

## Daily Reflection



When we place Jesus at the center of our lives, as Paul calls the Colossians to do, two marvelous graces are given us. We experience God's love for us in the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus. Then, as grateful sinners, we are able to forgive others.

As we begin each day this week, we can let these two graces be part of our reflection. We can ask our Lord to show us His love. We can fearlessly ask to understand who we are as sinners, in the concrete ways each of us falls short, gets distracted, becomes un-centered and makes very unfree choices. We can ask to be forgiven and healed. We can beg for the grace to forgive others. This journey each day might help us reflect on specific patterns, habits, and ruts we're in. We may even want to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week, as we realize our need for forgiveness and God's great love for us as sinners.

We can choose to focus carefully this week on those people we ask for the grace to forgive. Whose faults do I pay most attention to? Whom do I judge harshly? From whom do I withhold forgiveness? If we begin each day asking our Lord to reveal the answers to these questions throughout our day, our days this week will show us deeper places where the Lord can forgive us and where we can share that mercy.

In this week when we celebrate Mary's birth, we might ask her to gently guide us to trust her Son's love and to be more tender in loving those people her Son invites us to forgive.

Throughout this week, we can also give thanks for the ways we are called to be Jesus's followers - not because we are extremely talented or because we are perfect, but because He saw in us something that He could heal, and then send us to heal others. We can be especially attentive to the ways we are blessed in our poverty and in the ways we sometimes experience rejection as his disciples.

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## Stewardship Report: Revenue

August 30 <sup>th</sup>	8,720.00
<i>Faith Direct:</i>	2,116.00
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>10,836.00</b>
<i>Last Year:</i>	<b>9,174.00</b>



**Building and Maintenance Fund:** Our second collection **this weekend** is for our regular **Building and Maintenance Fund**. This monthly collection enables us to make ongoing repairs and improvements to our parish and school buildings and grounds. As always, we thank you for your generosity.

**From the Pastor:** I want to thank everyone who attended last Sunday's Mass and pastor installation. The Cardinal was very impressed with our musicians, choir, and other participants. Thank you, also, for providing wonderful food and fellowship at the reception that followed the Mass. I am grateful for your well wishes and continued support in our journey of faith. *Father Milt*

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

## Looking Ahead

Pope Francis is coming to the Archdiocese of Washington and you are invited to be a part of the journey by taking a pledge. Welcome Pope Francis by committing to follow his example of faith and service. As the Letter of James in today's readings challenges us: "Be doers of the word and not hearers only." We are challenging local individuals and organizations to take the pledge to *Walk with Francis* by choosing to pray or serve or act in a new way to advance his mission and ministry in the next year. Your pledge will be presented as a gift to the Holy Father during his visit. Visit [walkwithfrancis.org](http://walkwithfrancis.org) to take the pledge online. The best way to welcome Pope Francis is to #WalkwithFrancis and share your pledge on social media.

**Day of Recollection:** Father Milt will offer an adult **Saturday of Recollection** in the Hughes Center on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The theme will be the *Mercy of God*. We will celebrate Mass at 8 am in the Church, followed by three presentations on aspects of mercy (beginning at 9 am in the Hughes Center). We will eat a prepared lunch together at 12 pm, and the day will end in the Church with the praying of the Divine Mercy chaplet at 2 pm. Registration deadline is Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$20 per person. Registration forms are available in the Church vestibule.



## Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Martha Duggan, winner of \$300, and to the seller, A. Greer, winner of \$50 in the **August 31<sup>st</sup>** drawing. This was the final drawing for the 2014-15 school year.

## Faith Formation

**Faith Formation** classes for students (K-8) who do not attend Catholic Schools will begin Monday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm in Friendship Hall. Please register early so that materials will be available the first day of class. Registration forms are in the pamphlet racks in the vestibule of the Church. Complete a form for each child and place the form and registration fee in an envelope with Ms. Tolnay's name on it. Place the envelope in the collection basket, or slip it through the mail slot in the Hughes Center door.

