

## Masses for the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

### Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>: Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Sandy Ponoski**

### Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>: Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Don Aitcheson** (Living— Birthday)

### Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>: Saints Eusebius of Vercelli and Peter Julian Eymard

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Susie Martipez**

### Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Ray Thibeault**

### Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>: Saint John Vianney

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Kevin Cody**

### Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>: The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

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

## The Transfiguration of the Lord

### Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM: **Peg Chappell** (Living— Birthday)

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

### Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM: **Steve Ezeani** (Birthday)

9:30 AM: **Rebecca Udejiofor**

11:30 AM: **Dorothy Oleru**

6:00 PM: **Don and Sybil Wilson** (Wedding Anniversary)

**Readings:** Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Peter 1:16-19

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

### 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; Lillian Ekwosi-Egbulem; Patricia Farland; Norma Florimbio; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Mabel Jones; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Richard Kosko; Robert Martin; Darlene McDonald; Logan Prout; 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](mailto:pford@stmatthias.org)

## Stewardship Report

July 23, 2017	9,407.00
Faith Direct	2,188.00
Total Offertory	11,595.00
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>10,114.00</b>

Coins you save and contribute to the *Every Penny Counts* scholarship program may be placed in the small brown coin envelopes that are in the church vestibule. We will no longer purchase coin cans due to their increased purchase price.

## Items of Note at St. Matthias

**Church Organ:** You may have noticed the lack of organ music at Masses recently. Pipe organs do not do well in the heat. The choir loft is always about 10 degrees warmer than the church. Keys stick and other parts suffer from extreme heat. Please bear with us and pray for cooler weather.



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:tereme@stmatthias.org).



**The Knights of Columbus** will hold its Officer Installation Mass on Sunday, August 13th at 6:00 PM. Refreshments will be served in Friendship Hall following the Mass.

### PSLC News

The next Parish Social Life Committee meeting will be held on Friday, August 11th at 6:30 PM in the Hughes Center.

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Family Connection



Like the person who found the buried treasure and the merchant who acquired the pearl of great price, we seek to find the signs of the Kingdom of Heaven in our lives. In fact, we even work to bring about God's Kingdom in our actions and in our words.

We pray that our family values reflect our pursuit of the Kingdom of Heaven. As Jesus' disciples, we place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

As you gather as a family, talk about what your family values. Make a list together of those things that your family considers most important, such as family, friends, faith, trust, and love. Place this list before you as you read today's Gospel in its shorter form, Matthew 13:44-46. In these parables, Jesus teaches us that it is worth giving up even valuable things in order to possess the Kingdom of Heaven. Look at the list your family made and talk about how these things are important to the Kingdom of Heaven. What has your family given up to make these values important in your life? As Jesus' disciples, we place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God. Pray together for God's Kingdom by praying the Lord's Prayer.

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### Faith Formation



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

**Bible Study:** Bible Study for adults is held on Wednesdays at 7 PM in the Hughes Center. Please come and bring a friend.

**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!



### 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. Please call 301-577-9412 for more information.

**Now Enrolling for St. Matthias Pre-School:** Call 301-577-9412 to schedule a tour and learn what a fantastic opportunity awaits your four-year-old child. Our pre-school is licensed by the Maryland Child Care Administration, is developmentally appropriate, and prepares your child for success in kindergarten and beyond. A highly experienced teacher and full-time teacher's assistant in a nurturing and family-centered community make our parish pre-school a great choice for your child.

**St. Matthias CYO Soccer:** All boys (ages 8-10) are invited to join our parish soccer team. Registration is due by August 10th. The fee is \$100 per season. For more information, please contact the school office at 301-577-9412.

**Raffle Winner:** Congratulations to Joelle Taylor, winner and seller ( \$350) in the July 24th drawing.

### Ministry Schedules for August 5/6

<u>Time</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
5:00 PM	TBD	J. & M. Oratokhai
7:00 PM	TBD	TBD
8:00 AM	TBD	M. Prout, L. Adekoya, M. Reeves
9:30 AM	TBD	P. Okongwu, V. Neke
11:30 AM	TBD	TBD
6:00 PM	TBD	B. Burnett

<u>Time</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
5:00 PM	TBD	P. Stevenson
7:00 PM	TBD	R. Martin
8:00 AM	TBD	F. Craig
9:30 AM	TBD	P. Alemnji
11:30 AM	TBD	R. Ihegbe
6:00 PM	TBD	J. Davis

### Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of August 5/6



5:00 pm	Father Khumbah
7:00 pm	Father DeSiano
8:00 am	Father Canice
9:30 am	Father Kennealy
11:30 am	Father Khumbah
6:00 pm	Father Albert