

Join Us At the Lord's Table on Thanksgiving



Each year our nation celebrates Thanksgiving Day as a day of gratitude for the bounty of our land and the freedom we cherish so dearly. For many of us it is a day to be with loved ones and share in a lavish meal; for others, it means parades and football games; for still others, it signals the opening of the holiday season. No matter what our image of Thanksgiving Day may be, we as Catholics should take this opportunity to remember the religious overtones of the holiday. Hopefully, we can all make a special effort this year to gather together on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th to celebrate the Eucharist (...a word meaning "thanksgiving") at 10:00 am in the church. This will be the only Mass that day (no 8:30 am Mass). God has bestowed so much on us. Let us now express gratitude to Him in special fashion this day. **When you come to Mass on Thanksgiving Day, please bring with you, in a nice basket or container, the bread and wine that will be placed upon your family table that afternoon or evening for your meal. A special blessing will be given to the bread and wine to be used for your Thanksgiving meal.**

Family Connection

Today's Gospel leads us to think about our family's financial contributions to our parish community, the diocese, other Church-sponsored organizations, and other charitable organizations. Good stewardship invites us to share our treasure as well as our time and talent. Sometimes, however, decisions about a family's charitable giving are made without our children's knowledge. Yet we teach more when we invite all family members to be aware of how we contribute to our Church and to other charitable organizations.

As you gather as a family, talk about your family's financial contributions to your parish and to other Church activities. If your family supports other charitable organizations, you might talk about these as well. Talk together about why it is important for us to share our resources with these organizations. Read today's Gospel, Mark 12:41-44. Talk about what Jesus observes about the generosity of the poor widow. Talk also about ways in which your family might also make a sacrificial gift to support your parish or other charitable organization. (Perhaps your family might choose not to go out to dinner but to contribute the money to your parish). Invite all family members to participate in the decision about what action you will take and which organization you will support with your contribution. Conclude in prayer together asking God to help your family be generous like the poor widow in today's Gospel. Pray together the Peace Prayer of St. Francis. Taken from Loyola Press www.loyolapress.com

Stewardship Report: Revenue

November 1 st	\$ 12,491.00
<i>Faith Direct:</i>	\$ 2,160.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 14,651.00
<i>Last Year:</i>	\$ 13,513.00

**Please complete and return your
Take the Next Step Pledge Offertory
Renewal Card!
Thank you for your generosity.**

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Retired Priests Collection: The second collection this weekend 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.

Looking Ahead

St. Joseph Sunday Missal Sales: The Ladies of Charity are 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.

The St. Matthias Prayer Group meets every Sunday in the Church after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome. Friendship Hall is available for rent. Please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207, or email tereme@stmatthias.org.

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

Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre in Strasburg, PA, will present *Samson* on Friday, April 1, 2016. Cost of transportation, ticket, and lunch is \$115. To reserve your seat and ticket, contact Rita Kitchings at 301-261-0681 as soon as possible.



Advent Coin Folders for the Poor Box

Our annual Christmas Appeal for our Poor Box begins next weekend with the appearance of the Advent Coin Folders. From **November 17th** through Christmas Day, each working household or individual is asked to set aside twenty-five cents a day (one quarter) so that by the time **December 25th** arrives, each folder will contain a \$10.00 gift to the Poor Box. Take your coin folder home next weekend and begin to prepare a special gift for the Christ Child on Christmas. *God bless you for your continuing generosity.*

Items of Note



Workshop for Grieving Persons: The holidays are a difficult time for those grieving losses from death, illness, or personal tragedies. To meet the needs of people who are experiencing such circumstances, a two-hour workshop will

be offered Saturday, November 21st from 10:00 a.m.—12 p.m. in the Academy of Saint Matthias School Library. For more information please contact: Miriam Jacik, the workshop facilitator at (301)345-6045, or just feel free to come.



Calling all Teens! The Saint Matthias Teen Youth Group will meet this 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.

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.

School News: A major fundraiser for the Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle is the Lottery Raffle. Tickets are \$10 each. The weekly drawing begins January 4, 2016 and ends August 29, 2016. The weekly winner receives \$300 and the seller receives \$50. Tickets may be purchased in the school office or in the Hughes Center parish office.

-The Academy is holding its annual **Book Fair** November 9th—13th from 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. in the school library. Stop by and shop for the young people on your Christmas list!

Thank You:

Dear Friends, I would like to thank every member of the Saint Matthias family for the prayers and concern you offered during my husband Jack's recent illness and passing. Your kindness has been a bright force that sustained me and my family during our last days with Jack. You have given us another precious memory to hold when we remember our time with him, and this gift is so very deeply appreciated. Leslie Long O'Leary

Mass Intentions for the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, November 9: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
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 10: Saint Leo the Great, Pope
8:30 am All Souls

Wednesday, November 11: Saint Martin of Tours
8:30 am All Souls

Thursday, November 12: Saint Josaphat, Bishop
8:30 am All Souls

Friday, November 13: Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini
8:30 am All Souls

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 14
5:00 pm All Souls

Sunday, November 15
8:00 am All Souls
10:30 am Chris Agboli (Living)
6:00 pm Florence Nwoko (Living - Birthday)

Readings for Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:
1st Reading: Daniel 12:1 – 3
2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14
Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends: Oscar Charles; Ronnie Davis; Al Craig; Emma Graham; 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, 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 14/15

5:00 pm Father Msgr Balbago
8:00 am Father Milt
10:30 am Father Albert
6:00 pm Father Milt