

Saint Matthias Feast Day May 14th

According to Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26, St. Matthias was the apostle chosen by the remaining eleven apostles to replace Judas Iscariot following Judas' betrayal of Jesus.

In the days following the Ascension of Jesus, Peter proposed to the assembled disciples, who numbered about one hundred and twenty, that they choose one to fill the place of the traitor Judas in the apostolate:

So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas, (also known as Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

According to Nicephorus (Historia eccl., 2, 40), Matthias first preached the Gospel in Judaea, then in Aethiopia (made out to be a synonym for the region of Colchis, now in modern-day Georgia) and was crucified in Colchis. A marker placed in the ruins of the Roman fortress at Gonio (Apsaros) in the modern Georgian region of Adiara claims that Matthias is buried at that site.

Alternately, another tradition maintains that Matthias was stoned at Jerusalem by the Jews, and then beheaded (cf. Tillemont, Mémoires pour servir à l'histoire ecclesiastique des six premiers siècles, I, 406-7). According to Hippolytus of Rome, Hippolytus, Matthias died of old age in Jerusalem.

Clement of Alexandria observed (Stromateis vi.13.): Not that they became apostles through being chosen for some distinguished peculiarity of nature, since also Judas was chosen along with them. But they were capable of becoming apostles on being chosen by Him who foresees even ultimate issues. Matthias, accordingly, who was not chosen along with them, on showing himself worthy of becoming an apostle, is substituted for Judas suicide.

The feast of Saint Matthias was included in the Roman Calendar in the eleventh century and celebrated on the sixth day to the Calends of March (February 24 usually, but February 25 in leap years). Owing to the reform of the Roman Catholic Calendar of Saints in 1969, his feast was transferred to May 14, so as not to celebrate it in Lent but instead in Easter close to the Solemnity of the Ascension, the event after which the Acts of the Apostles recounts that Matthias was selected to be ranked with the Twelve Apostles.

It is claimed that St Matthias the Apostle's remains are interred in the abbey of St. Matthias, Trier, Germany, brought there through Empress Helena of Constantinople, mother of Emperor Constantine I (the Great). According to Greek sources, the remains of the apostle are buried in the castle of Gonio-Apsaros, Georgia. (d. 80)

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 2

8:00 a.m. Robert T. McShane †
 10:00 a.m. Pro Populo
 12:00 noon Julie Burke and Family

Monday, May 3

9:00 a.m. Nora Edmonds

Tuesday, May 4

9:00 a.m. Paul Gorlinsky

Wednesday, May 5

9:00 a.m. Reverend Paul Lynch †

Thursday, May 6

9:00 a.m. The Roland Bydlon Family

Friday, May 7

9:00 a.m. Christa Drummond

Saturday, May 8

9:00 a.m. Kathleen Kane
 5:30 p.m. Mothers Day Triduum

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14: 21-27, Ps 145, Rv 21: 1-5a, Jn 13: 31-33a, 34-35

Monday, Octave of Easter

1 Cor 15: 1-8, Ps 19, Jn 14: 6-14

Tuesday, Octave of Easter

Acts 14: 19-28, Ps 145, Jn 14: 27 - 31a

Wednesday, Octave of Easter

Acts 15: 1-6, Ps 122, Jn 15: 1-8

Thursday, National Day of Prayer

Acts 15: 7-21, , Ps 96, Jn 15: 9-11

Friday, First Friday

Acts 15: 22-31, , Ps 57, Jn 15: 12-17

Saturday, Octave of Easter

Acts 16: 1-10, Ps 100, Jn 15: 18-21

Parish Stewardship

Thank you for your generous offerings of April 24/25. The regular collection brought in \$10,517, and the Poor Box yielded \$1,599.

Mass Intentions for the Week

There are many dates in the upcoming weeks and months that are available for Mass Intentions. Please contact the office to arrange for an intention and to get a Mass card.



Pray for the Sick and Homebound of our Parish

Frances Alexander, Joshua Basile, Dianne Burrell, Tom Case, Bernadette Choo, Bernadette Hong Choo, Catherine Choo, Jonathan Choo, Bryan Cox, Dona Curry, Flora DeLeon, Betsabe deSoto, Marjorie Dolak, Eileen Drennan, Christa Drummond, Marilyn Flynn, Gerald Green, Brian Hack, Ed Kondracki, John Larounis, Carol McCarty, Susan McQuade, Peter Michalski, John Spencer, K.L. Sypal, Chick Wilson, Jan Wouters, Anthony Yantiss

Pray for Those Who have Fallen Asleep in Christ

James Anthony, Maryann Barron, Philip Calanchini, Joe Cassella, Peter Choo, John Connor, Moira Connor, Bill Corr, Br. David Eddy, George Gibson, Bill Hale, Carol Jones, Mary Elizabeth Jones, Joan Keller

Pray for our Armed Forces Personnel

Patrick Bouchoux, Jordan Bowren, Brendan Dunne, Mark Falcon, Christopher Frediani, Michael Holtz, Brian Horn, Kathleen Mahoney, Josh Moore, Matthew O'Neil, Mathew Rowell, Justin Smallwood

The Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour

A Holy Hour is simply an hour set-aside totally for the Lord; an hour consecrated to God. It is a time to recollect our mind, heart and spirit in order to focus them on God and more specifically our Eucharistic Lord. The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith, and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease.

