

## Mass Intentions for the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

**Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>:**

### **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** **(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this Year)**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Len Boberick**  
Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 - 8:00 PM  
Confessions 7:00 to 8:00 PM  
Benediction 8:00 PM

**Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>: Saint Stephen**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Frank Falls**

**Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Ed Densmore**

**Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Bill and Peg Chappell**  
(Anniversary—Living)

**Friday, Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>: Saint John Eudes**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Nicholas Carbott**

**Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>: Saint Bernard**

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

## The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

Vigil 5:00 PM: **Don Wilson, Sr.** (Living - Birthday)  
Spanish Mass 7:00 PM: **Donaciano Martinez** and  
**Francisca Bello**

**Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:00 AM: **Linda Lee Morgan**  
10:30 AM: **Theophilus Oleru**

6:00 PM: **Joan Okigbo** (Living - In Thanksgiving)

## Readings for The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21  
2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13  
Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

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

Lazarus Ason; Margie Baker; Jacqueline Bhola; Muriel Brown; Ronnie Davis; Norma Florimbio; Amanda George; William Halbe; Sylvester Ikpi; Jan Jarus; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; Mary Ellen Keleti; Gwendolyn King; John and Joan Kodak; Joe Makowski; William Pinchback; John Plater; Sam Ross; Phyllis Szuka; John Schmidt; Celestine Scindian; Ida Stelmack; Charity Taylor; Louise Tesar; Marian Thomas; Kay Villemi; Crystal Van Buren; Earl White; Madeline White; 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 all the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.*

## Stewardship Report: Revenue

August 7 <sup>th</sup>	10,609.00
Faith Direct	2,239.00
Total Offertory	12,848.00
Last Year:	11,021.00

*We are grateful for your generosity*

**Please note that the Parish Office will be closed for renovations Monday-Wednesday (Aug. 15-17) The office will reopen Thursday, Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM.**

**Votive and Memorial Candles:** Votive and Memorial candles are available in the Church and in the Adoration Chapel. Suggested minimum offering to light a Votive candle is \$1.00. Memorial candles may be reserved for a term of one year. Each candle burns continuously for the entire year and will have a personalized plaque commemorating your loved one. Introductory cost is \$300 per year, through Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. For more information or to reserve your memorial candle, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814x207 or [tereme@stmatthias.org](mailto:tereme@stmatthias.org).

**Christmas in June/July Campaign:** Thank you for your generous response to our appeal for additional funding for our church floor renovations. **We have received 55% of our goal to date.** Each family is asked to donate \$47.86 (or more) to help defray costs associated with the installation of carpet and flooring. Contribution envelopes are available from church ushers and the parish office.

**Hosting An Event?** Friendship Hall is available for rent. For information, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or email [tereme@stmatthias.org](mailto:tereme@stmatthias.org).

**Knights of Columbus Car Raffle:** Tickets are available for the Knights of Columbus 48<sup>th</sup> annual Car Raffle. This raffle benefits area charities and scholarship programs. Tickets are \$1 and are available from any council member, or you may call Don Aitcheson (240-481-0622) or Dominic Forka (240-595-9479).

**Knights of Columbus News:** Congratulations to the following Program Chairmen for 2016-2017:

- ♦Programs Director.....Aneurin M'Carthy
- ♦Membership.....Sylvester Ikpi
- ♦Retention.....Christopher Agboli
- ♦Council.....Charles Briscoe
- ♦Community.....George Edet
- ♦Church.....Donald Herring
- ♦Youth.....Martin Kwapinski
- ♦Pro-Life.....Emmanuel Amanyeiwe
- ♦Family.....Sylvester Ikpi

Grand Knight Appreciation Award Winners 2015-16:

- ♦Knight of the Year..... Don Aitcheson
- ♦Chaplain of the Year.....Father Milt Jordan

Congratulations to Sonny Ajayi on a successful year!

## Family Connection

Families strive for unity and togetherness. Nobody enjoys occasions when divisions in family life become all too evident. Yet, in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says that he has come to bring division and that members of households will be divided.

