**Stewardship Report**

The report for May 27th was not available by the publishing deadline for this bulletin. The information will be included in next week’s bulletin.

**Items of Note at St. Matthias**

**Join Us in Prayer:** Join your fellow parishioners in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at the “Holy Hour for the Intentions of the Ordinandi” and an increase in Vocations to the priesthood and Consecrated Life on Monday, June 4th, during our regular hours of Adoration, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Father Jack will lead us in prayer at 6:30 PM, with Confessions at 7:00 PM, and Benediction at 7:45 PM.

**Dance Ministry:** The St. Matthias Liturgical Dance Ministry will dance to “Lift Him Up” during the 9:30 AM Mass next Sunday, June 10th. We pray that you will enjoy this song of praise. Please support our ministry with your attendance at Mass.

**Adult Bible Study:** Beginning Wednesday, June 6th, St. Matthias will offer an adult bible study on the Gospel of Matthew. We will meet in the Hughes Center from 7:00-8:30 PM. Please come and bring a friend!

**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.

**Save the Date:** The Parish Social Life Committee invites you to *A Celebration of Cultural Diversity* on Saturday, September 8th. Join us for a day of food, music, art, customs, and education. More information will be posted in upcoming bulletins.

**Celebrant Mass Schedule for June 9/10**

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Family Connection

In the beginning of today’s Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples to make preparations for the Passover meal. Like most meals, the Passover meal required planning and preparation. Our celebration of the Sunday Eucharist also requires planning and preparation. Certainly the ministers at the Eucharist prepare for their roles: the person presiding prays and prepares the homily; the prayers of petition are written; the music ministers prayerfully select music and practice it before Mass; Eucharistic ministers, lectors and altar servers prepare carefully for their roles. As the worshiping assembly, we can also prepare for the Mass through our prayer during the week, by reading the Scripture before Mass, and by making ourselves present to the Eucharistic celebration.

As you gather as a family, talk about some of the things that are required to prepare for your family meals. Read together today’s Gospel, Mark 14:12-16,22-26. Notice how Jesus instructed his disciples to prepare for their Passover meal. All meals require some kind of planning and preparation; so, too, our Sunday Eucharist requires planning. What might we do as a family to better prepare for our celebration of the Eucharist? Pray together that God will help your family make your celebration of the Eucharist the highlight of your week. Pray together the Lord’s Prayer.

The Academy of Saint Matthias

Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year: For information, please contact Mrs. Ann O’Hare, Admissions Director at 301-577-9412.

School Raffle Winners: Congratulations to Sam Higgins, winner of $300, and to Jackson Pugh, seller ($50), in the May 29th drawing.

Around the Archdiocese

Quo Vadis Camp for Young Men: From July 15-18 at Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD, the Office of Priest Vocation’s annual Quo Vadis Camp is for mature high school age young men who desire to grow in holiness. The four-day camp includes daily Mass, prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, recreation, sports, and fraternity. More information is available and registration is open at www.DCpriest.org. Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations at vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020 with any questions.

“Singles Sunday” Mass and Dinner will be held June 10th, with Mass beginning at 3:00 PM at Holy Redeemer Church, 4902 Berwyn Rd., College Park, MD. Reservations are required for dinner. Visit http://CatholicSinglesOfGreaterWashington.org or call Greg at 301-906-9422.

Father’s Day Novena at St. Matthias

Our annual Father’s Day Novena will begin with the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, June 16th, and will conclude with the 6:00 PM Mass on June 24th. A thoughtful way to remember fathers, living and deceased, is by listing names on a Father’s Day envelope. Names will be read at each Mass that is celebrated throughout the Novena. A Father’s Day envelope is included in your regular weekly envelope packet. Additional envelopes and cards will be available from the Knights of Columbus after Masses this weekend and next weekend. You may also stop by the parish office during regular business hours. A suggested offering is $5.00 per name listed.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Classes 2018-2019: St. Matthias is in great need of Catechists to help our young people learn the faith and grow in their personal relationship with Jesus. Classes meet on Monday nights beginning in September. Help is available to prepare for this important ministry in the Church. Please call Catherine Tolnay, Director of Faith Formation, at 301-459-4814 x 205 to discuss the possibility of volunteering.


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