

Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time**Monday, July 9th**

St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions, Martyrs
Daily Mass 8:30AM: Sister Ann Parker (L)

Tuesday, July 10th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Carmen Kosko (L)

Wednesday, July 11th

Saint Benedict
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Sabina Zambrano (L)

Thursday, July 12th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Mary & Marion Ford (D)

Friday, July 13th

Saint Henry
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Deacon Richard J. Schopfer (D)

Saturday, July 14th

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
Daily Mass 8:30: People of the Parish (L)

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**Saturday, July 14th**

5:00 PM: Rev. Joseph Ranieri (L)
7:00 PM: Aura Linares de De Leon (D)

Sunday, July 15th

8:00 AM: Mary Fonlon (L)
9:30 AM: Szebo Family (D)
11:30 AM: Rebecca Udejiofor (D)
6:00 PM: Hildegard Jorgensen (L)

Readings:

Am 7: 12-15
Eph 1: 3-14
Mark 6: 7-13

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

Elaine and Melvin Brooks; Muriel Brown; Al Craig; Anne Dorsch; Vilma Gilchrist; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Helen Jacik; John and Joan Kodak; Carmen Kosko; Susan Oak; Charlotte Palm; June Provini; Margaret & Bill Riley; Mary Soh; Kay Villemi; Debby Walter; Mae Young; Sister Giustina Zanin; Zaria Zanin; Rita and Eugene Zehner

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

Names will be placed on the Sick List for 4 weeks. Please contact Pat at the parish office to add or remove a name.
(301-459-4814 or pford@stmatthias.org)

Stewardship Report

Due to publication deadlines last week, the report for July 1st will be published in next week's bulletin.

We are grateful for your generosity.

Items of Note at St. Matthias

Adult Bible Study: The St. Matthias Adult Bible Study meets on Wednesdays from 7:00—8:30 PM in the Hughes Center. Please come and bring a friend!

Saturday Adult Day of Recollection: Spiritually refresh yourself on Saturday, July 14th, from 8:30 AM—2:00 PM. We'll begin our day with Mass at 8:30 AM. Light refreshments will be served in the Hughes Center beginning at 9:15 AM, followed by talks and discussions, lunch, and prayer. Please read the flyer in today's bulletin for details and sign-up.

Adult Faith Formation Opportunity: Please join us on Tuesday, July 10th, for a DVD presentation and discussion on "*The Mystery of the Magi*". On following Tuesdays, July 17th and 24th, join us for presentations and discussions on "*The Witness of Early Christian Women*". We will meet in the Hughes Center from 9:15-10:30 AM. Please come and bring a friend for one Tuesday or all three.

Save the Date: The Parish Social Life Committee invites you to a ***Multicultural Festival*** on Saturday, September 8th. Raffle tickets are available at \$ 5 each or 3 for \$10. Prizes include a microwave oven, television, tablet, and a \$100 Amazon gift card. Tickets may be purchased from PSLC members or at the parish office.



Friendship Hall: It's time to book your event for 2019. Please call Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 for information and availability.

Adoration Chapel: If you would like to visit our Adoration Chapel, please call or visit the parish office to receive a code to gain entry. Out of consideration for other visitors, please do not bring young children to the chapel.

Thank You to the generous parishioners who contributed to the Father's Day collection for the purchase of altar wine.

Family Connection

Our family plays an important role in shaping us and forming our self-identity. In family life, we find a safe place to discover who we are and who God calls us to be. But sometimes the influences from outside our family can make us unrecognizable to those who know us best. These outside influences can lead us away from God, or they can lead us toward a deeper relationship with God. In today's Gospel, we see that the people of Nazareth could not recognize Jesus as the Son of God. They could know him only as the son of Mary. We hope that through our family life we will be encouraged to filter the many influences on our lives through the lens of faith so that we will become the person that God calls us to be.

As you gather as a family, talk about the people and events that are influencing members of your family. Acknowledge that many of these people and events are positive influences, helping us be better people and leading us to a deeper relationship with God. Also acknowledge, however, that there are negative influences in our lives that risk pulling us away from God. Observe that Jesus was a person who allowed his relationship with God to be the most important thing in his life. This led many people to have faith in him as the Son of God. However, not everyone could recognize this about Jesus. Read today's Gospel, Mark 6:1-6. Ask: Who does not recognize Jesus as God's Son in this Gospel? (some of his kinfolk in Nazareth) Observe that because of the people's lack of faith, Jesus could not perform many miracles in Nazareth. Conclude by praying together that our families will continue to help us follow God in our lives. Pray together the **Prayer for Vocations**:

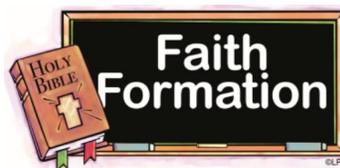
*God, in Baptism you called me by name
and made me a member of your people, the Church.
Help all your people to know their vocation in life,
and to respond by living a life of holiness.*

*For your greater glory and for the service of your people,
raise up dedicated and generous leaders who will
serve as sisters, priests, brothers, deacons, and lay
ministers. Send your Spirit to guide and strengthen me
that I may serve your people following the example of
your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name I offer this
prayer. Amen.*

Around the Archdiocese

Holy Land Festival: On Saturday, July 14th, the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land (1400 Quincy St., NE, Washington, DC) will host the Holy Land Festival from 11:00 AM—5:00 PM. Enjoy Middle Eastern food, vendors, music, guided tours—great activities for adults and children! End the day with the celebration of Mass at 5:00 PM.

Faith Formation Classes



Faith Formation Classes 2018-2019: St. Matthias is in great need of Catechists to help our young people learn the faith and grow in their personal relationship

with Jesus. Classes meet on Monday nights beginning in September. Help is available to prepare for this important ministry in the Church. Please call Catherine Tolnay, Director of Faith Formation, at 301-459-4814 x 205 to discuss the possibility of volunteering.



The Academy of Saint Matthias

Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year: We still have a few openings in our Pre-Kindergarten (4 years old by Sept. 1) and in our Kindergarten (5 years old by Sept. 1). For information, please contact Mrs. Ann O'Hare, Admissions Director at 301-577-9412.

School Raffle Winner: Congratulations to Roberto Torres, winner of \$ 300, and to the seller, Carmela Diaz (\$ 50), in the July 2nd drawing.

To Learn More About Our School or to keep up with school news over the summer, please see any of the following: Facebook @stmatthiasadw
Twitter@StMatthiasADW
Instagram@stmatthiasadw
School Website www.school.stmatthias.org.

What if we began to treat our Bibles the way we treat our cell phones?

What if we...

...carried it with us everywhere?

...turned back to get it if we forgot it?

...checked it for messages throughout the day?

...used it in case of an emergency?

...spent an hour or more using it each day?



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Celebrant Mass Schedule for July 14/15

5:00 PM	Monsignor Balbago
7:00 PM	Father Jacek
8:00 AM	Father Jack
9:30 AM	Father Milt
11:30 AM	Father Jack
6:00 PM	Father Canice