

Masses for the Second Week of Advent

Monday, December 11th

Saint Damasus I, Pope

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Ernest Jorgensen

Tuesday, December 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Paredes/Manlapaz Family

Wednesday, December 13th

Saint Lucy

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Rev. Auxentius Panares

Thursday, December 14th

Saint John of the Cross

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Don Falls** (Living)

Friday, December 15th

Daily Mass 7:00 AM: Rev. Joseph Ranieri (Living)

Saturday, December 16th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Richard Kosko

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 16th

5:00 PM: Helen Scabis

7:00 PM: Ernest Eluma

Sunday, December 10th

8:00 AM: Richard Kosko

9:30 AM: Rebecca Udejiofor

11:30 AM: **Emmanuel Foli** (Living)

6:00 PM: Rev. Ralph J. Kuehner

Readings:

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11

2nd Reading: 1 Thes 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

Elaine and Melvin Brooks; Muriel Brown; Al Craig; Ronnie Davis; Norma Florimbio; Jean Gaskins; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; John and Joan Kodak; Abanda William Ndinu; Lucy Nguyen; L. Oyelese; Kay Villemi; Mae Young; Sister Giustina Zanin; Zaria Zanin; Eugene Zehner

***For our military, protect them from all harm.
For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.***

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

Stewardship Report

December 3, 2017

Offertory \$ 11,146

Faith Direct \$ 2,685

Total Offertory \$ 13,831

Last Year \$ 14,404

We Are Grateful For Your Generosity

Items of Note at St. Matthias

Hosting An Event? Friendship Hall is available for rent. Please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or tereme@stmatthias.org.

With the holidays approaching, now is the time to reserve a **Memorial Candle** to honor your loved ones. For information, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or tereme@stmatthias.org.



Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 24, 2017 Christmas Eve

8:00 AM Mass

9:30 AM Mass

11:30 AM Mass

6:00 PM Mass

10:00 PM Mass with Carols before Mass

Monday, December 25, 2017 Christmas Day

8:00 AM Mass

11:30 AM Mass

1:30 PM Spanish Mass

Confessions are held Monday evenings

7:00 –7:45 PM

Parish Social Life Committee News

Celebration of the Virgin of Guadalupe: An overnight celebration with prayers, singing, and Tecuan dancers will be held Monday, December 11th, through Tuesday, December 12th. Parishioners are asked to meet at Friendship Hall at 10:30 PM to prepare for the procession of Our Lady of Guadalupe. See the flyer in today's bulletin for more information. On, Tuesday, December 12th, Mass will be celebrated in Spanish at 6:00 PM. Please join us for this celebration to honor our Blessed Mother.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Family Connection

The season of Advent invites us to renew our lives in preparation for the coming of Jesus. The people who heard the message of John the Baptist repented for their sins and were baptized as a sign of God's forgiveness. In Baptism, our sins are forgiven, and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, who helps us in our life of discipleship. Led by the Holy Spirit, we use this Advent season to renew our lives so that we, like John the Baptist, might prepare the way for Jesus.

As you gather together as a family, talk about ways in which the example of others has called you to be a follower of Jesus. Name the people who have been examples to you of Christian discipleship and describe their characteristics that you have tried to emulate. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 1:1-8.

As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, Baptism commissions us to prepare the way of the Lord. The gift of the Holy Spirit leads us to continually renew our lives so that we might lead others to Jesus. As a family, identify at least one action that you will take this week to try to be more faithful followers of Jesus.

The St. Matthias Prayer Group meets in the church every Sunday immediately after 11:30 AM Mass. All are welcome.

Offertory Envelopes for 2018:

If you are a registered parishioner who currently uses weekly offertory envelopes, please note that your 2018 envelopes will be mailed to you by late December. Envelopes will be mailed bi-monthly. Please notify the parish office of your new address if you have moved recently.



Parish Volunteers will sponsor lunch at the Community Café in Hyattsville, MD, on Wednesday, December 20th. Volunteers and donors are asked to help feed the needy. For information, please call Erusa Onukwubiri at 240-593-4048 or Debbie Self at 301-577-4201.

St. Matthias Leisure Club member, Rita Kitchings is hosting a trip to Sight & Sound Theater on Friday, May 4th, 2018, to see the new Biblical play, *Jesus*. For more information, please call Rita at 301-261-0681.



The Academy of Saint Matthias

Open House Dates:

Thursday, Dec. 14th, 6:30—7:30 PM

There will also be an information session for parents interested in our Pre-K and Kindergarten programs for next year.

Wednesday, Jan. 24th, 7:00—8:00 PM

Sunday, Jan. 28th, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM

Please stop by for a tour and enrollment information.

Chick-fil-a School Fundraiser: Join us for dinner at the Vista Gardens *Chick-fil-a* on **Thursday, December 14th**, from 4:00– 9:00 PM, and help support our school.

Applications for Financial Aid for 2018-19 are available at www.TADS.com. The deadline for new families whose children will attend school for the 2018-2019 school year is **February 4, 2018**. Please check the website for details.

School tours are offered every Monday from 8:30-10:00 AM. Please call the school office at 301-577-9412 to arrange a tour.

School Christmas Concert: You are invited to attend our Christmas program on December 20th at 6:00 PM in the church.

Ministry Schedules December 16/17

<u>Time</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
5:00 PM	J. Onyewu, A. Amanyeiwe	C. Clayton, M. David
7:00 PM	E. Diaz, B. Barahona, J. Andres	TBD
8:00 AM	E. Buan, D. Osuji, J. Walters	B. Wilson, M. Prout
9:30 AM	E. Ikpi, C. Onyeiwu, C. Onyeiwu	P. Okongwu, V. Neke
11:30 AM	D. Morfaw, C. Morfaw, P. Nwadije	TBD
6:00 PM	S. Sykes, C. Johnson	Y. Balogun

<u>Time</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
5:00 PM	B. Falls, C. Green, B. Wiredu	Joy Murray
7:00 PM	L. DelValle, O. DelValle D. Ortiz	L. DelValle, M. Melendez
8:00 AM	D. Aitcheson, P. Buan, C. Johnson, R. Johnson, S. Keleti	J. Walters
9:30 AM	M. Adams, R. Ihegbe, S. Ikpi, S. Midgley, R. Pinchback	TBD
11:30 AM	R. Okereke, I. Onuaku, U. Nwokefor, S. Ugoh	R. Ihegbe
6:00 PM	A. Hawkins, M. Ibebuchi, C. Sykes	H. Holmes-Johnson

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of December 16/17

5:00 PM	Father Jack
7:00 PM	Father Ford
8:00 AM	Father Canice
9:30 AM	Father Jack
11:30 AM	Father Canice
6:00 PM	Father Albert