth Salvador; Ben Self; Lucille Stregle; Marvins Thomas; Kay Vilem; Kristy 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.

Annual Memorial Day Mass: The forty-eighth annual Memorial Day Mass will be held at Resurrection Cemetery on Monday, May 25th at 10:00 am. The Celebrant is Most Reverend Martin D. Holley. In case of inclement weather the Mass will be held under a tent on the cemetery grounds.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of May 23rd/24th

5:00 pm  Father Milt
8:00 am  Father Gerard
10:30 am  Father Milt
6:00 pm  Father Milt

Pope Francis’ Resolution For May

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