

Masses for the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 20th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Intentions of Father Canice**

Tuesday, February 21st : Saint Peter Damian

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

Wednesday, February 22nd

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Intentions of Father Milt**

Thursday, February 23rd: Saint Polycarp

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **John P. Huber**

Friday, February 24th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Awele Amanyeiwe**

Saturday, February 25th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Jane Defayette** (Living - Birthday)

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 25th

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

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

Sunday, February 26th

8:00 AM: **Ogemdi Nwokefor**

10:30 AM: **Family of Ojinika Achinefu**

(Living—Thanksgiving)

6:00 PM: **Martin Atem**

Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

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; Claudia Clayton; William (Bill) Cooper; Al Craig; Darlene Crawford; Ronnie Davis; Mary Diamiano; Antoinette Diemer; Norma Florimbio; Paula Gambrell; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; 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

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.*



The parish office and school will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of Presidents' Day. The office and school will re-open Tuesday, February 21st at 8:00 AM.

Stewardship Report

February 12, 2017	9,154.00
Faith Direct	2,591.00
Total Offertory	11,745.00
Last Year	12,745.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish and for your pledge to the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal.

Items of Note at St. Matthias

Faith Direct: Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide Saint Matthias the Apostle with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelope. Consider giving up envelopes this Lenten season! Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: MD41. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

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.

2017 Annual Jubilarian Mass: Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sunday, June 25, 2017, at 2:00 PM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office or use the sign-up forms in the back of church to register. Names of Jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by Monday, April 24th.

Parish Social Life Committee

All parish volunteers are invited to attend a special reception in celebration of their contributions to the life of our parish. The event will be held in the Hughes Center on Sunday, February 26th from 3:00 - 5:00 PM. Please RSVP by February 22nd to Pat Ford at 301-459-4814 x 201 or pford@stmatthias.org.



Knights of Columbus

Mother Seton Council 5381 of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Pancake Supper in Friendship Hall on Tuesday, February 28th from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. Please plan to attend.

Family Connection



Family life teaches us many things. It is often at home that we learn practical skills such as cooking, riding a bike, and making repairs. Talk about some of the things that the members of your family have learned to do at home. We also learn about caring at home. Talk about times when you have learned a lesson about sharing, forgiving, or loving through an experience that happened at home.

Talk about how love is the most important thing a family can share with one another. Explain that it is the same in God's family. Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 5:38-48. Talk about how Jesus tried to teach his disciples how to love others beyond those who are closest to them. Jesus tells them to love even their enemies. As members of God's family, we are called to do the same thing. Talk about some concrete ways you can "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

Remind your children that Jesus does not expect us to be perfect. Jesus knows that we are human and will not always do everything correctly. Explain that what Jesus wants us to do is to love others as if they were Jesus himself. If we reach out in love to others, we are doing exactly what Jesus did. That is what perfection looks like. End this time together by praying the [Act of Love](#).

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School News

Meet Us on Mondays: School tours are offered every Monday from 8:30—10:30 AM. Please contact the school office at 301-577-9412 to schedule an appointment.

Raffle Winners: Congratulations to William M. Hopkins, winner of \$ 300, and to Pamela Hopkins, seller, (\$ 50) in the February 13th drawing.

New applications for our school are now being accepted. Please go to <http://mytads.com/a/stmatthiasmd>. The deadline to apply for financial aid is February 20th. The financial aid application is on the website listed above.

In celebration of Black History Month, students are reading, sharing, and discussing books written by African American authors.

An Important Reminder: **Everyone** driving on school and church grounds is reminded that safety is our number one concern. Please drive slowly and model respect for the law and safe practices by not using your cell phone while driving. Please comply with the **one way** entrance and exit when entering and leaving the property.



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

Ash Wednesday is March 1, 2017.

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses: 7:00 AM, 9:15 AM (School Mass) 12:00 PM, and 7:30 PM

Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during Lent at 7:30 PM

Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, Altar Servers, and Greeters February 25/26

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMCH</u>
5:00 PM	A. Taylor	C. Johnson, R. Johnson, C. Kosko
7:00 PM	Z. Fuentes	S. Resau, S. Avieta
8:00 AM	F. Craig	M. Adams, B. Falls, M. Grayson, S. Keleti
10:30 AM	C. Nwokeafor	B. Chappell, B. Herring, M. Hoke, R. Ihegbe, S. Ugoh
6:00 PM	A. M'Carthy	D. Aitcheson, M. Ibebuchi, S. Ikpi

<u>Time</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
5:00 PM	E. Baum, J. Onyewu	
7:00 PM	J. Andres, B. Barahona, L. Martinez	G. Castillo, M. Teo Diaz, E. Andres
8:00 AM	DeMaio, D. DeMaio, S. DeMaio	M. Prout
10:30 AM	R. Birun, D. Morfaw, H. Ntitebem	P. Okongwu, V. Neke
6:00 PM	C. Johnson, A. Marshall, G. Marshall	B. Burnett

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of February 25/26



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