



Installation of Father Jordan

Saint Matthias the Apostle Parish 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. 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.

Daily Prayers This Week

It is marvelous how each week's readings offer us new ways to open our hearts to God's grace. Sometimes, as with Wednesday's psalm, we feel God's real presence as we sense God "who filled my soul with fire!" Like Israel, it is good for us to look back from time to time and gratefully remember all God has done for us and to renew our "Amen" to the new covenant God makes with us in Jesus.

Throughout this week, each of us can find the connection between some part of the readings and a desire, a need, a longing in our unique situation. If we begin each day - at the side of our beds, in the shower, while getting dressed, over a cup of coffee - simply talking with our Lord about our upcoming day, we will have a wonderfully reflective week. It doesn't have to be long. It just needs to be focused and focusing. That is, we need to keep uncovering something inside of us that we can talk with our Lord about, at various "in between" times during the day. Like a song that keeps playing in the back of our head all day, a desire we express in the morning will focus our day and our relationship with Jesus throughout the day. At night we can pause to give thanks for times of connection with Jesus during the day, and the gifts God gives us.

This week, it might be Jesus' prediction of his passion, death and resurrection that unsettles us, as we realize he's calling us to follow him. It might be the battle for being the greatest that the disciples are caught up in, and that I might myself be caught up in, as I compete with and judge others. So, Jesus' words about our emulating the little, humble child can open our hearts. His call to embrace the child, the defenseless one, might allow us to pray this week about an openness to a particularly defenseless person or to hearing the cry of the poor in our city or in the world. And, who can't be opened up by the parable of the servant who doesn't forgive as he's been forgiven? Each day we might name people we struggle to forgive. We could make a focused effort to thank God for the mercy, compassion and unconditional love we've experienced, as we ask for the grace to share that with others. For some of us, it will be important to spend a day or more asking for the grace to be faithful in our marriage - in all the ways that will call us to die to ourselves and think of the needs of our spouse before our own. Taken from Creighton University's Online Ministries website: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>. Used with permission.

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

Stewardship Report: Revenue

July 20 th	9,159.00
<i>Faith Direct:</i>	2,112.00
Total Offertory:	11,271.00
<i>Last Year:</i>	12,299.00
Poor Box:	236.00
Every Penny Counts	29.55

Catholic Communication and Human Development:

The second collection is for Catholic Communications and Human Development (CCHD). The CCHD provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. Help us continue to defend human dignity and aid those living on the margins of society. Please give to the CCHD collection.

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.

Crab Cake Dinner: Saint George Catholic Church Annual August Crab Cake dinner will take place on **Sunday, August 16th** from 12:00 pm until 5:00 pm. In addition to crab cakes, dinner will feature fried chicken, baked ham and all the trimmings. Saint George is located at 19197 St. George Church Rd., Valley Lee, Maryland. For more information email stgeorge.md@adwparish.org or call 301-994-0607.

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

Rachel Hobbs, the winner of \$300, and Theresa Burrell, the seller, who won \$50 in the August 3rd drawing.

Faith Formation

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.

Our DVD series will take a break on Tuesday, August 11th and will conclude on Tuesday, August 18th with the Church's teaching on Social Justice. All are welcome in the Hughes Center after the 8:30 am Mass.

If you have any questions about Faith Formation, please contact Catherine Tolnay at ctolnay@stmatthias.org or 301-577-9412 x 205.

Items of Note

Welcome, Father Blaise Attachie: We are pleased to welcome Father Blaise who is visiting from Ghana, and who will be a guest here at St. Matthias for six weeks.

Father Khumbah Etienne Ntella will celebrate his fortieth ordination anniversary with a Mass here at Saint Matthias, Friday, August 14th at 7 pm. All are welcome!

Parish Directory and Photos: If you have questions about your photos or information concerning the directory, please contact Sierra Reeves at sierra.sfs@gmail.com or 877-764-4535. Ask for customer service.

Knights of Columbus News: The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's organization founded in 1882 on the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism in support of the universal church. Membership is open to Catholic men over the age of 18. If you are interested in joining, please contact any member or the membership chairman, Sylvester Ikpi (301-613-8762). For more information about the Mother Seton Council, please read the Council newsletter, Seton notes online at www.stmatthias.org/about-us.

The Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council #5381 held its 53rd installation of officers for the 2015-2016 fraternal year on Saturday, July 25th. The installation Mass was concelebrated by State and Council Chaplain Father Milt Jordan and by Father Stan Ukwé. A reception and awards ceremony followed in Friendship Hall. The new Grand Knight is Emmanuel S. Ajaye and the Deputy Grand Knight is Dominic Forka (240-595-9479).

Tickets are available for the Knights of Columbus 46th annual Car Raffle. This raffle benefits area charities and scholarship programs. The grand prize is a 2016 Ford Mustang or \$18,000 cash option. The second prize is an iPad Air, and the third prize is a \$200 gas card. The drawing will be held at the Columbus Day Ball on Saturday, Oct. 10th at the BWI Marriott, Linthicum. Tickets are \$1 and are available from any council member, or you may call John Murray (301-459-6452) or Emmanuel Ajayi (202-413-1066).



Mass Intentions for the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 10: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

8:30 am Ben Self

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions

8:00 pm Benediction

Tuesday, August 11: St. Clare, Virgin

8:30 am Len Boberick

Wed., August 12: St. Jane Frances de Chantal

8:30 am Ed Densmore

Thursday, August 13: Saints Pontian and Hippolytus

8:30 am Peter O'Neil

Friday, August 14: St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:30 am Joe Makowski (Living - Birthday)

Saturday, August 15: The Assumption of the

10:00 am Blessed Virgin Mary

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 16:

8:00 am Zeny Juanitez

10:30 am Christy Udejiofor

6:00 pm John Burke, Jr.

Readings for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Proverbs 9:1 - 6

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:15 - 20

Gospel: John 6: 51 - 58

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; Madeline White; 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.



Celebrant Mass Schedule for Sunday, August 16th

8:00 am Father Stan

10:30 am Father Milt

6:00 pm Father Blaise