

**Third Week in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, January 22nd**

*Day of Prayer for the Unborn*

Mass 8:30AM: Bishop William G. Curlin

**Tuesday, January 23rd**

*Saint Marianne Cope and Saint Vincent*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Tammy Paolino (Living-Birthday)

**Wednesday, January 24th**

*Saint Francis de Sales*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Mary Ford

**Thursday, January 25th**

*The Conversion of Saint Paul*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: People of the Parish

**Friday, January 26th**

*Saint Timothy and Saint Titus*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Ed Densmore

**Saturday, January 27th**

*Saint Angela Merici*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Tim Retumbam

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, January 27th**

5:00 PM: Margaret Clark

7:00 PM: People of the Parish

**Sunday, January 28th**

8:00 AM: People of the Parish

9:30 AM: Catholic School Administrators,  
Teachers and Staff

11:30 AM: Alice Mepha Ngenchi

6:00 PM: Intentions of Parishioners

**Readings:**

Dt 18:15-20

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

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

Elaine and Melvin Brooks; Muriel Brown; Yvette Butler; Al Craig; Robert Decolin; Nancy Femrite; Norma Florimbio; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Brenda Jackson; Velouse Jules; 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.***

**Stewardship Report**

*The Stewardship Report for January 14th and 21st will appear in next week's bulletin.*

**2018 Cardinal's Appeal:** Many of our parishioners received a mailing from Cardinal Wuerl in early January asking them to consider making a pledge to the 2018 Cardinal's Appeal. As in past years, the theme of the appeal is, "Seek First the Kingdom of God." As we seek first the Kingdom of God, we have the capability of helping it to be present in our lives and in the lives of those around us through our works of charity, love, and compassion. Contributions to the Cardinal's Appeal offer us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2018 Cardinal's Appeal.

**Items of Note at St. Matthias**

**EMHC Training** for taking communion to the sick and homebound will be held Tuesday, January 23rd, from 6:30—7:30 PM in the Hughes Center. All EMCH are invited to attend. Deacon Davis will conduct the training.

**Hosting An Event?** Friendship Hall is available for rent. Please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or [tereme@stmatthias.org](mailto:tereme@stmatthias.org).

Honor the memory of your loved one with a **Memorial Candle** that will be lit for one year. For information, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or [tereme@stmatthias.org](mailto:tereme@stmatthias.org).

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

**The Catholic Women's Association** will hold their meetings on the second and last Sundays of the month. On the second Sunday, the group will meet in the school, and on the last Sunday, the meeting will take place in the Hughes Center. The CWA meets after the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

**Celebrant Mass Schedule for January 27/28**

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

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Family Connection

Today's Gospel describes how Jesus called his first disciples and the immediacy with which these men dropped everything to follow him. We can only begin to imagine what Jesus' presence must have been like to invoke such a response in these first disciples. While a few of us might relate to such a radical conversion, many of us would find such a sudden change in ourselves or in another person unsettling. There are few things for which we would willingly drop everything. These first disciples were willing to drop everything in order to make Jesus and the Kingdom of God the most important things in their lives.

Gather as a family and talk about circumstances in which you have had to "drop everything." How did you feel about having to change your plans in each of these situations? How do we feel when someone asks us to drop everything to help him or her? For many of us, it is not easy to drop everything to respond to the needs of another.

Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:14–20. Invite your family to imagine what Jesus' presence and invitation to these first followers must have been like that they responded by leaving their livelihood to become his disciples. How might our life change if we understood the Kingdom of God to be as important and immediate in our lives? Ask God to help you experience the Kingdom of God with such immediacy. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.



### The Academy of Saint Matthias

#### **Open House Dates:**

**Wednesday, Jan. 24th, 7:00—8:00 PM**

We will be available from 4:30—6:00 PM to help you with any questions you may have and to assist you in completing your application for financial aid.

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

Please stop by for a tour and enrollment information.

**Applications for Financial Aid** for 2018-19 are available at [www.TADS.com](http://www.TADS.com). The filing deadline for new families whose children will attend school in the 2018-2019 school year is **February 5, 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.

**Save the Date:** A reunion for all alumni will be held on May 19, 2018. Please go to the St. Matthias Reunion Facebook page to RSVP. More details to follow.

#### **School Raffle Winners**

Congratulations to Betsy Hugya, winner of \$ 300, and to Tay Onyewu, seller (\$ 50) in the January 16th drawing.

**Catholic Schools Week: Sunday, January 28—February 3**  
**Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.**

### Ministry Schedules for January 27/28

Time	Altar Servers	Greeters
5:00 PM	A. Ogunlade, B. Ogunlade, J. Onyewu	M. Oratokhai, J. Oratokhai
7:00 PM	F. Garcia, L. Martinez, B. Barahona	TBD
8:00 AM	D. DeMaio, A. DeMaio, S. DeMaio	M. Prout, L. Adekoya
9:30 AM	H. Nitebem, S. Nappi	P. Okongwu, V. Neke
11:30 AM	D. Morfaw, P. Nwadije, C. Morfaw	TBD
6:-00 PM	G. Marshall, J. Onuoha	B. Burnett

Time	EMCH	Lectors
5:00 PM	B. Falls, C. Green, C. Kosko	P. Shehadi
7:00 PM	L. Del Valle, O. Del Valle, D. Ortiz	M. Bonilla, A. Bonilla
8:00 AM	J. George, M. Grayson, S. Keleti, S. Midgley, Z. Juanitez	A. Taylor
9:30 AM	P. Chappell, B. Chappell, R. Ihegbe, S. Ikpi, R. Pinchback	R. Aitcheson
11:30 AM	R. Atemnkeng, L. Egbulem, B. Herring, M. Hoke, M. Ibebuchi	C. Nwokefor
6:00 PM	D. Aitcheson, P. Makowski	A. M'Carthy

### Around the Archdiocese

**Join the 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign** for prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. Kickoff Rally: 10:00 AM, Saturday, Feb 10, 2018, at Maranatha Fellowship Church, 3828 University Blvd. College Park, MD (corner of Metzert Rd. and Route 193). Keynote speaker Missy Smith is a pro-life activist, sidewalk counselor, radio host, and commentator. Campaign Opening Day is Ash Wednesday, Feb 14, at 5915 Greenbelt Rd, College Park. Pray with the College Park Campaign in front of Metropolitan Family Planning. Prayer hours 6 AM – 10 PM, Feb 14 – Mar 25. To pray for an hour, email your day and time to [40daysforlifeMD@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifeMD@gmail.com), or phone Tom Trunk at 240-593-6982.

**Please see the Enclosed Flyer** for Archdiocesan training dates and locations for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and for Lectors. A \$ 5 registration fee may be paid at the door.