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

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

Organist
Ms. Deborah Kijak-Hess

Maintenance Supervisor
Mr. Hector Perez

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.

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

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.
Pentecost Sunday

This Sunday is the great feast of Pentecost - the birthday of the Church. The formerly frightened Apostles are on fire. Now they can speak clearly, so everyone can understand them. Jesus gives his peace to his disciples and breathes his Spirit upon them, giving them the mission to forgive and sending them to carry out his desire that we all be one. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

During the week, Mark's Gospel offers us stories about sacrificing part of ourselves. We hear of the Rich Young Man: “Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” At that statement, his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Peter tells Jesus, “We have given up everything and followed you.” Jesus responds, “there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel who will not receive a hundred times more.” When the disciples squabble over who will sit in glory with Jesus, he tells them, “the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Bartimaeus, a blind man recognizes Jesus as “Son of David,” is healed and follows Jesus. As Jesus turns over the sellers’ tables in the temple, the religious authorities look for a way to put him to death. When they try to entrap him with their questions, Jesus asks them about John the Baptist’s baptism. They refuse to answer and Jesus says, “Neither shall I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

As we go through our week, in the smallest moments of the day, we can beg God for the strength of the Holy Spirit in our lives. As we awaken in the morning, sort laundry or do the dishes, we can change our attitudes toward these chores and see them as sacred moments of invitation from the God who loves us with such fire and compassion.

Dear Lord, you know how filled I am with fears. Let each moment of anxiety today be a reminder to open my life, my heart and my soul to the love and courage you offer me. I know that if only I could trust in you more, it would change my life.

"He went away sad, for he had many possessions!" Let me turn these apprehensions over to you. I beg you to give me the wisdom and strength I need to trust more and to fear less. Teach me that it’s OK to stop clinging to the fears I have known for so long and that I can embrace the freedom you offer me. Let me be less fearful and more generous.

Stewardship Report: Revenue

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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.faithdirect.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.smatthias.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@smatthias.org or call at 301-577-9412.

**Repairs:** 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.

**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.

The Academy Raffle Winner

Hazel Cameron, the winner of $300
Sheila McPherson as the seller of $50
for the May 18th drawing.
From the Administrator

In one of the meditations within the Spiritual Exercises, St. Ignatius noted that too often human beings want to achieve and end or a goal without seriously considering the purpose for which God created each of us. He then asks what that end or goal. His response: to praise God and to save one’s soul. More often people will jump to a goal that is desired. Many times God did not enter the picture until later when there might be a difficulty. What then should the person do? He/she must look at the goal they are seeking to see if it will indeed help to bring God closer to the decision. What Ignatian spirituality attempts to achieve is this: choices that we feel are important are more likely to succeed when the person seeks to know if the choice will help bring the person closer to the most important goal in life: God.

Items of Note

Faith Formation Registration: Ms. Catherine Tolaay, 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. Tolaay’s name on the envelope and bring it to the Parish Offices. If the Offices are closed put it in the mail slot at the bottom of the door. Please understand that children need to be in Faith Formation Classes two years in a row to receive a sacrament. Register and pay by July 20th as the registration will increase on July 21st because of rising costs of materials. We look forward in 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.

Knights of Columbus Summer Camp: Registration for the Knights of Columbus Summer Camp has begun! We are preparing for our fifteenth summer in College Park, MD. We offer swim lessons, arts and crafts, games, sports, and free swim at our extensive facility. The registration form can be downloaded at http://kofccamp.wordpress.com. Please direct any questions to Anne Irwin at 240-393-2468 or kofccamp@gmail.com.

Uganda Martyrs’ Day: Save the date, Saturday, June 13, 2015, for the Uganda Martyrs’ Day Celebration. Mass will be at Saint John the Baptist on New Hampshire Avenue at 12:00 pm (noon) sharp. There will be a picnic at Burtonsville Park in Burtonsville, Maryland. See insert for more details.

Mass Intentions for the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, May 25:
8:30 am Charlotte Daly
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Benediction

Tuesday, May 26:
8:30 am Ernie Felix

Wednesday, May 27: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
8:30 am Walton Dutton

Thursday, May 28: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
8:30 am Patrick Prieto

Friday, May 29: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
8:30 am Joe Owens

The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday, May 30: Vigil Mass
5:00 pm Vincent Charles

Sunday, May 31: The Most Holy Trinity
8:00 am Cheryl Aitcheson
10:30 am Dennis Oleru
6:00 pm Lucille Snowden

Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our 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 Greenfield; Wonema Hammer; Roberta Henderson; Salome Ilgekirika; 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 Nnannah; Molly Onwuwke; Raphael Onyewu; Joe Owens; William Pinchback; Martin Reedy; Nicole Riley; Pablo Rocha; Lisseth Salvador; Ben Self; Lucille Stregeen; Mariam Thomas; Kay Villemi; 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.

The Father Hughes Center and the Academy Closing

Please note that the Father Hughes Center and the Academy will be closed tomorrow Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day. There will be an 8:30 am Mass Monday morning.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of May 30th/31st

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