

Sixth Week in Ordinary Time**Monday, February 12th**

Mass 8:30AM: Ladies of Charity

Tuesday, February 13th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Julie Gill & Family

Wednesday, February 14th**Ash Wednesday**

Daily Mass 7:00 AM: Henry Kosko

Thursday, February 15th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Jimmy Pabalan (Living)

Friday, February 16th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Lucille Ermita

Saturday, February 17th*The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: People of the Parish

First Sunday of Lent**Saturday, February 17th**

5:00 PM: Helen Scabis

7:00 PM: People of the Parish

Sunday, February 18th

8:00 AM: David and Claudia Maitland

9:30 AM: Mary Conner

11:30 AM: Marion Ford

6:00 PM: Mary Ford

Readings:

Gn 9: 8-15

2nd Reading: 1 Pt 3: 18-22

Gospel: Mark 1: 12-15

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.***

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**February 4**

Offertory	10,448
Faith Direct	2,906
Total	13,354
Last Year	13,286

We Are Grateful for Your Generosity**Items of Note at St. Matthias****Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday:**

The Mother Seton Council of the Knights of Columbus invites you to a pancake supper this coming Tuesday, February 13th, from 6:00-8:30 PM, in Friendship Hall.

Cost: \$ 5.00 per person or \$12.00 per family of 3 or more.



Altar Server Training: Mandatory training for altar servers in grades 4-10 will be held Thursday, Feb. 15th, at 6:30 PM in the Church. Classes are scheduled on Thursday evenings, Feb. 15th through March 22nd. We prayerfully ask parents to encourage their children to join us. For more information, please contact Cynthia Faust at cfaust@atelierarchitects.com or 301-464-1799.

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

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 meet after the 11:30 AM Mass on the second and last Sundays of the month.

Ministry Schedules can be found on the parish website at www.stmatthias.org.

Teen Youth Group Meeting will be held this Sunday, February 11th. The group meets in the Hughes Center from 12:00—2:30 PM.

Don't Give Up Chocolate for Lent! Do something life-changing. Sign up for FREE at BestLentEver.com.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Social Life Committee News

-Join us for a *Meet & Greet* next Saturday (2/17), after the 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM Masses, and on Sunday (2/18), after the 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM Masses in the church vestibule. After Sunday's 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses, we'll meet in the Hughes Center. This a perfect opportunity meet our many new parishioners!

-Our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is next Sunday, February 18, 2018, from 2:00—4:00 PM in Friendship Hall. Because the event will be catered, we can accommodate only those volunteers who responded by February 5th. You must have a printed invitation to attend. This event is planned by the Parish Social Life Committee (PSLC).

Ash Wednesday Schedule of Masses February 14, 2018

7:00 AM
9:15 AM (School Mass)
12:00 PM
5:30 PM
7:00 PM
8:15 PM (Spanish)



The Academy of Saint Matthias

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.

The Application for Admissions to The Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle School for the 2018-2019 school year is now available. Please go to www.TADS.com and click on *Application for Admission*. Current school families are encouraged to re-enroll by April 1, 2018. After April 1st, the enrollment fee will increase from \$ 200 to \$350. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Mrs. Ann O'Hare at 301-577-9412.

School Raffle Winners

Congratulations to Joseph Egbuaran, winner of \$ 300 and to the seller, Emmanuel Obode (\$50), in the February 5th drawing.

Thank you to everyone who supported our school during Catholic Schools Week. The culmination of our busy week was a school-and-family Mass held Friday afternoon. Service is an important part of Catholic education and our students and faculty have written their service commitments on their "hands". Please take a look at our "service hands" and posters around the church.



Around the Archdiocese

Attention Financial Professionals: Catholic Charities is launching a "Financial Stability Network" consisting of volunteer financial professionals who will offer pro bono financial education, financial coaching, and tax return preparation services for low income families and individuals in the Archdiocese of Washington. If you have any type of financial experience, Catholic Charities would love to have you join the new Network. To join and/or ask any questions about the Network, please contact Deacon Jim Shanahan: Jim.Shanahan@cc-dc.org.

Knights of Columbus Summer Camp: Registration has begun for our eighteenth summer camp in College Park, MD. We offer swim lessons, arts and crafts, games, sports, and free swim at our extensive facility. Download the registration form at <http://kofccamp.blogspot.com>. Questions? Contact Anne Irwin at 240-393-2468.

Family Connection

Today's Gospel invites us to think about the choices we make as individuals and as a family. Jesus was faced with a choice in today's Gospel. By choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus showed God's compassion for the sick and the outcast. The man knew that Jesus had a choice and that Jesus could reject his request. He may have expected that Jesus would not help him. The social taboos regarding leprosy certainly gave him little on which to base his hope. In the person of the man with leprosy, we see an image of all those in need. The sick and the outcast of our world are watching us, to see if we as Christians will choose to extend ourselves to others in need of healing and compassion.

Gather with your family and talk about some of the choices you have made as a family. (where to go on vacation, what activities to do together, how to spend our evenings, and so on) How does your family go about making these decisions? What do your choices communicate to others about your family's values? In today's Gospel, Jesus was faced with a choice. Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:40-45. In choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus chose to show God's compassion and mercy. All our choices reflect our faith, and others are watching. Conclude in prayer together, asking God to help your family show compassion to others in your family decisions. Pray together Psalm 32, or pray the *Prayer for Vocations*.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for February 17/18

5:00 PM	Father Canice
7:00 PM	Father Russo
8:00 AM	Father Jack
9:30 AM	Father Jack
11:30 AM	Father Canice
6:00 PM	Father Christopher