



“Jesus summoned the twelve and he sent them off two by two...”

The work of God is not a solitary affair. This is very apparent from the first line of the gospel story today. But we also have other examples. In the Acts of the Apostles we hear about the journeys of Paul and Barnabas. And, although

there were some lone prophets in the Old Testament, Moses had Aaron, Ruth had Naomi. Just to name a few.

I am lucky to have had many companions in my life. Today I would just like to share a little about my friend Marge. Marge and I met when our daughters were on the same softball team and in the same Girl Scout troop. We were told that the troop leader was stepping down the following year and that someone would need to step in. At church the following Sunday I was thinking about this and looked across and saw Marge sitting there and thought, “I would help her if she wanted to take over the troop.” I mentioned this to her at the next softball practice and Marge said that, coincidentally, she had had the same thought about me in church on Sunday. That day, a partnership was born.

Later that year, our parish was having a Christian Experience Weekend. I showed up on Friday night and was surprised to see that Marge there as well. We spent this weekend together exploring our faith and relationship with Jesus. Our bond to each other strengthening as well. A few weeks later I was asked to help out in a religious education class. Marge was the other teacher. This was 15-16 years ago. We have been in many faith sharing groups together, shared our joys and struggles since. Marge has a creative, crafty gift. She gives me courage to do things like cut down trees, work the kitchen on retreat and generally try new things. I think she would say that I encourage her to explore her relationship with God and in general get out of her box a little. We are the kind of friends who can pick up where we left off no matter how much time has passed since our last “lunch.” We pray with and for each other. When I was preparing to move she made me this beautiful picture of two swans on a lake with the caption “Life is a journey; take a friend with you.” Marge has shown me friendship, companionship and the face of Christ. Today’s gospel story reminds me to take time to be grateful for her friendship, companionship, ministry and prayer support.

Today, let us think about who the companions are/were in our lives. Who taught us faith? Who showed us our values? Who do we, or have we, ministered with? Who knows us better than we know ourselves? Who helps us know ourselves better? Who helps us to know God better? The work of God is not a solitary affair.

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Stewardship Report: Revenue

July 5 th	9,011.00
<i>Faith Direct:</i>	2,332.00
Total Offertory:	11,343.00
<i>Last Year:</i>	10,246.00
Poor Box:	168.00
Every Penny Counts Box:	52.50

Recent Expenditures

BG&E (5/19—6/19):	4,328.58
Waste Management for July	665.17
WSSC(5/18—6/17)	1,021.16

Summer Stewardship: Please remember that your parish counts on your weekly sacrifice of treasure even when you're away from us on vacation. Please remember to mail your offertory envelope to the rectory before you go away on a well-deserved vacation, or drop it in the collection basket the week before you leave. Thank you for being a faithful steward.



Summer News from Academy of Saint Matthias:

School may be out for the summer but the teachers and staff of the Academy of Saint Matthias are busy learning and growing.



- Ms. Campbell, first grade teacher, and Mrs. Kellermann, teaching assistant, attended the Maryland Agricultural Education Association's Summer Teachers' Workshop,
- Middle school math and science teacher, Mrs. Damron, is teaching a summer STEM camp through General Electric (GE) at Howard University.
- Our fourth grade teacher, Ms. Surat, is in South Bend, Indiana, for her summer work through the University of Notre Dame.
- Through an Archdiocesan grant, Director of Admissions, Mrs. Richards, was able to attend the Vamonos workshop at the University of Notre Dame.
- Mrs. O'Brien, resource teacher, is running a summer enrichment camp, and Ms. Kelly, art teacher and librarian, is an instructor at a reading camp in Calvert County.
- A team of teachers also attended the two-way immersion summer institute through Boston College and the Roche Center for Catholic Education.

Let us keep the Academy's teachers and staff in our prayers as they endeavor to enrich their skills and knowledge this summer.

Adopt-a-Student: We are looking for sponsors to help students in need attend the Academy of Saint Matthias. Each year, dozens of students come to the school with documented financial needs that we cannot meet. If you would like to “adopt a student” for the 2015-2016 year, please contact the principal, Mrs. Greer, agreer@stmatthias.org or 301-577-9412.

