

Masses for the Third Week in Ordinary Time

Mon., Jan. 23rd: Saints Vincent and Marianne

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Tammy Paolino** (Living—Birthday)

Tuesday, January 24th: Saint Francis de Sales

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Dr. James Wills**

Wednesday, January 25th: The Conversion of Saint Paul

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Rev. Matthew E. Thompson**

Thursday, Jan. 26th: Saints Timothy and Titus

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Grace Amilo and Family**

Friday, Jan. 27th: Saint Angela Merici

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Ed Densmore**

Saturday, January 28th: Saint Thomas Aquinas

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

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 28th

Family Vigil Mass 5:00 PM: **Onukwubiri Family** (Living)
Spanish Mass 7:00 PM: **Intentions of Parishioners**

Sunday, January 29th

8:00 AM: **Brittany Paolino** (Living—Birthday)
10:30 AM: **Ugochukwu Ikedilo**
6:00 PM: **Intentions of Parishioners**

Readings: 1st Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

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

Lisa Allison; Margie Baker; Muriel Brown; Hazel Campbell; Rose Chisefsky; Al Craig; Darlene Crawford; Ronnie Davis; Antoinette Diemer; Norma Florimbio; Paula Gambriell; William Halbe; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Richard Kosko; Trudy Lewis; Joe Makowski; Linda Moore; 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

*For our military, protect them from all harm.
For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.*

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



Stewardship Report

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| January 15, 2017 | 10,998.00 |
| Faith Direct | 2,404.00 |
| Total Offertory | 13,402.00 |
| Last Year | 10,633.00 |

We are grateful for your generosity

Items of Note

Congratulations to Saint Matthias the Apostle parish Director of Faith Formation, Catherine Tolnay, and to Carmen and Richard Kosko, this year's recipients of the Archdiocesan "Manifesting the Kingdom" Award. At a special Mass on January 8th, Cardinal Wuerl recognized Catherine, Carmen and Richard, and others across the Archdiocese as individuals who have been "stellar disciples through the years..." Thank you for all that you do to serve the needs of our parish.

Contribution Statements for 2016 were mailed last week. Please notify the office if you have any questions about your statement by calling 301-459-4814 x 201 or emailing 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.

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.

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 may also be found on the parish website at www.stmatthias.org. Eucharistic ministers are also available to visit the ill or homebound.

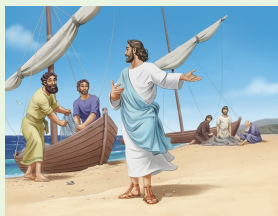


Volunteers are needed in the parish office to greet visitors, answer phones, and perform other light clerical duties. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. Contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or tereme@stmatthias.org.

Parish Social Life Committee

The PSLC will have its first meeting of the new year on February 3rd at 6:30 PM in the Hughes Center to plan for events for the year. If you are interested in applying for membership, please contact the Parish Office at 301-459-4814.

Family Connection



Today's Gospel tells us little about the background of these fishermen, their work, and their families. In the Gospel, we are simply told that James and John left their father, Zebedee, in the boat and followed Jesus.

Some details about the families of these first followers of Jesus are found later in Matthew's Gospel, however. In Matthew 8:14-15, for example, Jesus goes to the home of Peter and heals his mother-in-law of a fever. Matthew 20:20-28 relates how the mother of the sons of Zebedee (James and John) approaches Jesus with the request that her sons be given places of honor in Jesus' kingdom. These brief references suggest that the first disciples' separation from their families may not have been as complete as the verses in today's Gospel might lead us to believe. Matthew points out the separation because he wants to show that Christian discipleship can require a change in our lives and even our family relationships.

Perhaps the message for us today is to balance the radical call to be a follower of Jesus with the challenge to be "fishers of men" even within our own families. Creating this balance may require that we change some of the priorities of our own family life.

As a family, detail the activities of a typical day. Discuss together what priorities are reflected in this daily schedule. How does your family respond when your daily plans are interrupted or must be changed? Together read today's Gospel, Matthew 4:12-23. Reflect together on the example of the first disciples who dropped everything to follow Jesus. Ask: Does our family schedule give evidence that we put God first in our family life? What might we do to better reflect that God is our priority?

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Items of Note

The Saint Matthias Feeding the Homeless Ministry will prepare and help serve lunch on Wednesday February 15th 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.**



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 program 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!

- This week's **second collection** is for the support of our school. Please give generously.
- On **Saturday, January 28th** several of our Hispanic families will be on hand at the 7:00 PM Spanish Mass to distribute information about our school
- On **Sunday, January 29th** at the 10:30 AM Mass, the group God's Rods will perform the communion meditation.

Open House Dates

Sunday, January 29th from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Tuesday, January 31st from 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM

School Raffle Winners

◆Congratulations to Ellen Diggs, winner of \$300, and to the seller, Theresa Diggs-Burrell, who won \$50 in the January 17th drawing.

Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, & Altar Servers January 28/29

| | <u>Lectors</u> | <u>EMCH</u> | <u>Altar Servers</u> |
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| 5:00 pm | TBD | J. Flynn, C. Green, P. Stevenson | E. Buan, S. Cherisca, X. Cherisca |
| 7:00 pm | J. Barahona | D. Aitcheson, S. Avieta | J. Andres, B. Barahona, L. Martinez |
| 8:00 am | TBD | M. Adams, B. Falls, J. George, S. Midgley | A. DeMaio, D. DeMaio, S. DeMaio |
| 10:30 am | TBD | E. Amanyeive, S. Ikpi, I. Onuaku, I. Udejiolor, U. Nwokeafor | R. Birun, D. Morfaw, C. Morfaw |
| 6:00 am | TBD | D. Self, C. Sykes, S. Wilson | S. Sykes, A. Marshall |

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of January 28/29



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