

### Masses for the Second Week in Ordinary Time

**Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Tim Retumban**

**Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>: Saint Anthony**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Amalia Spescha**

**Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Engracia Felix**

**Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Roosevelt Parrott**

**Friday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> : Saints Fabian and Sebastian**

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

**Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Felicidad Felix**

**The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00 AM: **Adimabu Amanyeiwe** (Living—Birthday)  
 10:30 AM: **David D. Nwonye**  
 6:00 PM: **Jacob Ibik and Family**

**Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3  
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17  
 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

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

Margie Baker; Muriel Brown; Hazel Campbell; Rose Chisefsky; Al Craig; Ronnie Davis; Antoinette Diemer; Norma Florimbio; William Halbe; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Richard Kosko; Joe Makowski; 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.*

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Winter weather is upon us. Consider using Faith Direct, an electronic giving service that ensures your uninterrupted contributions. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) or call 1-866 507-8757 to learn more. Our parish identification number is MD41.

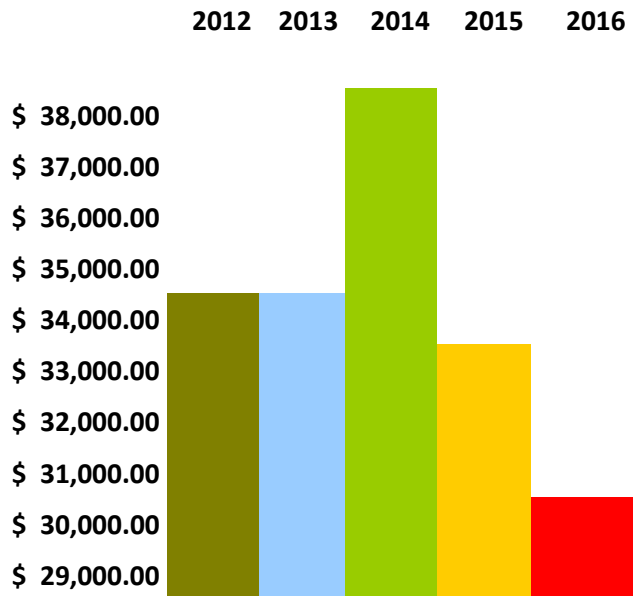
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### Stewardship Report

January 1, 2017	10,187.00
Faith Direct	3,044.00
Total Offertory	13,231.00
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>15,119.00</b>
January 8, 2017	7,506.00
Faith Direct	3,044.00
Total Offertory	10,550.00
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>14,576.00</b>

### Christmas Collections for the Past Five Years



### Items of Note

**Contribution Statements for 2016** will be mailed this month. Please notify the office with your correct mailing address if you have moved recently (301-459-4814 or [pford@stmatthias.org](mailto:pford@stmatthias.org)).

**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).

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

**If a family member or neighbor is ill** for an extended period and is unable to attend Mass, please contact the parish office. We will mail a church bulletin until he/she is well enough to return. Bulletins are also available on the parish website at [www.stmatthias.org](http://www.stmatthias.org). Eucharistic ministers are also available to visit the ill or homebound.



## Family Connection

The ministry of John the Baptist prepared for and pointed to the ministry of Jesus. In a similar way, our lives are to offer testimony to whom we know Jesus to be for us and for the world. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. How does the witness of our lives give testimony to the reconciling presence of Christ?

As a family, identify as many titles for Jesus as possible, such as Lamb of God, Son of God, Prince of Peace, and so on. Talk together about what these different titles mean and what they tell you about Jesus. Then read together today's Gospel, John 1:29-34.

Consider how John the Baptist gives testimony to whom Jesus is. Talk about what people might come to know about Jesus by observing your family life. Pray together that your family life will show others that Jesus is the Son of God, the lamb who takes away the sins of the world. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

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## Items of Note

**The Saint Matthias Feeding the Homeless Ministry** will prepare and help serve lunch on Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup> at Community Place Café hosted by the United Methodist Church. This inter-faith ministry provides community services and support for homeless people and our struggling neighbors in the Hyattsville area. Additional parish volunteers are needed to help with this effort. Please call the parish office at 301-459-4814 x 201 to join us. All are welcome!

**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.**

**The Saint Matthias Liturgical Dance Ministry** danced to the song *Little Drummer Boy* on Christmas Eve at the 4:00 PM and 10:00 PM Masses. Our liturgical dancers were Tracy Aguocha-Sam, Vanessa Aguocha-Sam, Ihuoma Chikere, Ugonna Chikere, Precious Iwuji, Mambo Muma, and Chi Chi Onyeiwu. Our Nativity scene ensemble included Elizabeth Adekoya (Angel), Isaiah Edmonds Givens (Little Drummer Boy), Gabrielle Givens (Mary), John Mobufor (Wise Man #3), Awah Muma (Joseph), Samuel Okafor (Wise Man #2), and Chi Boy Onyeiwu (Wise Man #1). Thank you for the joy you gave the congregation and the services you rendered unto the Lord. A special thanks to the parents for consistently bringing their children to rehearsals. If you would like to join the Dance Ministry, please contact Mrs. Zita Givens at 301-577-1853.

## School News



**Catholic Schools Week:** The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle cordially invites parishioners and prospective school families to attend our 2017 Open Houses in celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

The Academy follows the Responsive Classroom model which fosters self-discipline, respect, and community among our students and families. We offer a dual language immersion in our primary grades, an online-supported math program, a choice-reading model, and programs in art, PE, music, and Spanish. Come and meet our award-winning faculty and staff. All are welcome!

### Open House Dates

**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**  
**Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:15 AM- 9:15 AM**

### School Raffle Winners

- ◆ Congratulations to Lashea Blake, winner of \$300, and to the seller, Kelvin Blake, who won \$50 in the January 3<sup>rd</sup> drawing.
- ◆ Congratulations to Barbara Burnett, winner of \$ 300, and to the seller, Chanel Wiseman, who won \$ 50 in the January 9<sup>th</sup> drawing.

## Parish Social Life Committee

The PSLC will have its first meeting of the new year in February to plan for events for the year. If you are interested in applying for membership, please contact the Parish Office (301-459-4814) with your contact information.

### Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, & Altar Servers January 21/22

	Lectors	EMCH	Altar Servers
5:00 pm	TBD	C. Charles, R. Johnson, C. Kosko	A. Amanyeiwe, B. Ogunlade, I. Ogunlade
7:00 pm	Z. Fuentes	D. Aitcheson, S. Aviea	B. Barahona, L. Martinez, E. Diaz
8:00 am	TBD	M. Adams, B. Falls, M. Grayson, S. Keleti	A. Marshall, G. Marshall, F. Garcia
10:30 am	TBD	B. Herring, M. Hoke, R. Ihegbe, S. Ugoh, B. Chappell	C. Onyeiwu, C. Onyeiwu, N. Agha
6:00 am	TBD	D. Aitcheson, M. Ibebuchi, S. Ikpi	J. Onuoha, C. Johnson

### Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of January 21/22



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