**Religion Teachers Needed:** Faith Formation needs adult catechists, aides, substitutes, and hall monitors on Monday evenings from 6:15—8:00 pm. Training is provided through the parish and the Archdiocese. Please call Catherine Tolnay at 301-459-4814 ext. 205 to discuss the possibility of serving the Lord through His young people.

## Items of Note

**Parish Council:** Your parish needs you to consider nominating yourself or a fellow parishioner to serve on the parish council. The council assists the pastor in identifying and supporting specific parish needs. For more information, pick up a flyer in the Church vestibule. Questions? Contact Mr. Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207.

**Catholic Business Network Annual Crab Feast:** The Catholic Business Network of Prince George's County will hold its Annual Crab Feast on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 7 pm at the Knights of Columbus in College Park. This fundraiser supports area Catholic schools and families. Please call 202-656-1804 or visit [www.cbnp.org](http://www.cbnp.org) for more information.



**Knights of Columbus Car Raffle:** Tickets are available for the Knights of Columbus 46<sup>th</sup> annual Car Raffle. This raffle benefits area charities and scholarship programs. The grand prize is a 2016 Ford Mustang or \$18,000 cash option. The second prize is an iPad Air, and the third prize is a \$200 gas card. The drawing will be held at the Columbus Day Ball on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at the BWI Marriott, Linthicum. Tickets are \$1 and are available from any council member, or you may call John Murray (301-459-6452) or Emmanuel Ajayi (202-413-1066).



**Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary Mass:** Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington will hold a special Rosary and Mass to honor Our Lady of Sorrows on Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. All are welcome at Gate of Heaven, 13801 Georgia Ave. Silver Spring, MD; Mount Olivet, 13000 Bladensburg Rd., NW, Washington, DC; and Resurrection, 8000 Woodyard Rd., Clinton, MD. For more information about these events, please call 301-871-1300 or visit [www.ccaw.org](http://www.ccaw.org).

**The St. Matthias Fall Festival** is Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9 am—1:30 pm. Mark your calendar for a day of fun, food, and games. Vendor space is available. For more information, contact Georgette Fletcher at [fletcherfamily04@gmail.com](mailto:fletcherfamily04@gmail.com) or call the school office at 301-577-9412.



## Mass Intentions for the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

### Monday, September 7:

8:30 am Antonia Juanitez  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions  
8:00 pm Benediction

### Tuesday, Sept. 8: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am Virginia Truitt

### Wednesday, September 9: Saint Peter Claver, Priest

8:30 am Roberta Henderson

### Thursday, September 10:

8:30 am Carmelo Gugliotta

### Friday, September 11:

8:30 am Ben Self

## The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Saturday, September 12:

5:00 pm Lucille Snowden

### Sunday, September 13:

8:00 am Ferris "Bo" George (Living - Birthday)  
10:30 am Maria C. Soberanis  
6:00 pm Vincent Charles

Readings for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9A  
2nd Reading: James 2:14-18  
Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

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

Mary Ajayi; Margie Baker; Melvin and Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Shawn Brown; Yvonne Brown; Yvette Butler; Hazel Campbell; Sylvia Conte; Al Craig; Ronnie Davis; Patricia Garner; Brendan George; Emma Graham; Everett Greenfield; Francis Greenfield; Wonema Hammer; Salome Ihejirika; Dorothy Johnson; Pamela Jones; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Carmen Kosko; Janice Lipa; Anthony Long; Joe Makowski; John Murray; Carole New; Bernice Nnannah; Molly Onwukwe; Joe Owens; William Pinchback; Marion Prout; Martin Reedy; Nicole Riley; Pablo Rocha; Lisseth Salvador; Charles Shryock; Lucille Strenge; Marie Scott; Marian Thomas; Angela Thompson; Kay Villemi; Madeline White; Sam Zanin and Eugene Zehner. May God's healing grace be theirs.

-For our military, protect them from all harm.

-For all the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.



### Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of September 12/13

5:00 pm Father Stan  
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10:30 am Father Milt  
6:00 pm Father Milt