Stewardship Report

April 29
- Offertory: $8,509
- Faith Direct: $2,795
- Total: $11,304
- Last Year: $11,715

Next weekend’s second collection is the Archdiocesan collection for Catholic Relief Services which works with organizations around the world to help poor and vulnerable people overcome emergencies, earn a living through agriculture, and access affordable health care.

Items of Note at St. Matthias

Faith Formation: St. Matthias is in great need of Catechists to help our young people learn the faith and grow in their personal relationship with Jesus. We are looking at the real possibility of not being able to offer all the grades next school year. Is the Holy Spirit calling you to help build the kingdom of God here at St. Matthias? God will not allow you to outdo him in generosity! Faith Formation classes meet on Monday nights. Help is available to prepare for this important ministry in the Church. Please call Catherine Tolnay, Director of Faith Formation, at 301-459-4814 ext. 205 to discuss the possibility of volunteering.

Marian Devotion is held the first Saturday of the month at 12:00 PM in the church. Please join us.

The St. Matthias Prayer Group meets in the church every Sunday immediately after the 11:30 AM Mass. All are welcome.

The Catholic Women’s Association meets after the 11:30 AM Mass on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

Friendship Hall is available for rent. For information, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207.

The Teen Youth Group will meet Sunday, May 20th, from 12:00-2:30 PM in the Hughes Center.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for May 12/13
- 5:00 PM: Monsignor Balbago
- 7:00 PM: Father Jacek
- 8:00 AM: Father Canice
- 9:30 AM: Father Jack
- 11:30 AM: Father Jack
- 6:00 PM: Father Albert
The Academy of Saint Matthias

**BOOST Scholarship Program:** The State of Maryland is now accepting applications for its BOOST scholarship program for the 2018-2019 school year. This program awards scholarships to income-eligible K-12 students to be used for attendance at any eligible nonpublic school. For more information and to apply, go to www.educationmaryland.org/boost. The application deadline is May 21, 2018.

**School Tours** are offered every Monday from 8:30-10:00 AM. Please call the school office at 301-577-9412 to arrange a tour. We currently have openings in our Pre-K and Kindergarten classes, and limited openings in grades 2-7 for the 2018-2019 school year.

**The Application for Admission** to The Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle School for the 2018-2019 school year is now open. Please go to www.TADS.com and click on Application for Admission. The enrollment fee is $350. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Mrs. Ann O’Hare at 301-577-9412.

**School Raffle Winners:** Congratulations to Pierrette Steele, winner and seller ($350.) in the April 30th drawing.

**Attention, All Former St. Matthias Students, Parents, Faculty & Staff:** An All Classes Alumni Reunion will be held May 19th, 2018. Go to Facebook’s St. Matthias School Reunion page to accept your invitation.

**Fun-D Run:** Thank you for supporting our runners in last Monday’s Fund-Run. We are happy to report that we exceeded our goal of $15,000! Proceeds will be used to purchase materials for our STEAM program and to upgrade our technology resources in the classrooms and computer lab.

**Around the Archdiocese**

**Celebration of the Saints of Africa:** On Saturday, June 2nd, the Celebration of the Saints of Africa will take place from 2:00-8:00 PM at St. Camillus Church, 1600 St. Camillus Drive, Silver Spring, MD. This year’s theme is “Becoming Missionary Disciples,” answering the call of Pope Francis to “Share the Journey” of migrants and refugees. The celebration will include Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Mario Dorsonville as well as a Rosary procession, youth forum, socials, and choir concert. For more information, please call the archdiocesan Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach at 301-853-4469.

**Visit the Museum of the Bible:** On Saturday, May 19th, women are invited to join the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women to visit the Museum of the Bible. For tickets, go to www.museumofthebible.org/ticket. Suggested donation is $15.00. Choose the 1:15 PM entry time. The museum is located at 400 4th St., SW, Washington, DC. Contact 301-651-8190 or archdioceseCCW@gmail.com for more information.

**Music at the Monastery:** Music to uplift your soul! Enjoy music at the Monastery on Sunday, May 13th at 4:00 PM with organist Carl Feather Martin. Held at the historic Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC (1400 Quincy St., NE), this monthly series is co-sponsored with the DC Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. A light reception follows; free-will offering. For information, contact myfranciscan.org or call 202-526-6800. Free parking is available.

**A Memorial Mass for the Military Services** will be held Sunday, May 20th, at 4:30 PM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (400 Michigan Ave., NE). For more information and to request seating, please visit www.milarch.org/memorialmass/laity-registration.

**Mother’s Day Novena**

What is a novena? “Nine days of public or private prayer for some special occasion or intention.” Its origin goes back to the nine days that the disciples and Mary spent together in prayer between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday.

Our novena will focus on asking God to bless our living mothers, and to grant eternal rest to our deceased mothers. The novena of Masses for our mothers will be held beginning with the Vigil Mass on May 12th through May 20th. Names of those honored or remembered will be read during the Prayer of the Faithful at each of the Masses during this nine day period.

You may pick up your Mother’s Day Novena Cards and remembrance envelopes at the parish office during regular business hours. Cards will also be available in the church vestibule after Masses this weekend. A $5.00 offering is suggested for each name submitted to the novena.