Installation of Father Jordan

Saint Matthias the Apostle Parish proudly invites you to join us as we celebrate the installation of Father Milt Jordan as pastor on Sunday, August 30th at the 6 p.m. Mass. Father Milt will be installed by Cardinal Donald Wuerl. We rejoice that the Lord has guided our new pastor to lead our congregation and we look forward to celebrating this occasion as a family of God. We pray that the Lord continues to bless Father Milt with his new charge and grant him the grace, peace, and joy to sustain him through his commitment to the parish.

A reception with light refreshments, hosted by all church ministries, will be held after the Mass in Friendship Hall. All are welcome. For more information contact Pat Ford at 301-459-4814 x201.

I Will Find You

Moses told them, “This is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.” (Exodus 16:15)

The wise remind us that money and wealth do not bring happiness. Some days we listen and know this to be true. Then our true treasure shines brighter than gold and we see in new light.

The Jewish people had lived in Egypt for generations. This was the only home they knew. Crossing the desert behind bumbling leaders, they felt anger and regret. The harshness of captivity faded and now all that mattered was food, water, and a place to sleep. Hungry, their spirit shrank into one grasping desire. It was a howl, not a prayer, which God answered.

In the desert, our treasure may disappear for a while. A change had to happen. We bid farewell to our old self but the destination is not clear. How can we leave behind the familiar and survive the trek into the unknown? On all sides are sounds of peril. Each day takes courage. Exhausted, we cry for help.

Scripture says that our true treasure comes from above. We seek it but do not earn it. Our greatness lies in welcoming the gifts of faith, family, friends, work, and world. Like the morning dew, a new self is given, not picked off a rack. The tailor who takes our measure is one we trust.

What a surprise to live without fear. This risk is worth taking.

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Stewardship Report: Revenue

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Mission Appeal: Today we welcome Reverend Casimir Nyaki, C.S.Sp., to celebrate Sunday Masses and to speak about the work of missionaries. This visit is part of a national program to visit churches in the Archdiocese to enlist support for worldwide mission work of the Church. Envelopes are available in the pews today. Please respond generously to Father Nyaki’s appeal. If using a check, please make your check payable to St. Matthias Church.

Summer Stewardship: Please remember that your parish counts on your weekly sacrifice of treasure even when you’re away from us on vacation. You may mail your offertory envelope to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket before you go away on a well-deserved vacation. Thank you for being a faithful steward.

Hosting an Event? Friendship Hall is available for rent. For information, please contact Mr. Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or email him at tereme@stmatthias.org.

Looking Ahead

Pope Francis in Washington, DC: The Vatican confirmed the schedule for Pope Francis’s apostolic visit to Washington, DC from Tuesday September 22nd through Thursday September 24th. Sign up to receive papal visit updates via text or email by going to www.adw.org/papalvisit. The website will be updated as additional details are announced.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk: The Breast Cancer walk will be held on Sunday October 15th at the Washington Monument, 15th St. and Independence Ave. SW at 10am. For more information about joining a team or forming one of your own, please visit http://www.makingstrideswalk.org/washingtondc.

Academy News

Adopt-a-Student: We are looking for sponsors to help students in need attend the Academy of Saint Matthias. Each year, dozens of students come to the school with documented financial needs that we cannot meet. If you would like to “adopt a student” for the 2015-2016 year, please email the principal, Mrs. Greer, at agreer@stmatthias.org or call 301-577-9412.

Raffle Winner

Congratulations, Avril Nimblett-Clarke, the winner and the seller, who won $350 in the July 27th drawing.
Faith Formation

If you have any questions about Faith Formation, please contact Catherine Tolnay at 301-459-4814 x 205.

Faith Formation Registration: Parents of children who do not attend a Catholic School are encouraged to register them for Faith Formation classes (grades K-8) which will begin in September. The registration forms are in the pamphlet racks in the vestibule of the Church.

DVD Series Re-scheduling: Presentation of the DVD series will resume with "The Mass" on Tuesday, August 4th after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Bible Study: Our bible study group’s next meeting is Wednesday, August 5th at 7 p.m. Bring your bible and a friend.

Items of Note

Marriage Ministry: Happily married? Father Milt would like you to consider becoming part of a team to assist with the marriage preparation ministry here at St. Matthias. If you are willing to volunteer a few hours per month, please contact Pat Ford in the parish office at 301-459-4814 x 201.

Parish Library: We are still in need of bookcases for our parish library. If you have bookcases (preferably 6 feet tall x 3 feet wide) you would care to donate, we would be very grateful. Cash donations to buy bookcases would also be welcome. If you can help, please contact Toni Webster at maryantoniawebster@gmail.com.

Papal Video Contest: In anticipation of Pope Francis’s visit to our area, the Archdiocese of Washington has launched a video contest called YouServe. Participants have the chance to highlight their experience serving others by documenting it on video. Three prize winners will each receive four tickets to the Mass with Pope Francis in Washington, D.C. and their choice of an iPad Air 2 or a GoPro HERO 4. Please visit www.adw.org/yourseve for contest information.

Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In observance of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, August 15th at 10 a.m., in the Church. This is not a holy day of obligation this year, and this Mass is not a Sunday Vigil Mass.

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 9th:
8:00 am Sylvester Ezeani (Living - Birthday)
10:30 am Regina Oleru
6:00 pm Bong Juanitez

Readings for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:4 - 8
2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2
Gospel: John 6:41 - 51

Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends: Mary Ajayi; Margie Baker; Melvin and Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Shawn Brown; Yvonne Brown; Yvette Butler; Hazel Campbell; Sylvia Conte; Al Craig; Ronnie Davis; Patricia Garner; Brendan George; Emma Graham; Francis Greenfield; Wonema Hammer; Salome Ihejirika; Dorothy Johnson; Pamela Jones; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Janice Lipa; Anthony Long; Ed Mahlin, Jr.; Katherine Mahlin; Joe Makowski; John Murray; Carole New; Bernice Nnannah; Molly Onwukwe; Raphael Onyewu; Joe Owens; William Pinchback; Marion Prout; Martin Reedy; Nicole Riley; Pablo Rocha; Lisseth Salvador; Lucille Strenge; Marie Scott; Marian Thomas; Angela Thompson; Kay Villemi; Krystal Williams; John and Sam Zanin; Eugene Zehner and Mary Ann Zehner.
May God’s healing grace be theirs.

For our military, protect them from all harm.
For all the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions for the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 3:
8:30 am Marianne Robinson
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Benediction

Tuesday, August 4:
St. Jon Vianney, Priest
8:30 am Marcia Wolfe (Living)

Wed., Aug. 5:
Dedication, Basilica of St. Mary Major
8:30 am Gianna Paccassi (Living)

Thursday, August 6:
Transfiguration of the Lord
8:30 am Steve Ezeani (Living - Birthday)

Friday, August 7 (First Friday):
St. Sixtus II, Pope
8:30 am Christopher and Elizabeth Ekeagwu

Celebrant Mass Schedule for Sunday, August 9th
8:00 am Father Stan
10:30 am Father Milt
6:00 pm Msgr. Bilbago