

## Masses for the Weekdays of Christmas Time

### Mon. Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> : Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Ramon and Esperanza Lomosbog**  
(40th Wedding Anniversary—Living)

### Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>: Most Holy Name of Jesus

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Jack Jordan**

### Wed., January 4<sup>th</sup> : Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Rosita Tandy**

### Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> : Saint John Neumann

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Prospero Flores**

### Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> : Saint Andre Bessette

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Intentions of Parishioners**

### Sat., January 7<sup>th</sup> : Saint Raymond of Penafort

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Intentions of Parishioners**

## The Epiphany of the Lord

### Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

Family Vigil Mass 5:00 PM: **Rufino Loberza**  
Spanish Mass 7:00 PM: **Intentions of Parishioners**

### Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM: **Obi Onyewu** (Living)  
10:30 AM: **Terry O. Nwonye** (Living— Birthday)  
6:00 PM: **Intentions of Parishioners**

**Readings:** 1st Reading: Is 60:1-6  
2nd Reading: Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 (20)

### Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends:

Elijah Alexander; Lisa Allison; Lazarus Asong; Margie Baker; Earl Bracey; Elaine Brooks; Melvin Brooks; Muriel Brown; Hazel Campbell; Al Craig; Ronnie Davis; Joseph DeMarco Jr; Norma Florimbio; William Halbe; Kimberly Jackson; Jan Jarus; Vera Joseph; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Richard Kosko; Joe Makowski; Dorothy Newman; Macaulay Nzeffili; Christopher Onuaku; John Plater; Jennifer Randall; Sam Ross; Phyllis Sczuka; Amalia Spescha; Ida Stelmack; Jeffrey Surtkovich; Charity Taylor; Elijah Taylor; Louise Tesar; Marian Thomas; Matthew Thomas; Nathaniel Thompson; Kay Villemi; Mae Young; Sister Giustina Zanin; Zaria Zanin; Eugene Zehner; Mickey Zehner

Names will be placed on our prayer list for 4 weeks. To place a name on the list, please contact Pat Ford at 301-459-4814 x 201 or email [pford@stmatthias.org](mailto:pford@stmatthias.org)

*For our military, protect them from all harm.*

*For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.*

## Stewardship Report

December 18	8,500.00
Faith Direct	3,024.00
Total Offertory	11,524.00
Last Year	10,402.00

Due to the early publication of this bulletin, the Stewardship Report for December 25<sup>th</sup> will appear in next week's bulletin.

*We Are Grateful For Your Generosity*

## Items of Note

**Christmas Gift/End of the Year Giving:** December 31<sup>st</sup> marked the end of the 2016 calendar year of charitable contributions for your tax returns. We will credit your annual financial contribution statement to the parish with gifts **received by** December 31, 2016. **Gifts received after this date will be posted on your 2017 statement.** Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

**Please remember to pick up your 2017 Offertory Envelopes** from the church vestibule. If you are unable to locate your envelopes, or if you registered as a new parishioner after September 1, 2016, please contact Pat Ford at the parish office (301-459-4814 x 201 or [pford@stmatthias.org](mailto:pford@stmatthias.org)). A box of envelopes will be prepared for you.

**Hosting An Event?** Friendship Hall is available for rent. Please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or [tereme@stmatthias.org](mailto:tereme@stmatthias.org).

**Missals for 2017:** There are a limited number of 2017 Sunday Missals available at the Parish office, or you may see an usher after Mass. Cost of each Missal is \$4.00.

**Remember your loved ones with Perpetual Memorial Candles.** For an initial payment of \$50, and monthly installments, you can reserve a candle. For more information, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or [tereme@stmatthias.org](mailto:tereme@stmatthias.org).

**Volunteers are needed** in the parish office to greet visitors, answer phones, and perform other light clerical duties. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. Contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or [tereme@stmatthias.org](mailto:tereme@stmatthias.org).

## Faith Formation

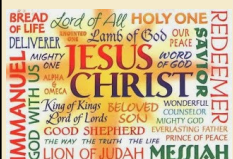
**Adult Bible Study:** Our Adult Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew will resume on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:10 AM in the Hughes Center. We will pick up with Matthew, Chapter 8. Please come and bring a friend.

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

### Happy New Year!

- ◆THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, AND WILL REOPEN TUESDAY, JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 8:00 AM.
- ◆THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION, CONFESSIONS, OR BENEDICTION MONDAY, JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>.

### Family Connection



In today's Gospel, we learn that Mary honored her commitment to God by naming her child Jesus, the name given to him by the Angel Gabriel. In Matthew's Gospel, Joseph is told to name the child Jesus because he will save the people. The name Jesus means, "God saves." Even in his name, Jesus announces the mission he came to accomplish.

Your family might use today's feast as an opportunity to talk about names. Reflect together on the name of each member of the family. What does each name mean? Why was each person so named?

Read together today's Gospel, Luke 2:16-21. Recall that the name Jesus means "God saves." Think about how Jesus fulfilled the mission that his name suggests. Pray as a family that family members will fulfill their mission to be faithful followers of Jesus, in whom we find our salvation. Pray for Mary's help by praying together the Hail Mary or singing together, "Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly."

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### Youth News

**Youth Rally & Mass for Life:** The Youth Rally and Mass for Life will be held on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Each year on the morning of the National March for Life, thousands gather from around the nation to participate. Tickets are required for entry. For more information and to register for free tickets, please visit <http://YouthRallyandMassforLife.org> or contact Teresa Yao at [youthrally@adw.org](mailto:youthrally@adw.org) or 301-853-4555.

**Calling all Teens!** The Saint Matthias Teen Youth Group will hold its next meeting on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 2:30 PM in the Hughes Center. Refreshments will be provided. Parish teens in grades 9 through 12 are welcome. Registration forms are available in the pamphlet rack in the Church vestibule. For more information, contact Le-Marie Thompson at 301-452-2258 or Arlene Taylor at 301-459-5549.



### School News

**Academy of Saint Matthias Raffle Tickets:** Please support our school by purchasing raffle tickets for \$10 each. The weekly drawing begins January 3, 2017, and ends August 28, 2017. Each winner receives \$300 and the seller receives \$50. Tickets may be purchased in the school office or in the Hughes Center parish office.



**Congratulations** to Lydia Kalshoven who won First Place in the Catholic Standard's 2016 Christmas Card Contest.

### Items of Note



**First Friday:** All are welcome to join your fellow parishioners for refreshments after the 8:30 AM Mass this coming Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Generous members of our parish provide coffee cakes, donuts, juice and coffee. Take advantage of a perfect opportunity to meet some of your fellow

Saint Matthias parishioners.

**Knights of Columbus Scholarships:** The Maryland State Council and Insurance Advisors of the Knights of Columbus sponsor several Catholic high school scholarships. Saint Matthias teens are encouraged to apply. You may obtain specific information and applications by visiting <http://www.kofc-md.org/>. Applicants will be judged on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. The application deadline is February 1, 2017.

### Parish Social Life Committee

The members of the PSLC wish you a blessed and happy new year. Look for upcoming sponsored activities for 2017.

### Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, & Altar Servers January 7/8

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
5:00 pm	P. Stevenson	TBD	TBD
7:00 pm	F. Moranchel	TBD	TBD
8:00 am	G. Johnson	TBD	TBD
10:30 am	R. Ihegbe	TBD	TBD
6:00 am	J. Davis	TBD	TBD

### Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of January 7/ 8



5:00 pm	Father Albert
7:00 pm	Father Ron
8:00 am	Father Milt
10:30 am	Father Milt
6:00 pm	Father Albert