

Masses for the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 30th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Father Jeff Defayette** (Living—Birthday)

Tuesday, January 31st: Saint John Bosco

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **RCIA Students**

Wednesday, February 1st:

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

Thurs., Feb. 2nd: The Presentation of the Lord

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Charles Shryock III**

Friday, February 3rd: Saint Blaise

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Nancy Decesaris Maimone**

Saturday, February 4th

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

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 4th

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

Spanish Mass 7:00 PM: **Intentions of Parishioners**

Sunday, February 5th

8:00 AM: **Maryanne DeMaio** (Living—Birthday)

10:30 AM: **Ugochukwu Ikedilo**

6:00 PM: **Intentions of Parishioners**

Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

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 Gambrell; William Halbe; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Richard Kosko; Trudy Lewis; Joe Makowski; Linda Moore; Shirley Singleton; 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

January 22, 2017	9,310.00
Faith Direct	2,301.00
Total Offertory	11,611.00
Last Year (snow)	2,323.00

We are grateful for your generosity

Items of Note

Teen Ministry—February Meeting:



All teens of the parish are welcome to attend our next meeting on Sunday, February 12th from 12:00 — 2:30 PM in the Hughes Center. We will explore the corporal and spiritual works of mercy through words and deeds. Lunch refreshments

will be provided.

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 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 Friday, February 3rd at 6:30 PM in the Hughes Center to plan for events for the year. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the Parish Office at 301-459-4814.

Family Connection



Today's Gospel offers a contrast to many of the messages we hear in our society today. If we were to accept uncritically the “get ahead” messages of our culture, we would think that happiness means having money, being successful, having many possessions, and so on. When we think this way, we are not unlike the people who heard Jesus teach on the day that he taught the Beatitudes. The crowd that day also associated happiness with material possessions and status.

Talk as a family about what it means to be happy or to be blessed. Make a list of traits that you would associate with a happy person. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 5:1-12a. Reflect on Jesus' description of happiness. Think about what each of the Beatitudes might have in common and write a family summary of the Beatitudes. Post the summary in a special place as a reminder of what your family will consider “true happiness.”

Conclude by praying together prayers of petition based on the Beatitudes, e.g., “We pray that we will be peacemakers who seek to get along with other people even when this is difficult. We pray to the Lord.” All respond: “Lord, hear our prayer.”

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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.**



First Friday: All are welcome to join fellow parishioners for refreshments after the 8:30 AM Mass on the first Friday of each month. Our next gathering is Friday, February 3rd. Generous members of our parish provide coffee cakes, donuts, juice, and coffee. Take advantage of a perfect opportunity to meet others. If you would like to donate refreshments, please let those serving have your name.

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!

Thank you for your contributions to last week's school collection. Your generous donations will be used to enhance technology and provide tuition assistance for our financially challenged families.

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 Citrine H. Warren, Jr., winner of \$300, and to the seller, Chanel Wiseman, who won \$50 in the January 23rd drawing.

***“Catholic Schools:
Communities of Faith, Knowledge and
Service.”***

Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, & Altar Servers February 4/5

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
5:00 pm	J. Murray	TBD	TBD
7:00 pm	TBD	TBD	TBD
8:00 am	J. Walters	TBD	TBD
10:30 am	R. Ihegbe	TBD	TBD
6:00 am	H. Jorgenson	TBD	TBD

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of February 4/5



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