

Daily Reflection

In today's reading of Mark's Gospel, Jesus begins his journey to the cross and resurrection. It is clear that the disciples finally understand that Jesus is the messiah, but they still see this role as one of royal earthly glory. When Jesus corrects this image and explains that the Son of man must suffer rejection and death, Peter takes Jesus aside. Peter can't believe such things could happen to someone destined to greatness and argues with Jesus. Jesus knows these things must happen and tells Peter to get behind him and follow. To follow, Peter, the disciples, and all who have come after them, must suffer as a servant for God, putting others before themselves.

All parents want the very best for their children! They willingly make sacrifices to provide the best opportunities for their children. They might sacrifice a career to stay at home with their children, or they might take on an extra job to save for college tuition. Parents often wish they could take the illness or discomfort from their children. They cannot stand to see their children suffer. Today's Gospel cautions us to do that very thing. Like parents, we must give of ourselves for others. Remember, the best way to show each other how to live is by our example.

Around the dinner table ask each family member, "Who do you say Jesus is?" As people give their answers, encourage them to include the name of someone who has helped them recognize Jesus and how they did that. *From RCL Benziger*

Walk with Francis

Later this month, we welcome Pope Francis by committing to follow his inspirational example. 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. Today our readings continue to remind us that faith without works is dead. Don't stand on the sidelines of faith. Get involved and take the pledge to Walk with Francis. Visit WalkwithFrancis.org to take the pledge online, or find pledge cards in the back of the church. Did you already take the pledge? Share the joy by challenging someone else to take the pledge; take a pledge card home today to give away! Share your pledge on social media and challenge others using #WalkwithFrancis!

Stewardship Report: Revenue

September 6 th	10,061.00
Faith Direct:	2,101.00
Total Offertory:	12,162.00
Last Year:	13,504.00

← Please be sure to read the enclosed 2015 Fiscal Year Report to the Parish →

Catholic University: Our second collection this weekend is for **The Catholic University of America**. Every donated dollar directly supports students through financial aid and scholarship programs. Please be generous according to your means.

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.

Looking Ahead

Day of Recollection: Father Milt will offer an adult **Saturday of Recollection** in the Hughes Center on September 19th. 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 have 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 15th. Cost is \$20 per person. Registration forms are available in the Church vestibule.

"Come and See": Have you thought about looking into joining the Catholic Church? Have you been baptized but never made your First Communion and/or Confirmation? Are you a cradle Catholic but would like to grow in your knowledge of the Catholic faith? RCIA is for you. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the process through which the teachings of the Catholic Church are explained, and spirituality and culture are shared. There is never any pressure to join the Church but this process would lead to you being fully initiated if you so choose. We will meet on Wednesday evenings starting on September 30th in the Hughes Center from 7- 8:30PM. Please call Catherine Tolnay ext. 205 for more details.

Bible Timeline DVD series: St. Matthias will offer a 24 week DVD series in the Hughes Center beginning Tuesday, October 6th at 9 am. ***The Bible Timeline*** is a fascinating study that takes participants on a journey through the entire Bible. They will go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. ***The Bible Timeline*** has been granted the Imprimatur. ***The Bible Timeline*** study set is essential for each participant. It includes engaging questions, lesson summaries, home reading assignments, talk notes, maps, diagrams, responses to the questions, a full-color Bible timeline chart. The study set is not required but is helpful in completing your "journey." If you order and pay for the study set by September 29th the discounted price is \$32. Call

Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes for students (K-8) who do not attend Catholic Schools will begin Monday, Sept. 21st at 6:30 pm in Friendship Hall. 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

Catholic Business Network Annual Crab Feast: The Catholic Business Network of Prince George's County will hold it's Annual Crab Feast on Saturday, September 19th 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 for more information.



Knights of Columbus Car Raffle: Tickets are available for the Knights of Columbus 46th 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 10th 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 15th 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.



Saint Matthias Fall Fest

Have you marked your calendar? The Saint Matthias Fall Festival is Oct. 3rd, from 9 am—1:30 pm. Get ready for a day of fun, food, and games. Vendor space is available. For more information, contact Georgette Fletcher at fletcherfamily04@gmail.com or call the school office at 301-577-9412.



Mass Intentions for the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, September 14:

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

Tuesday, Sept. 15: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30 am Father Hughes (Ann. Remembrance)

Wednesday, September 16: Saint Cornelius, Pope

8:30 am Father Leonard F. Hurley

Thursday, September 17: Saint Robert Bellarmine,

8:30 am Juliet Manlapaz (Living)

Friday, September 18:

8:30 am Ainah Onukwubiri

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 19:

5:00 pm Helen Hritz

Sunday, September 20:

8:00 am Funmilola A. Adekoya (Living - Birthday)
10:30 am Robert Hoke
6:00 pm Florence Nwonye

Readings for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

2nd Reading: James 3:16-4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

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; Pamela Jones; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; 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.**

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-For our military, protect them from all harm.

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



Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of September 19/20

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