24 hour Eucharistic Adoration begins after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday and ends with reposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:55 a.m. on Thursday.

24 hour Eucharistic Adoration also begins after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on every First Friday of the month and ends with reposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:55 a.m. on Saturday.

Holy Hour is every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

We Need You!

Adoration has an opening that needs to be filled immediately at 12:00 a.m. on Wednesdays. In addition, most of the hours of First Fridays have only one adorer. We would like at least two people. If you have considered attending adoration, consider this God's personal invitation. If you cannot commit to an hour every week, share the time with friends or family. For question and/or to sign up please contact Diane Cieslak 703-678-3919.

Communion and Blessings

A very common liturgical abuse of our times happens during the reception of Holy Communion when persons who cannot receive Communion nevertheless line up with their arms crossed over their chest, as a "message" to the priest that they want a blessing instead of Communion. This is liturgically incorrect on a number of levels. First and foremost, the time for Communion is the *time for Communion*. The Communion line is not, and should not be, the blessing line. Secondly, the liturgical actions of the priest during Mass are highly regulated, and quite specific of what to do and when to do it. The actions of a good liturgist may seem spontaneous, but they are not *and should not be*.

Unfortunately, owing to the confused time in which we live, some people are instructed to present themselves, arms crossed, before the priest at Communion time for a blessing. To make things even more confused, some people present themselves with crossed arms as a sign that they wish to receive on the tongue! Children who have not yet made their first Communion may come up with their parents who are receiving, but should not present themselves individually for a blessing. Others, who cannot receive, for whatever reason, should remain seated. The proper time for the blessing follows the prayer after Communion, which blessing all receive together.

The Ecumenical Council of Great Falls

When: Saturday, May 15th at 10:00 a.m.

Where: St. Francis Episcopal Church
9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls

Reservation deadline: *May 5th*

The Great Falls Ecumenical Council extends an invitation to the Parishioners of St. Catherine's of Siena to attend their Community Prayer Breakfast (cost \$10), hosted by St. Francis Episcopal Church. The homily will be delivered by the Rt. Rev. Shannon Sherwood Johnston, Episcopal Bishop of Virginia. The subject of his talk will be "*Rebuilding with Faith*". A flyer will be posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex for further details. If you would like to attend please contact Martha Dillon @ 703-759-2035 or David Wilson, Sr. @ 703-404-1245 no later than May 5th.

SAVE THE DATE – June 2nd



The St. Catherine of Siena Choir will perform Mozart's Vespers, K. 339, for our second annual benefit concert on Wednesday evening, June 2, at 7:30 p.m. In addition, soprano, Danielle Talamantes will perform Mozart's solo motet, Exsultate Jubilate, K. 165, and organist, Kimberly Hess, will perform Haydn's Organ Concerto in C Major, Hob. XVIII:1. Please save the date!

Men's Prayer Group

Gentlemen, feeling pulled to "pick up the pace" in your prayer life? Come join your silent prayers with ours in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in support of our pastor, parish and school. Thursdays from 5:00 – 6:00 a.m. For further information: ksypal@yahoo.com.

Graduating this Year?



We are looking for the names and schools of all our high school and college graduates. All graduating students are encouraged to submit their names and school for a special (June 20th) bulletin insert to recognize their accomplishments. Please forward your information to the Bulletin Editor (enter the word "**BULLETIN**" in the subject line) via st.catherineofsiena@priest.com no later than June 6th.



The Knights of Columbus News

Consider This Opportunity to Serve!

The Knights of Columbus are the largest Catholic Men's fraternal organization – are you a Knight? For information please contact Kevin Trissell at 703-464-8393 or trissellkcofc@verizon.net.

Siena Academy News



Mission Statement

Siena Academy is the parish school at St. Catherine of Siena. Its mission is to give glory to God and to assist parents in the role as primary educators of their children by offering specially prepared environments founded upon the principles and discoveries made by Dr. Maria Montessori in regard to the unique spiritual and developmental needs of the child from birth to adulthood.

Open Registration

Siena Academy is now accepting applications for new students for the 2010-2011 school year. Our Toddler Program is for children ages 18 months to 3 years of age. Our Children's House environment is for children ages 3-6 years old. Our Elementary environment is for children ages 6-12. For more information, please call the Siena Academy office at 703-759-4129.

