

Annual Mass of Remembrance

Saturday, November 7th at 5:00 PM

Commemorating the Souls of Our Faithful Departed and Praying for Their Eternal Happiness

Our annual Mass of Remembrance, offered for our parishioners and special benefactors who have gone to their eternal reward, will be celebrated on November 7th at the 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass. Join us in praying with those who still grieve their loss and in remembering the blessing their loved ones were to their families as well as to our community of faith.

The Solemnity of All Saints

One of the great gifts of our Catholic tradition is remembrance of and prayer with the saints. The Church offers us an official canon (list) of saints. On All Saints Day, we recall and pray with these saints. It is important to continue to tell these stories of saints and saintly people to our children so that they have ample models of people of faith for their own lives.

Together as a family, name and tell the story of favorite saints. Prepare a list of some of the traits that these people have in common (generosity, courage, prayerfulness, and so on). After preparing this list, read together today's Gospel, Matthew 5:1-12. Identify how the attitudes described in the Beatitudes are reflected in the lives of the saints and people you named.

All Souls Day

Catholics believe that death can separate people for only a while. We are still united with them in the Communion of Saints. On this feast of All Souls, and throughout the entire month of November, we recall our deceased relatives, friends, and all the faithful departed who may yet be waiting for the full joy of Heaven in Purgatory. We pray for them, remembering that likewise, these people being purified have the power to intercede for us, too.

In Mexico, All Souls Day is celebrated as *Dia de los Muertos* (the Day of the Dead). To honor the departed, altars are assembled and decorated with flowers and candy skulls, skeleton toys, candles, photographs, bread, chocolate, and the favorite food and drink of the departed. Families then go to cemeteries to wash and decorate the tombstones. Modern urban Mexican families usually observe the Day of the Dead with a special family supper featuring the "Bread of the Dead" (*pan de muerto*). It's believed to be good luck to find the toy skeleton hidden by the baker in each rounded loaf. Taken from Loyola Press www.loyolapress.com

Stewardship Report: Revenue

October 25th	\$ 7,121.00
<i>Faith Direct:</i>	\$ 2,160.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 9,281.00
<i>Last Year:</i>	\$ 9,754.00

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Retired Priests Collection: The second collection next weekend, November 7th-8th is for the Archdiocese of Washington Retired Priests. By giving to this collection, you honor a lifetime of service of the priests who have served the faithful and the community so selflessly. Please use your second collection envelope or the envelopes placed in the pews.

Catholic High School Open Houses: The following Catholic High Schools will have open houses this month:

- Saint Vincent Pallotti High School is hosting a Fall Open House on Sunday, November 8th from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Take advantage of pre-registration and RSVP on-line today at www.PallottiHS.org.
- Bishop McNamara High School will hold its Open House on November 8th from 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.bmhs.org.

SAVE THE DATE - Fourth Archdiocesan Women's Conference: On Saturday, February 27, 2016, the Fourth Archdiocesan Women's Conference, "Divine Mercy in Prayer and Action," will be held at Elizabeth Seton High School in Bladensburg, MD, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The day will include Mass, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, a fabulous lunch, and many workshops to choose from. The day will end with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Adoration. For more information, contact Maria Suarez Hamm in the Office of Family Life at 301-853-4499 or at mhamm@adw.org.

St. Joseph Sunday Missal Sales: The Ladies of Charity will begin selling the 2016 Sunday Missals this weekend. The cost of the Missal is \$4.00. Proceeds from the sale benefit many LOC charitable causes, and your support is greatly appreciated.

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

The St. Matthias Prayer Group meets every Sunday in the Church after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.

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Items of Note



First Steps in Music for Little Ones: Join us on Fridays from 9:00—9:45 a.m. beginning November 6th for *First Steps in Music for Little Ones*, ages 6 months to 3 years. The instructor, Mrs. Mary Hawkins, the Academy of Saint Matthias music teacher, will help you and your child sing, say, dance, and play in class, and will offer activities that you may use at home. Classes will be held in the Hughes Center. For more information please contact Vivian Richards at 301-577-9412 X 215.



Calling all Teens! The Saint Matthias Teen Youth Group will hold its next meeting on Sunday, November 8th from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Hughes Center. Refreshments will be provided! Parish teens in grades 9 through 12 are welcome. Registration forms are available in the pamphlet rack in the Church vestibule. For more information, contact Le-Marie Thompson at 301-452-2258 or Arlene Taylor at 301-459-5549.

Altar Server Recognition Mass: Altar Servers are invited to attend a special Mass in their honor on Sunday, November 22nd at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Each server attending will receive a special certificate of appreciation to acknowledge his or her service to the Church. For details, please contact Mrs. Cynthia Faust at 301-464-1799 or cfaust@atelierarchitects.com.

Young Adults: Be part of an interfaith series to bring awareness to and advocate for taking action for clean water. Participate in the events through November 14th and learn about the care of the earth while kayaking through a wetland sanctuary, paddling on the Patuxent River, and discussing faith-based advocacy. Learn more at www.interfaithchesapeake.org/commonhome or call 410-609-6852.

Catholic Singles of Greater Washington is an organization for single Catholics to participate in a wide variety of social, religious, and cultural settings. The minimum age for participating is 21. Please find out more about us at <http://dcsinglecatholicpro.org> or call Tricia at 301-460-9195.

Holy Redeemer Harvest Bazaar:

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church on Berwyn Road in College Park is holding a Harvest Bazaar on Friday, November 13th and Saturday, November 14th. This two day event features a yard sale, plant sale, crafts, games, raffles, food, and much more. For more information, please go to www.holy-redeemer.org.



Mass Intentions for the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, November 2: All Souls Day

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

8:30 am All Souls

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions

8:00 pm Benediction

Tuesday, November 3: Saint Martin de Porres

8:30 am All Souls

Wednesday, November 4: Saint Charles Borromeo

8:30 am All Souls

Thursday, November 5:

8:30 am All Souls

Friday, November 6:

8:30 am All Souls

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 7:

5:00 pm All Souls

Sunday, November 8: Solemnity of All Saints

8:00 am All Souls

10:30 am Dan & Diana Gritz (Living - Anniversary)

6:00 pm Adaobi Ezeani (Living - Birthday)

Readings for Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Kings 17:10 – 16

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

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

Oscar Charles; Al Craig; Emma Graham; Everett Greenfield; Francis Greenfield; Genevieve Greenfield; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Joe Makowski; John Murray; Sally Palmer; William Pinchback; Marion Prout; Pablo Rocha; Kay Villemi; Madeline White; Sam Zanin; Eugene Zehner

-For our military, protect them from all harm.

-For all the faithful departed, especially Jack O'Leary, may they rest in peace.

Names will be placed on our prayer list for 4 weeks. To add a name, please contact Pat Ford at 301-459-4814 x 201 or email pford@stmatthias.org.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of November 7/8

5:00 pm Father Milt
8:00 am Father Keke
10:30 am Father Albert
6:00 pm Father Ford