The Academy Raffle Winner



Saba Peltier, the winner and the seller won \$350 for the June 6th drawing.

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Note of Thanks!

The Parish and the Ladies of Charity wish to thank the employees of TJ Maxx at Enterprise Shopping Center in Lanham for their participation in our food pantry project. The TJ Maxx employees donated food and will continue to help with distribution once a month. This partnering began on June 26th and their donations are funded **solely through the generosity of the employees.** We encourage you to remember and pray for the TJ Maxx employees when shopping. Please stop by the store and thank them for their kindness.

Faith Formation

If you have any questions regarding Faith Formation, please contact Catherine Tolnay at 301-459-4814 X205.

Faith Formation Registration: Parents of children who do not attend a Catholic School are encouraged to register them for Faith Formation classes (grades K-8) which will begin in September. The registration forms are in the pamphlet racks in the vestibule of the Church. We look forward to helping you teach your children about our faith.

Items of Note

Parish Directory: Work on the parish directory continues and we still need some group pictures. The groups whose photos are needed are: Greeters, Ushers, Parish Council, Finance Council, Eucharistic Ministers, Filipino Choir, African Choir, Altar Society, and Liturgical Dance.



Group. Chairpersons are asked to either arrange to have group photos taken at the Hughes Center the week of July 13-16 or July 20-23, from 9am—3pm, **or** submit a recent group photo to atay1459@comcast.net for inclusion in the directory. Please call Arlene Taylor 301-459-5549 or Debbie Self 301-577-4201 to schedule an appointment or if you have any questions. Deadline for all pictures is **July 23rd**.

Save the Date—Maryland Catholic Women's Conference: The 2015 Maryland Catholic Women's Conference will be held on **October 10th—11th**, at Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg. The cost for the conference is \$80. Scholarships are available for those who need financial help to attend. For more information, please visit www.marylandcatholicwomen.com or call Jeanne at 443-324-8487.

Usher's Closet: This **Friday, July 17th** the usher's closet area will be cleaned out, so if you are missing anything and have not looked in the closet, please speak to an usher for assistance before the 17th. As of that date, anything remaining will be donated or discarded. Thank you.



Mass Intentions for the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 13: St. Henry

8:30 am Reverend Leonard F. Hurley
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Benediction

Tuesday, July 14: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8:30 am Father Joseph Ranieri (Living—Birthday)

Wednesday, July 15: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor

8:30 am Bernadette Murphy

Thursday, July 16: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:30 am Carmen Velasco & Victor Sanchez

Friday, July 17:

8:30 am Cathy Mc Donough (Living)

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 19:

8:00 am Linda Morgan
10:30 am Ugochukwu Ikedilo
6:00 pm Julia DiFrancesco

Readings for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:1 - 6
2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18
Gospel: Mark 6: 30 - 34

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; Hazel Campbell; Shawn Brown; Yvonne Brown; Yvette Butler; Sylvia Conte; Al Craig; Ronnie Davis; Gali Galicinao; Patricia Garner; Emma Graham; Francis Greenfield; Wonema Hammer; Salome Ihejirika; Dorothy Johnson; Pamela Jones; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Janice Lipa; Ed Mahlin, Jr.; Katherine Mahlin; Joe Makowski; John Murray; Carole New; Bernice Nnannah; Molly Onwukwe; Raphael Onyewu; Joe Owens; William Pinchback; Marion Prout; Martin Reedy; Nicole Riley; Pablo Rocha; Lisseth Salvador; Lucille Streng; Marian Thomas; Kay Villemi; Krystal Williams; John and Sam Zanin; Eugene Zehner and Mary Ann Zehner. **May God's healing grace be theirs.**

For our military serving overseas protect them from all harm.

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



Celebrant Mass Schedule for Sunday, July 19th

8:00 am Father Stan
10:30 am Father Milt
6:00 pm Father Francis