

## Join Us At the Lord's Table on Thanksgiving



A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. There will **not** be an 8:30 a.m. Mass.

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. A special

blessing will be given over the bread and wine to be used for your Thanksgiving meal.

## A Farewell & Welcome Reception

Please join us in Friendship Hall for a farewell reception for Father Stan Ukwe and a welcome celebration for Deacon Alton Davis after this Sunday's 6:00 pm Mass.

As you may know, Father Stan is being transferred to Maine the first week of December. ...Brrrrr! Thank you, Father Stan, for all you have done for the parishioners of St. Matthias.



## Family Connection

Understanding today's feast of Christ the King may be particularly challenging. While most of us do not have direct experience with kings or royalty, we have a sense of who they are. We know that royalty have sovereignty over their kingdoms. We know that those who are subjects to royalty offer them allegiance and honor. To understand how Christ is our king, we extend and magnify what we know to be true of the best of human royalty. Christ's kingship extends to all places, all people, and all times. Christ manifests his kingship through his death on the cross in which he offered salvation to everyone. Those who can see with eyes of faith recognize Jesus to be our heavenly king.

As you gather as a family, recall that this Sunday is the last Sunday in the Church year and on this Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. Talk together about what it means to be a king or queen. How do those who are subjects behave toward royalty? Invite children to role-play what one does in the presence of royalty. Read today's Gospel, John 18:33b-37. Ask your family to discuss these questions: Does Pilate treat Jesus like royalty? (No.) What does Jesus say about his kingdom? (It is not of this world.) Talk about how your family shows honor and obedience to Christ our King. Pray together the Lord's Prayer and ask God to help your family act in ways that show you recognize and honor Christ as King.

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## Stewardship Report: Revenue

<b>November 15th</b>	<b>\$ 9,514.00</b>
<b>Faith Direct:</b>	<b>\$ 2,303.00</b>
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>\$11,817.00</b>
<b>Last Year:</b>	<b>\$ 9,957.00</b>

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## December 8th: Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Monday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>** Confessions at 7:00 pm  
Vigil Mass at 7:30 pm  
Adoration and Benediction are cancelled for the evening

**Tuesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>** Mass at 7:00 am,  
Mass at 9:30 am (student Mass)  
Mass at 12:00 pm  
Mass at 7:30 pm.

**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.

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

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

**Key Inventory:** If you were issued keys to the Church or School, please contact Mr. Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or [tereme@stmatthias.org](mailto:tereme@stmatthias.org) to register key(s). Thank you if you have already done so.

## Advent Coin Folders for the Poor Box



Our annual Christmas Appeal for our Poor Box began last weekend with the distribution of the Advent Coin Folders. From **November 17<sup>th</sup>** 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 25<sup>th</sup>** arrives, each folder will contain a \$10.00 gift to the Poor Box. If you haven't already done so, please take a folder home this weekend and begin to prepare a special gift for the Christ Child on Christmas. **God bless you for your continuing generosity.**

## Wreaths for the Church

Calling all decorators! Five wreaths will be available at each of the Masses, December 5th & 6th. Decorated wreaths will be used in the Church for the Christmas season.

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### Thanksgiving Holiday Hughes Center and School Schedule

Please note that The Academy and the Hughes Center parish office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and will re-open on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Father Milt, the Academy teachers and staff, and the Hughes Center office staff wish you a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving Holiday!

### Items of Note



#### Two-Way Immersion Early Childhood Program:

Starting the Fall of 2016, The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle will offer a two-way immersion Spanish-English program for PreK-4 and Kindergarten. The instruction in all subject areas will be 50% in English and 50% in Spanish. For additional information and applications for the new program, contact Mrs. Vivian Richards, Director of Admissions, at 301-577-9412 x 215.

**Christmas Giving Tree:** The Christmas Giving Tree will be in the Church the day after Thanksgiving. It will be decorated with ornaments bearing the name of an organization and a requested gift. Please take an ornament and return it along with the unwrapped gift by Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Items may be dropped off in the Church or Hughes Center. Thank you for making the season special for those in need!



**Christmas Dinner for Those in Need:** Volunteers are needed at the National Shrine of Immaculate Conception to serve dinner from 12:15 pm to 2:30 pm on Christmas Day. If interested in volunteering, sign-up at [www.nationalshrine.com/christmasdinner](http://www.nationalshrine.com/christmasdinner) or call 202-526-8300. If you know of someone who cannot get out and would like a Christmas dinner delivered to them on Christmas Day, contact the Basilica at 202-526-8300, ext. 111, by Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.



**Knights of Columbus Scholarships:** The Maryland State Council and Insurance Advisors of the Knights of Columbus sponsor several Catholic high school scholarships. Saint Matthias teens are encouraged to apply. You may obtain specific information and applications by visiting <http://www.kofc-md.org/> for more information. Applicants will be judged on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. The application period is from October 1st - February 1st.

**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.

### Mass Intentions for the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

#### Monday, November 23: Saints Clement I, Pope and Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Austin Pro

8:30 am Celine Noelle Conner (Living) and 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 24: Saint Andrew Dung-Lac

8:30 am All Souls

#### Wednesday, November 25: Saint Catherine of Alexandria

8:30 am All Souls

#### Thursday, November 26: Thanksgiving

10:00 am All Souls and for Parishioners

#### Friday, November 27:

8:30 am All Souls

### First Sunday of Advent

#### Saturday, November 28:

5:00 pm All Souls

#### Sunday, November 29: First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am All Souls  
10:30 am Adamma Ugoh  
6:00 pm Vincent Charles

Readings for the First Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:14-16

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 12-42

Gospel: Luke: 21: 25-28, 34-36

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

Margie Baker; Muriel Brown; Oscar Charles; Ronnie Davis; Al Craig; Emma Graham; Francis Greenfield; Genevieve Greenfield; Teresa Hahn; Jade Jackson; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Joe Makowski; John Murray; Tim O'Leary; Sally Palmer; William Pinchback; Marion Prout; Pablo Rocha; Jayce Richardson; Marian Thomas; Kevin Tagoalem; Kay Villemi; Jinny Wallerstedt; 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](mailto:pford@stmatthias.org)



#### Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of November 28/29

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