



## Daily Prayers

This whole week could be a time for each of us to grow in a sense of what we most deeply desire. If we let Sunday's gospel open our hearts we might find ourselves asking, begging God for what we need.

And we can let the daily gospels renew our hope. Have we become cynical and jaded a bit? The world does seem to be like a field someone sowed weeds into. God's reign in this world doesn't seem to be growing, and the seeds seem so small. This is a good week to get in touch with what is discouraged in our hearts and to let the courage the Lord is offering us renew us. He promises that even small seeds work and that even a little yeast allows dough to grow. The process is sometimes imperceptible, but that's why Jesus reminds us to place our trust in him. Our own hearts might be full of weeds, but the Lord doesn't want us ripping ourselves apart. He is full of mercy and healing reconciliation. Jesus does not want us to be scandalized by the evil we see in the world. God is patient. And, God alone will judge.

So every day this week, we can begin our day, establishing a focus. This might be while standing next to our bed for a brief minute, or while pouring ourselves a cup of coffee, or while in the shower or getting dressed. This is the time that can transform any busy day into a more focused time of connection with our Lord. Using all sorts of background times throughout the day will take no "extra" time for prayer, but will make it possible to let these powerful scriptures interact with the daily events and relationships with which we are involved.

One morning we might begin our day, simply by saying, "Lord, thank you for this day. Help me to pay attention to what and who I'm treasuring today." Or, "Lord, be with me this day and help me check my need to judge others. Help me place my trust in you today." While in the shower or driving to work I might talk with the Lord about the day ahead, asking for particular help, focus, or a new way of valuing during that difficult 10 a.m. meeting or with the clients or students or patients I will see. While doing the wash or shopping or preparing meals or while taking time with my family or friends in the evening, I can let myself have these 30 second friend-to-friend conversations with the Lord. The readings provide a compass for our daily journey, but it is the continual practice at connecting with our Lord that carries us through the day. Looking back and saying "thank you" every night, if even for 30 seconds, will gradually transform us and give us more courage and hope.

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## Stewardship Report: Revenue

July 20 <sup>th</sup>	9,149.00
<i>Faith Direct:</i>	2,145.00
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>11,294.00</b>
<i>Last Year:</i>	<b>10,232.00</b>
<b>Poor Box:</b>	97.00
<b>Every Penny Counts</b>	<b>41.63</b>

### Farewell Father Francis Aronu

Father Francis will be returning to Nigeria next week. We are grateful for his help and we pray that he will return home safely. He celebrates his last weekend Mass today at 6 p.m.

### Farewell, Father Alex

Father Alex will say his last Mass here at St. Matthias today at 10:30 a.m. Thank you, Father Alex.

### Mission Appeal

On **August 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Reverend Casimir Nyaki, C.S.Sp., will visit our parish to celebrate Sunday Masses and to speak about the work of missionaries. This visit is part of a national program to visit churches in the Archdiocese to enlist support for worldwide mission work of the Church. Envelopes are available in the pews today and will be available through next Sunday. Please respond generously to Father Nyaki's appeal.

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

**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

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk: The Breast Cancer walk will be held on **October 18<sup>th</sup>** at the Washington Monument, 15th St. and Independence Ave. SW at 10am. For more information about joining a team or forming one of your own, please visit <http://www.makingstrideswalk.org/washingtondc>.

## Academy News

**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 email the principal, Mrs. Greer, at [agreer@stmatthias.org](mailto:agreer@stmatthias.org) or call 301-577-9412.

The directors of **Reading Camp Calvert** wish to thank Academy teachers Mrs. Julie Kelly, Mrs. Mary Sykes, and Mrs. Ann O'Hare for taking time from their busy summer schedules to volunteer at our camp to help students who struggle with reading.

### Raffle Winner

**Ada Edwards, the winner  
and the seller won \$350  
for the July 20<sup>th</sup> drawing.**

## THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Faith Formation

If you have any questions about Faith Formation, please contact Catherine Tolnay at 301-459-4814 x 205. Please note that Catherine will be out of the office July 20<sup>th</sup>—31<sup>st</sup>.

**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.

**DVD Series Re-scheduling:** Presentation of the DVD series will take a break, and will resume with "The Mass" on **Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>** after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

**Bible Study:** Our bible study group's next meeting is **August 5<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. Bring your bible and a friend.

### Items of Note

**Marriage Ministry:** Happily married? Father Milt would like you to consider becoming part of a team to assist with the marriage preparation ministry here at St. Matthias. If you are willing to volunteer a few hours per month, please contact Pat Ford in the parish office at 301-459-4814 x 201.

**Parish Library:** We plan to open a library in the Hughes Center for the use of parishioners. This library will contain books on religion and the church as well as history, biographies, science, even some novels. We need bookcases. If you have bookcases (preferably 6 feet tall x 3 feet wide) you would care to donate, we would be very grateful. Cash donations to buy bookcases would also be welcome. If you can help, please contact Toni Webster at [maryantoniawebster@gmail.com](mailto:maryantoniawebster@gmail.com).



**Summer 2015 Theology on Tap:** Theology on Tap is back on the Catholic Information Center rooftop this summer. All **young adults** (college age to late 30s) are invited to the rooftop of the CIC (1501 K Street NW) on Tuesday nights for happy hour and inspiring TED-style Theology on TAP talks. The next talk will be **July 28<sup>th</sup>** on the topic of helping ourselves see the beauty of our surroundings and the people who touch our lives. Happy hour is 6pm - 7pm followed by the talk and Q/A from 7pm - 8pm. For more information, email [DCCatholic@adw.org](mailto:DCCatholic@adw.org) or visit <http://www.adw.org/tot/>.



### God's Kids Say the Funniest Things

A small boy told a Sunday school teacher: "When you die, God takes care of you like your parents did when you were alive — only God doesn't yell at you all the time."



### **Mass Intentions for the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time**

#### **Monday, July 27**

8:30 am Reverend John P. Kinter  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions  
8:00 pm Benediction

#### **Tuesday, July 28:**

8:30 am Corazon Biljera

#### **Wednesday, July 29: St. Martha**

8:30 am Charity Ezeani (Living - Birthday)

#### **Thursday, July 30: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop**

8:30 am Anna Conner

#### **Friday, July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

8:30 am Alfred & Grace Felix

### **The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **Sunday, August 2:**

8:00 am Susie Martinez (Living)  
10:30 am Ugochukwu Ikedilo  
6:00 pm Reverend Joh P. Kinter

Readings for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Exodus 16:2 - 4, 12 - 15

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20 - 24

Gospel: John 6: 24 - 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; Francis Greenfield; Wonema Hammer; Salome Ihejirika; Dorothy Johnson; Pamela Jones; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Janice Lipa; Anthony Long; 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; Marie Scott; Marian Thomas; Angela Thompson; 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, especially Indalecio Galicinao, may they rest in peace.**



### **Celebrant Mass Schedule for Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00 am Father Nyaki  
10:30 am Father Nyaki  
6:00 pm Father Nyaki