

Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time**Monday, August 6th***The Transfiguration of the Lord*

Daily Mass 8:30AM: Steve Ezeani (L)

Tuesday, August 7th*Saint Sixtus II and Saint Cajetan*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Sylvester Ezeani, Sr. (L)

Wednesday, August 8th*Saint Dominic*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Esmerando Juanitez (D)

Thursday, August 9th*Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Joey Manlapaz (L)

Friday, August 10th*Saint Lawrence*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Rev. Tran-Khac-Hy (D)

Saturday, August 11th*Saint Clare*

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**Saturday, August 11th**

5:00 PM: Rev. Tran-Khac-Hy (D)

7:00 PM: Kevin A. Martinez (L)

Mercedes F. Sarabia (L)

Sunday, August 12th

8:00 AM: People of the Parish (L)

9:30 AM: Rev. Joseph Slatery (D)

11:30 AM: Chioma Udejiofor (D)

6:00 PM: People of the Parish (L)

Readings:

1 Kgs 19: 4-8

Eph 4: 30-52

John 6: 41-51

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; Philip Ferrera; Ferris "Bo" George; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Helen Jacik; Janet Kinard; John and Joan Kodak; Mahnaz Majafi; June Provini; Margaret & Bill Riley; Mary Soh; Michelle Szulczewski; Kay Villemi; 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.*****Stewardship Report**

July 29

Offertory \$ 9,565

Faith Direct \$ 2,725

Total \$ 12,290

Last Year \$ 12,452

Last week's collection for the Philippine Mission Appeal raised \$ 5,048. Thank you for your support.

The Campaign for Catholic Human Development will be taken up in next weekend's second collection. The CCHD works to empower those living in poverty to bring about change in their communities. Thank you for your support.

*We are grateful for your generosity.***Items of Note at St. Matthias**

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. We now have **Festival T-shirts** available in sizes for every member of your family. The cost is \$15.00 each, and shirts may be purchased after Mass or in the Hughes Center during regular business hours.

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 meets after the 11:30 AM Mass on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

Remember Someone Special, living or deceased, with a Mass Intention. Stop by the parish office or call 301-459-4814 x 201 to arrange a date and Mass time. Suggested stipend is \$10 per request.

The Leisure Club is sponsoring a bus trip to Harlington Raceway and Casino on Thursday, August 30th. The bus will leave from the church parking lot at 9:15 AM and return by 5:00 PM. Cost of the trip is \$ 30 per person. Cost includes rebates of \$ 15 in slot play and a \$ 7 meal voucher. Checks may be made payable to St. Matthias Leisure Club. Payment is due by August 8th. Checks may be mailed to: Rita Kitchings, 2426 Hyannis La., Crofton, MD 21114. For more information, please contact Rita at 301-254-1038.

Wednesday, August 15th, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mass Times are 8:30 AM and 7:30 PM

This is a Holy Day of Obligation

Family Connection

In today's Gospel, the crowd asks Jesus for a sign so that they can believe that he has come from God. This is a curious request, because Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people with just five barley loaves and two fish. How quickly they seem to have forgotten the wonderful thing that Jesus has done for them. Or, maybe they never recognized the miracle in the first place. Sometimes we don't recognize the wonderful things that God has done for us. And, sometimes, we simply forget and ask for further evidence of his love and care. We pray that God will remove our blindness so that we can receive with thanks and praise all the wonderful things that God accomplishes in our lives.

Together as a family, name the wonderful gifts that God has given you and some of the remarkable deeds that God has accomplished in our world. Observe that it is important to stop to count our blessings because we can easily miss recognizing all of the wonderful things that God does for us. Read together today's Gospel, John 6:24-35. Ask: Why are the people seeking out Jesus? (because he has fed them) What do they want from Jesus? (a sign that he has come from God) What does Jesus tell them? (He says that he will give them something greater and more important than the bread that fed their physical hungers; he will give them bread that will give them eternal life.) Recall that we have this gift from Jesus in the Eucharist. Pray together, thanking God for all that he has given to us, especially for the gift of eternal life and the Eucharist. Pray together the [Magnificat](#).

Is your parish registration information up-to-date?

You can make changes in your family profile and access your giving history by going online to: <https://washingtondc.parihssoftfamilysuite.com/> and click **New User**. Follow the steps to create your account.

Questions? Call Pat at 301-459-4814 x 201

Faith Formation

Come and See: Have you considered joining the Catholic Church? Have you been baptized but did not receive First Communion/Confirmation? Do you want to better understand what the Church teaches and why she teaches it? Then RCIA is for you. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will have a "Come & See" session on Wednesday, September 26th, in the Hughes Center at 7:00 PM. The program will be explained and all questions will be answered. Please invite family and friends to consider this program. There is no pressure, just come and see.

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. 1st) and in our Kindergarten (5 years old by Sept. 1st). For information, please contact Mrs. Ann O'Hare, Admissions Director, at 301-577-9412.

Attention, Current School Parents: There will be a ***Parent/Teacher Meet, Mix, and Mingle*** event from 5:30-7:30 PM on Monday, August 27th, in Friendship Hall. This is an "**adults only**" evening and will include time in your child's classroom to meet your child's teacher(s). Father Jack Kennealy, our Pastor, and Mrs. Patricia Schratz, our Principal, will be on hand to welcome you. Plan to attend this event as we begin our 2018-2019 school year.

The Academy of St. Matthias would like to send four teachers to a weeklong professional development workshop sponsored by Responsive Classroom, a program that helps elementary and middle school educators to create safe and joyful learning communities where students develop strong social and academic skills and every student can thrive. Cost for each teacher is \$ 729. If you would like to contribute, **envelopes are available in the church vestibule**. Our teachers thank you!

School Raffle Winner: Congratulations to Paul Awunor, winner and seller (\$ 350), in the July 30th drawing.

Around the Archdiocese

Help Our Marriage: Have you thought about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult time in their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program, beginning with a weekend on September 14-16, 2018, please visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for August 11/12

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