

Masses for the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 6th

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

Tuesday, February 7th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Giuseppe Torchia**

Wed., Feb. 8th: Saints Jerome Emiliani and Josephine Bakhita

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

Thursday, February 9th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Carmen Kosko (Living—Birthday)**

Friday, February 10th: Saint Scholastica

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Naomi Erika Naik (Living—Birthday)**

Saturday, February 11th: Our Lady of Lourdes

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The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 11th

Family Vigil Mass 5:00 PM: **Helen Zatorski (Living)**
Spanish Mass 7:00 PM: **Martin DeLeon**

Sunday, February 12th

8:00 AM: **Leonarda and Inocencio Altares**
10:30 AM: **Family of Frederick and Adaobi Nmoh (Living—Thanksgiving)**
6:00 PM: **Adamma Ugo**

Readings: 1st Reading: Sir 15:15-201
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

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 29, 2017	9,502.00
Faith Direct	2,301.00
Total Offertory	11,803.00
Last Year	15,027.00

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.

School News

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

Raffle Winners: Congratulations to Pat Ring, winner of \$ 300, and to the seller, Janelle Ford, who won \$ 50 in the January 30th drawing.

Family Connection



The widespread use of electricity in our society may make us less aware of the value and importance of light. To re-engage with the power of the metaphor that Jesus offers, gather your family in a darkened room. Bring only one flashlight.

Sit together for a minute and consider what you are able to do and see in so little light. You might try opening the Bible to see whether you can read today's Gospel. Turn on the flashlight and experiment to see how one might use it to achieve the greatest amount of light. Then read today's Gospel by the light of the flashlight. Ask everyone to consider what it means to say that Christians are to be the light of the world. How might your family act in a way that is a light for others, a light that is worthy to put on a lamp stand? Choose one thing that your family will do this week to show that you are the light of the world. You might choose to participate in an activity that your parish sponsors, such as help with a food pantry. Pray together by singing "This Little Light of Mine."

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Cardinal's Appeal: This week, you are asked to review the Cardinal's Appeal brochure and the tabloid in today's bulletin. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

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!

Catholic Date Night: The Office of Young Adult Ministry and Family Life for the Archdiocese of Washington is hosting a Catholic Date Night for engaged and married couples. Couples are invited to begin their date night with fellowship, free wine and cheese, prayer, and an inspiring talk on growing together in love. After the talk, couples continue their date on their own! Join us on Saturday February 25th from 6:00 -7:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes in downtown Bethesda. Childcare is on your own. The event is free but you must RSVP at DCCatholic.eventbrite.com or call (301) 853-4559.

Parish Social Life Committee

The PSLC met last week to discuss upcoming activities. The next social event will be the volunteer reception to be held later this month. Check next week's bulletin for the date, time, and additional information.

BEST LENT EVER

DON'T GIVE UP chocolate FOR LENT

We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different

Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a free video-based email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and *New York Times* bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, Matthew will help you identify what stands between you and happiness...and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever?

To sign up, visit BestLentEver.com.

Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, Altar Servers, and Greeters February 11/12

Time	Lector	EMCH
5:00 PM	E. Buan	Z. Juanitez, N. Richardson, J. Richardson
7:00 PM		B. Martin, S. Avieta
8:00 AM	A. Taylor	M. Adams, D. Aitcheson, P. Buan, M. Grayson
10:30 AM	P. Alemnji	B. Chappell, P. Chappell, E. Curran, L. Egbulem, R. Okereke
6:00 PM	K. H-Johnson	K. H-Johnson, D. Self, C. Sykes
Time	Altar Servers	Greeters
5:00 PM	S. Cherisca, X. Cherisca	S. Corson, F. McCrary, M. Prout
7:00 PM	TBD	G. Castillo, M. TeoDiaz, E. Andres
8:00 AM	J. Walters, J. Onyewu	M. Prout, S. Singleton
10:30 AM	C. Morfaw, C. Onyeiwu, C. Onyeiwu	P. Okongwu, V. Neke
6:00 PM	S. Sykes, R. Birun	Y. Balogun

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of February 11/12



5:00 pm	Msgr. Balbago
7:00 pm	Father Ron
8:00 am	Father Milt
10:30 am	Father Milt
6:00 pm	Father Canice