A Ministry to Traveling Catholics Home or Abroad

To locate a Catholic Church while traveling at home or abroad visit www.masstimes.org. You will find information/directions on the closest Catholic Church to your destination, along with Mass and Confession times. This Website also offers links to an on-line reference library of: The Day's Readings, Bible, Catechism, U.S. Bishops & Diocese, Saint of the Day, Daily Prayer, Life Ways, Sing Your Praises, Vatican Website, Vatican Library, Vatican Museums and Catholic News.

Christ House Food Donation Drive

Please help St. Catherine's support the work of Catholic Charities. Please be so kind as to limit contributions to the following and to check the expiration dates.

canned items: meats (corned beef, spam, chicken, tuna, fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, pasta, instant potatoes, macaroni & cheese kits. Labeled bins are placed in the Narthex of the Church. Gift cards from Giant or Safeway are another option that you might find more convenient. Please place gift cards in an envelope marked "Christ House" and place in the collection basket at Mass or drop off at the Parish Office.

Please Do Not Park on the Grass



We have spent a great deal of money repairing the asphalt at the Church as well as planting new grass. Parking on the grass not only damages the grass but the edges of the asphalt as well. More to the point: *it is a violation of the posted Fire Lanes.* There are plenty of parking spaces for all, but yes, if you are late you will have to walk a few more feet. Arrive five minutes early and there will be no extra walking. If you see someone parking on the grass, please ask them to move; this is your Church. We do not want to have to resort to towing the offenders. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parishioner Information Request

All registered parishioners should check with the parish office if they have moved or changed phone numbers to assure that our records are up-to-date. The parish office is open from 10:00 am until 4:00 p.m. The telephone number is (703) 759-4350.

Papal Blessings and Papal Audiences



If you are interested in receiving a papal blessing for an anniversary, birthday or other special occasion, or plan on visiting Rome and would like to attend a general papal audience, please contact the Parish Office at least three months in advance of the event or visit to Rome.

Note that the papal audiences are *only* on Wednesdays and are subject to the Holy Father's health, travels and weekly schedule. Call 703.759.4350.

Daily Rosary



The Rosary, a "summary of the Gospel", is a wonderful way to have daily contact with Mary, the Mother of the Lord. Visit www.theholynosary.org to learn how to pray the Holy Rosary.

Office of Religious Education

The Religious Education office fondly
Wishes all of St. Catherine parishioners
a very Happy and Blessed Easter

Please Note: *The Office of Religious Education is closed
on Thursdays and Fridays.* Email the office at
reoffice@SaintCatherinesChurch.org for any information.



Catechist Corner

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

CCD Class Calendar

May

3,4 All classes in session
10,11 All classes in session
17,18 All classes in session
24,25 Final classes

First Holy Communion

14 First Holy Communion Practice at 6:00 p.m.
15 First Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m.

September

8,15,22,29 Final Confirmation classes

October

TBA Confirmation



Catholic Youth Organization

Please see the CYO bulletin board for all upcoming events

Senior CYO – 8th – 12th grades

Meetings on the first Sunday of the month 6–8 p.m.

Junior CYO – 4th – 7th grades

Meetings on the first Friday of the month 6-8 p.m.



The Week of Graces is scheduled for the week of July 12th. Children between the ages of 5-11 are welcome to participate. We are in need of volunteers to:

- 1 People to purchase, assemble and make crafts before July 12th.
 - 2 People (adults & teenagers) to teach in the classrooms
 - 3 Someone in charge of purchasing and snacks daily
- If you can help, please call the Office of Religious Education at 703-759-3530.

Adult Bible Study

**The Apocalypse of St. John the Divine –
Christ Will Come Again!**

Beginning March 24th through May 26th,
Wednesday mornings from 10:00 – 11:00 am
Join us as we study the last book of the Holy Bible, the mysterious and poetic book of Revelation. Through this Bible study, you will become familiar and comfortable with a book that confuses and frightens many. You will learn more about the Mass. You will learn more about the Holy Spirit and his Holy Church. You will learn about God's messengers to us, His Holy Angels. And you will learn about the great Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary. And mostly, you will learn more about Jesus Christ and the heavenly palace that awaits us. "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth . . . God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more."

Book Corner News

For Catholics, confession, is a most important part of our faith and our lives. But some of still might have some questions about confession. In Russell Shaw's book, *Why We Need Confession*, we learn that the fallen nature of man and tendency toward sin is a reality that has lost credibility of late. But for John Henry Cardinal Newman "Original sin became to me almost as certain as that the world exists, as the existence of God." Far from being the breaking of arbitrary and external laws, the author shows us that sin damages not only our relationship with God, but affects the deep bonds of charity and grace linking us with others. Because of this, sin prevents us from developing our full humanity and living as true daughters and sons of God. Only through the sacrament of reconciliation can one retain the harmony of life and grace lost by sin. For happiness can be found solely in the struggle against sin. The rewards of true repentance and sorrow are life, but, as St. Paul tells us, "the wages of sin are death." *Why We Need Confession* is available on the bookshelf for \$9.00.

