

# OUR HISTORY

- 1949** Parish established due to overcrowding at Blessed Sacrament, St. Dominic, and St. Bernard; 4,000 parishioners registered in first year
- 1949-67** Msgr. Charles Yingling (pastor)
- 1951** School and convent buildings completed
- 1951** School opened
- 1956** Nearly 12,500 parishioners/4,500 families
- 1958** Rectory building and school addition completed
- 1962** Church building completed
- 1966** Social Action committee formed
- 1966** Greater Northwood Community Council formed with leadership from St. Matthew
- 1966-1980** Msgr. Clare O'Dwyer (pastor)
- 1967** First Folk Mass offered
- 1972** Women invited to serve as lectors
- Late 1970's** Christ Renews His Parish implemented
- 1977** St. Matthew is a founding parish of BUILD
- 1980-1984** Fr. Jack Collopy (pastor)
- 1984-1990** Fr. Wayne Funk (pastor)
- 1989** St. Matthew and St. Thomas More School merge to form Cardinal Shehan School
- 1990-Present** Fr. Joseph Muth (pastor)
- 1991** Gospel Choir is formed
- 2000** Immigration Outreach Service Center (IOSC) opens its doors
- 2001** Comboni Missionary Sisters come to Baltimore, residing at St. Matthew
- 2003** Labyrinth was built as an Eagle Scout project of Ben DeLisle
- 2005** Addition completed to church building including improvements to hall
- 2010-Present** Fr. Joseph Muth assigned as pastor at Blessed Sacrament
- 2010** LEAD Ministries formed
- 2011** Northeast Nine convenes with nine parishes in the City's northeast corridor.
- 2013** Seven parishes - Blessed Sacrament, Most Precious Blood, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Dominic, St. Francis of Assisi, Little Flower, and St. Matthew - form the Northeast Catholic Community (NECC) to collaborate on addressing the faith needs of those living in Northeast Baltimore.
- 2014** Faith Formation Center opens and Faith Formation Director hired through the collaboration of the NECC
- 2014** Partnership in faith against hate formed with the Ahmadiyya Mosque congregation
- 2017-Present** Faith communities of St. Matthew and Blessed Sacrament collaborate to offer Holy Day services
- 2019** Fr. Joseph Muth celebrates 45 years in the priesthood
- 2019** Parish celebrates 70 years