

Masses for the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 17th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Robbie Florimbio**

Tuesday, July 18th : Saint Camillus de Lellis

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Joey Florimbio**

Wednesday, July 19th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Roxanne Gartland**

Thursday, July 20th: Saint Apollinaris

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Rev. Ambrose Mahoney**

Friday, July 21st : Saint Lawrence of Brindisi

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Szabo Family (Living)**

Saturday, July 22nd: Saint Mary Magdalene

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Macaulay Nzeffili**

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 22nd

5:00 PM: **Pat Makowski**

(Living—Birthday)

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

Sunday, July 23th

8:00 AM: **Ann Florimbio (Living)**

9:30 AM: **Benjamin Udejiofor**

11:30 AM: **Lawrence E. Beckford, Jr.**

6:00 PM: **Larry Richutti**

Readings: Wisdom 12:13,16-19

2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

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

Elaine and Melvin Brooks; Muriel Brown; Claudia Clayton; Al Craig; Ronnie Davis; Patricia Farland; Norma Florimbio; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Richard Kosko; Mary Soh; George Thompson; Kay Villemi; Mae Young; Sister Giustina Zanin; Zaria Zanin; Eugene Zehner

For our military, protect them from all harm.

For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.

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



Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to our new pastor, Father Jack Kennealy.

Stewardship Report

July 2, 2017	10,751.00
Faith Direct	2,717.00
Total Offertory	13,468.00
Last Year	13,321.00

July 9, 2017	9,642.00
Faith Direct	2,717.00
Total Offertory	12,359.00
Last Year	10,126.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Items of Note at St. Matthias

You may have noticed some changes and work being done in the sanctuary. Contractors are installing wiring to accommodate new video screens and an audio system to enhance your participation at Masses and other church services.



Do You Want to Travel to Panama? Are you called to serve teens as they develop with Christ? The Teen Youth Ministry at Saint Matthias is looking for adults to assist with this program.

Youth Ministers will help to plan and accompany our parish teens to World Youth Day to be held in Panama in 2019! Adults called to this ministry must attend a two hour Virtus training class, *Protecting God's Children*. Adults will meet once a month from September through June. We have wonderful young people who need the support of loving and caring adults. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, contact Le-Marie Thompson, lemarie.thompson@gmail.com or call 301-452-2258.

Hosting An Event? Friendship Hall is available for rent.

Remember Your Loved Ones with a memorial candle that is lit for one year.

Greeters are needed for the 11:30 AM Mass.

For the above items, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or tereme@stmatthias.org.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Family Connection

Today's Gospel reminds us that in order for God's Word to take root in us and produce abundant fruit, we must endeavor to be like good soil. Families, in particular, hold the responsibility for "preparing the soil" so that the seeds of God's Word can grow strong. There are many ways in which families do this—family traditions in which faith is celebrated, prayer and reading of Scripture, and instruction on the faith. In these ways, parents fulfill the promises they made at their child's Baptism.

Gather together as a family and reflect together on the Sacrament of Baptism. Tell the story of the Baptism of each child, showing any pictures that were taken. If you have your child's Baptism candle or gown, share these as well. Recall together that one of the promises that parents make at their child's Baptism is to bring them up in the practice of our faith. Talk together about the importance of this promise to your family. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 13:1-23. Reflect together on the ways in which your family practices your faith (daily prayer, Mass attendance, religious instruction, etc.). Remind one another that we do these things as a family so that God's Word can take root in our lives and produce abundant fruit. Conclude in prayer together by praying today's Psalm, Psalm 65.

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The Academy of Saint Matthias



School is Out for Summer:

School office summer hours are Monday—Thursday from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We wish our parents, students, and teachers a restful and fun summer!

We are Accepting Applications for the coming school year. Spread the good news and encourage your friends and neighbors to consider enrolling their children for the 2017-2018 school year. Please contact the Director of Admissions, Mrs. Ann O'Hare at ahare@stmatthias.org or 301-577-9412 for more information.

Raffle Winners: Raffle winners for the July 3rd drawing are Shirley Berry, winner of \$ 300, and Janelle Ford, seller (\$50). In the July 10th drawing, Alana Plummer was the winner of \$ 300. The Wiseman Family sold the winning ticket and received \$ 50. Congratulations to all!

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of July 22/23



5:00 pm	Father Canice
7:00 pm	Father Russo
8:00 am	Father Kennealy
9:30 am	Father Kumbah
11:30 am	Father Canice
6:00 pm	Father Albert



Faith Formation



Please call Ms. Catherine Tolnay at 301-459-4814 x 205 for further information about the items below.



Faith Formation Registration: It is time to register children who do not attend Catholic school for our fall Faith Formation Religion classes (K-8) held Monday evenings from 6:30-7:45 PM in Friendship Hall. Registration forms are in the pamphlet racks in the entrance to the Church. Please fill out a separate form for each child, enclose the registration form and payment in a sealed envelope with

Ms. Tolnay's name on it, and either put it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. **Registrations will no longer be accepted on Monday nights at Faith Formation classes, so please register now.** Children who need to make a sacrament need to be in Faith Formation classes two years in a row with good attendance.

We Need Your Help: Is the Holy Spirit calling you to serve the building of the Kingdom of God in this troubled generation? Saint Matthias needs catechists, aides, and substitute teachers for our Faith Formation program on Monday nights from 6:15-8:00 PM. Help our children fall in love with God and fall in love with the Catholic Church. Give the Holy Spirit permission and He will do wonders in you and through you!



Ministry Schedules for July 22/23

<u>Time</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
5:00 PM	S. Cherisca, X. Cherisca	F. McCrary, C. Clayton
7:00 PM	B. Barahona, E. Diaz, B. Barahona	TBD
8:00 AM	D. Osuji, F. Garcia, A. Marshall	M. Prout, L. Adekoya
9:30 AM	M. Akem, H. Ntitebem, C. Morfaw	P. Okongwu, V. Neke
11:30 AM	C. Nnorom, O. Nnorom	TBD
6:00 PM	J. Onuoha, C. Johnson	B. Burnett

<u>Time</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
5:00 PM	C. Johnson, R. Johnson, C. Kosko	E. Buan
7:00 PM	S. Resau	F. Moranchel
8:00 AM	B. Falls, M. Grayson	C. Johnson
9:30 AM	B. Herring, M. Hoke, R. Ihegbe	G. Johnson
11:30 AM	E. Curran, L. Egbulem, R. Pinchback	B. Nwadije
6:00 PM	M. Ibebuchi, S. Ikpi	K. Holmes-Johnson