

## Masses for the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

### Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Guadalupe Manlapaz**

### Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

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

### Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> Ash Wednesday

Daily Mass 7:00 AM: **Bernard Campbell**

12:00 PM: **Intentions of Father Canice**

7:30 PM: **Intentions of Father Milt**

### Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Louis Stinnett**

### Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Saint Katharine Drexel

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Donald Wilson, Jr.** (Living - Birthday)

### Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>: Saint Casimir

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

## The First Sunday of Lent

### Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

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

Spanish Mass 7:00 PM: **Eulalia Barahona**

### Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM: **Dorothy Oleru**

10:30 AM: **Family of Gerald Ikedilo**

(Living—Thanksgiving)

6:00 PM: **Fermin Esquioja**

**Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

### 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; Zetitia Hudson; 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](mailto:pford@stmatthias.org)

For our military, protect them from all harm.

*For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.*

## Stewardship Report

February 19, 2017	9,275.16
Faith Direct	2,591.00
Total Offertory	11,866.16
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>12,745.00</b>

*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](http://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](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).

**Bible Study:** Tuesday morning Bible Study will take a break beginning Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. We will resume on Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please join us then as we continue studying the Gospel of Matthew.

**Thank You** to all who donated food, money, and time to make the Community Café's "Feed the Needy" a success. The people we served appreciate your assistance.

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



**Men! Our annual Lenten Weekend Retreat** at Loyola On the Potomac Retreat House begins Friday evening, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, and ends Sunday afternoon, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Please see the poster in the church vestibule and register as soon as possible. Space is limited!

## Parish Social Life Committee

The next PSLC meeting will be held Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Hughes Center.

## Family Connection

In our families we learn about caring. We learn to care for our own needs and the needs of others, and we learn to take responsibility for the needs of our household. Sometimes caring for these needs means that we are unable to do other things that we would enjoy more. At times, we can be tempted not to take responsibility for what we are given to care for.



Talk about the different ways your family cares for one another and the needs of your household. Remember times when you've been tempted to put your own needs ahead of others. Talk about the personal and familial consequences of making that choice.

Point out how God cares for us every day and will never forget us. Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 6:24-34. Talk about how God looks after the birds in the sky and the flowers in the field. Point out how Jesus reminds his disciples that they are worth much more than these things. Take turns sharing times in which you have experienced God's care for yourself and your family. Conclude this time together by offering one another a sign of peace.

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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 Mary Kellermann, winner of \$ 300, and to James Grillo, seller, (\$ 50) in the February 21<sup>st</sup> drawing.

**New applications** for our school are now being accepted. Please go to <http://mytads.com/a/stmatthiasmd>.

**Great Kindness Challenge:** Our students are participating in the *Great Kindness Challenge* and learning about Rachel's Challenge in memory of Rachel Joy Scott, a student killed in 1999 at Columbine High School in Colorado. The goal of the challenge is to establish and continue a chain of kindness. Students are asked to try to see the best in others, to dare to dream big, to search out positive influences in their lives, and to use kind words with others. About 20 students have met to begin a Rachel's Challenge Club to promote and realize these goals for our school and students.

## 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](http://BestLentEver.com)

**Ash Wednesday is March 1, 2017.**

**Ashes will be distributed at all Masses: 7:00AM.**

**9:15AM (School Mass), 12:00PM, and**

**7:30PM (Bilingual Mass)**

**Stations of the Cross**

**Fridays during Lent at 7:30PM**

### Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, Altar Servers, and Greeters March 4/5

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMCH</u>
5:00 PM	J. Murray	C. Green, J. Murray, P. Stevenson
7:00 PM	J. Barahona	D. Aitcheson, S. Avieta
8:00 AM	M. Taylor	M. Adams, B. Falls, J. George, S. Midgley
10:30 AM	B. Nwadije	E. Amanyiewe, S. Ikpi, I. Onuaku, I. Udejiolor, U. Nwokefor
6:00 PM	J. Bhola	A. Hawkins, D. Self, C. Sykes

<u>Time</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
5:00 PM	TBD	F. McCray, J. & M. Oratokhai
7:00 PM	TBD	G. Castillo, M. Teo Diaz, E. Andres
8:00 AM	TBD	L. Adekoya, M. Reeves
10:30 AM	TBD	P. Okongwu, V. Neke
6:00 PM	TBD	Y. Balogun

### Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of March 4/5



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