Talk as a family about the things that you do together to bring about family unity (togetherness), such as sharing meals, going to church together, celebrating special occasions, or sharing family traditions. Explain that all of these things are important and that Jesus wants families to show this kind of love for one another. Point out that this Sunday's Gospel sounds as though Jesus is saying something very different. Tell your children to listen closely as you read aloud Luke 12:49-53.

Explain that sometimes as parents, you have to make decisions that are unpopular with your children. You don't do it to divide the family but because it is the right thing to do. In the short run, such decisions may "divide" children from their parents. In the long run, however, doing the right thing will bring about a deeper unity. Talk to your children about decisions that they have to make that might be unpopular with their friends and how these decisions may divide them from others. Encourage them to pray to the Holy Spirit for the gift of courage (fortitude) so that they may do the right thing even if unpopular. Conclude by praying a spontaneous prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking for the gift of courage (fortitude).

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## Items of Note

**Food Pantry:** Our food pantry is in need of the following items: cans of meat, fruit, potatoes, soup, spaghetti sauce, boxes of saltine crackers, and macaroni and cheese. All donated items may be left at the back of church or dropped off at the Hughes Center.

**Saint Matthias Ministry - Feeding the Homeless:** The Community Place Café is an inter-faith ministry that provides lunches for our homeless neighbors in Prince George's county. Generous parishioners of Saint Matthias have participated in their ministry for 25 years. The next date to serve lunch is Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers assist by shopping, cooking, or serving. Please contact Peg Chappell at 301-262-8724 or email [bowiepeg@gmail.com](mailto:bowiepeg@gmail.com) if you would like to participate.

**Personal Emergency:** In the event of a personal emergency, an automated external defibrillator (AED) is located by the front doors of the school library. Remember to call 911 for all emergencies!

**Attention, Nat's Fans!** On Saturday, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> Cardinal Wuerl will throw out the ceremonial first pitch for the Washington Nationals in their 1:05 PM game against the Colorado Rockies. Five dollars of each ticket sold through this special link: [nationals.com/catholiccharities](http://nationals.com/catholiccharities) will be donated to Catholic Charities.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**The Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle:** Spread the good news and encourage your friends and neighbors to consider enrolling their children for the 2016-2017 school year. For more information, please call Mrs. Marsha Blackburn at 301-577-9412 x 212.

**School Raffle:** Congratulations to Herman Gloster, winner of \$300, and Abigail Greer, seller (\$50), in the August 8<sup>th</sup> drawing.

## Faith Formation

If you have any questions regarding Faith Formation, please contact Catherine Tolnay at 301-459-4814 x 205.

- **Faith Formation Classes** for students not attending Catholic School begin September 19<sup>th</sup> in Friendship Hall from 6:30—7:45 PM. Registration forms are in the pamphlet racks at the back of church. Forms may be returned to the Hughes Center during office hours. Registration fees are listed on the forms. There will be a \$25 late fee for registrations turned in after September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Catechists Needed** for the Faith Formation Religious Education program. Training and support are provided. Give the Holy Spirit permission to flow through you to our treasured young people and He will do great things in and through you!
- **Interested in Exploring the Catholic Faith?** RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a program where you can learn what the Church teaches and why. If you are considering joining the Catholic Church, this program is for you. Please "come and see" on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Hughes Center.

## Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, & Altar Servers August 20/21

	Lectors	EMCH	Altar Servers
5:00 pm	P. Stevenson	J. Flynn, C. Green, C. Kosko, J. Murray	J. Onyewu, S. Cherisca, X. Cherisca
7:00 pm	R. Martin	D. Aitcheson, S. Avieta	J. Andres, Felipe Garcia
8:00 am	M. Taylor	D. Aitcheson, P. Buan, J. George, S. Keleti	J. Adekoya, E. Adekoya, D. Adekoya
10:30 am	R. Ihegbe	M. Ibebuchi, U. Nwokefor, R. Okereke, I. Onuaku, R. Pinchback	D. Morfaw, C. Morfaw, J. Onuoha
6:00 pm	R. Palmer	D. Self, R. Galicinao	C. Johnson, H. Ntitebem

## Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of August 20/21



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