The Over Fifty Club of St. Catherine of Siena



Extending an invitation for any Senior to join our Social Club. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in Bishop Justs Hall from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There are interesting speakers, trips, special luncheons and a fun social time to meet new people. We also have a social bridge group that meets the 1st Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Single's or couples are warmly welcomed. For more information contact Mary Ann at 703-404-8677, or Madeline at 703-759-2605.

St. Catherine of Siena Website

For everything you ever wanted to know about St. Catherine of Siena Parish, but forgot to ask during office hours, you may visit the parish Website at www.saintcatherineschurch.org,



Over 50 Club

- ◆ *May 10 – 14* Trapp Family Lodge. We stop at Lake George on the way up and back, then 2 nights at the Lodge with magnificent scenery. Visit the famous Cold Hollow Cider Mill, Stowe Village, Ben & Jerry's, visit the Gaylord Hotel and surrounding area. \$40
- ◆ *May 21-* The National Harbor. Motor coach will take us to the pier in Alexandria where we'll board the water taxi to the harbor. Spend the day shopping, have lunch and tour the beautiful area. Returning around 5:00 p.m. \$49.
- ◆ *June 1 –* Day trip with Father Drummond to Mt. St. Mary's City. Lunch included and tour. Visit the Old State House and Port Tobacco, also the Carmelite Monastery (first convent in the Nation) they make rosaries from dried roses. Do not miss this wonderful trip. \$99.
- ◆ *August 1 – 14* England, Scotland and Wales. Call for information.
- ◆ *September 8 -9* Atlantic City overnight staying at the Tropicana Casino. Buffet dinner, breakfast and a bonus package, plus a show if one is scheduled. The 9th is the Resorts Casino with another bonus. *The date might be changed to fit the show schedule.* \$149/dbl - 199/single.
- ◆ *October 16 – 20* Cruise to Bermuda – Leaving from the Baltimore Harbor, on *The Enchantment of the Sea*. Motor coach from St. Thomas à Becket Catholic Church. Only a few openings left. Range: \$837.50 - \$1,117.30. Membership in the Club is not required to travel with us! Please call the following for more information and/or registration. Mary Ann at 703-404-8677 or Connie at 703-759-2939.



In the Diocese & Other Events

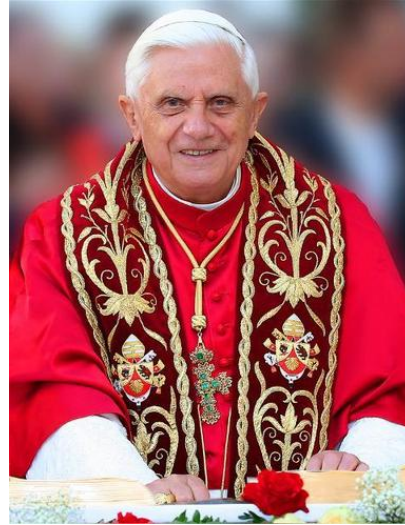
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Some white-collar jobs are more challenging than others

O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their life-long service of You. Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

To live the Gospel . . . to make a difference . . . Are you being called to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life? Call the Office of Vocations at 703-841-2514.

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI

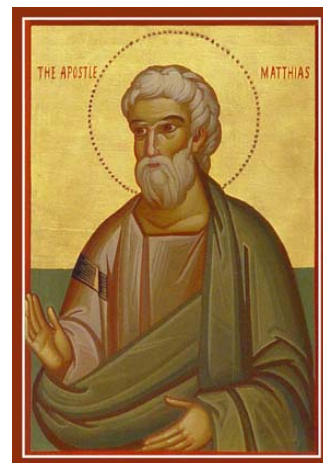


"Prayer itself, born in Catholic families, nurtured by programs of Christian formation, strengthened by the grace of the sacraments, is the first means by which we come to know the Lord's will for our lives. To the extent that we teach young people to pray,

and to pray well, we will be cooperating with God's call. Programs, plans and projects have their place; but the discernment of a vocation is above all the fruit of an intimate dialogue between the Lord and his disciples. Young people, if they know how to pray, can be trusted to know what to do with God's call."

World Day of Prayer

*Praise him with trumpet sound;
Praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
Praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with clanging cymbals;
Praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Psalm 150*



The Greek Matthias (or, in some manuscripts, Maththias), is a name derived from Mattathias, Heb. Mattithiah, signifying "gift of Yahweh."