

**Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time****Monday, September 17th***Saint Robert Bellarmine*Daily Mass 8:30AM: **Barbara Vogel** (D)**Tuesday, September 18th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Ronald Schmidt** (D)**Wednesday, September 19th***Saint Januarius*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **St. Matthias Teachers & Staff** (L)**Thursday, September 20th***Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Saint Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Robert Hoke** (D)**Friday, September 21st***Saint Matthew, Apostle*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Students of St. Matthias** (L)**Saturday, September 22nd**Daily Mass 8:30: **Knights of Columbus** (L)**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Saturday, September 22nd**5:00 PM: **Tammy & Mike Paolino** (L)7:00 PM: **People of the Parish** (L)**Sunday, September 23rd**8:00 AM: **Wayne Swiger** (D)9:30 AM: **Albert Ihegbe** (D)11:30 AM: **Florence Nwonye** (D)6:00 PM: **People of the Parish** (L)**Readings:**

Wis 2: 12, 17-20

Jas 3: 16-4:3

Mark 9: 30-37

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

Elaine and Melvin Brooks; Muriel Brown; Anne Dorsch; Barbara Falls; Philip Ferrara; Ferris "Bo" George; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Helen Jacik; Janet Kinard; John and Joan Kodak; Susan Lum; Mahnaz Majafi; June Provini; Daisy Purschwitz; Margaret & Bill Riley; Mary Soh; Angela Thompson; Kay Villemi; Mae Young; Dennis Zanin; Elda Zanin; Sister Giustina Zanin; Zaria Zanin; Rita and Eugene Zehner

*For our military, protect them from all harm.  
For the faithful departed, especially Al Craig, 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 pford@stmatthias.org.*

**Stewardship Report**

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**Offertory** \$ 7,356.**Faith Direct** \$ 2,751**Total** \$ 10,107**Last Year** \$ 13,077*We are grateful for your generosity.***Items of Note at St. Matthias**

**The 2018 Parish Multicultural Day** was a rousing success! Despite the weather, the event featured dancing, traditional attire, performances, and ethnic foods. The Parish Social Life Committee extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation to all who worked so hard to make this event a success. The PSLC also thanks the many volunteers, benefactors, donors, and participants.

Our raffle winners are: Angela Thompson (TV), Zita Givens (Computer Tablet), Vonetta Kelly (Amazon Gift Card), Eileen Fleisher (Microwave Oven).

**Grief Support Group:** Our parish welcomes those who have faced a significant loss to join its ongoing Grief Support Group. Participants experience the support and care of other grieving persons, as well as receive helpful information about grieving and the grief process. Sessions are held every Saturday from 9:00-10:30 AM in the school library. For more information, please contact the group coordinator, Miriam Jacik, MSN, MS Psychology, at 301-345-6054.

**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.

**The Legion of Mary** will hold a membership drive later this month. For information, please contact Loretta Dungor at 301-758-2871 or [ldungor@hotmail.com](mailto:ldungor@hotmail.com), or Rita Waldren at 301-204-0168.

**Lost & Found:** It's time to claim your missing umbrellas, hats, glasses, jackets, etc. that have been left in the church. Please see an usher if you are missing personal items. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of this month.

## 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:** Faith Formation will begin on Monday, September 17th. Students need to be registered before the first night of class. We are limiting class sizes to 20, and we can no longer provide sacramental preparation for high school students. **We regret that no registrations will be accepted at Monday evening classes.** However, registrations will be accepted Monday, September 17th from 1:00-4:00 PM in the parish office.

## Knights of Columbus

Tickets are available for the Knights of Columbus 49th Annual Car Raffle which benefits area charities and scholarship programs. Tickets are \$ 1 each and are available from any council member, or you may call Don Aitchison (240-481-0622) or Ferdinand Ibebuchi (301-802-3075). The drawing will take place October 6th. You need not be present to win.



## Around the Archdiocese

**Join the 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign** for prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. Kick-off rally is Saturday, Sept. 22nd, at the First Baptist Church of Glenarden Ministry Center, 3600 Brightseat Rd., Glenarden MD.

**Learn More About the Annulment Process** by picking up an informational card found on the table in the church vestibule.

**Run for Vocations:** Runners and walkers of all experience levels are invited to join priests, seminarians, and lay people in this year's Run For Vocations (Marine Corps 10K), October 28, 2018. To register and join in the fun, visit [www.dcpriest.org](http://www.dcpriest.org).



## The Academy of Saint Matthias

**Tuition Assistance:** The new school year has hardly begun, but it's time to consider applying for **Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance for the 2019-2020 School Year.** Applications will be available beginning **October 1, 2018**, for students in grades K-12 who attend an archdiocesan Catholic school. More information will be provided later this month.

**Enrollment:** We are pleased to report that our enrollment this year is 184, a 17% increase over last year!

**Celebrate the work of our teachers and staff who continue to strengthen the school's academic excellence and the education of our children, spiritually and socially.**

## Family Connection

Peter had expectations about what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah, the Christ. Jesus was indeed the Messiah, but his life and death would show a different understanding of what it means to be the Messiah. We, too, have expectations of God and our own ideas about what we think God ought to be doing in our world. Like Peter, however, we may risk limiting our image of God by thinking only in human ways. God's plan is always more that we can ever imagine.

As you gather as a family, talk about what we expect God to be doing in our world and in our family life. Then read today's Gospel, Mark 8:31-35. Why do you think Peter was so upset by what Jesus was saying? Notice how Jesus reprimands Peter. Do we sometimes forget to let God be God for us? That is, do we sometimes get discouraged because God doesn't act in our world in the ways that we expect? Pray together that we will remember that God is always working for the world's salvation in ways that are beyond our imagination. Conclude by praying together today's psalm, Psalm 116.

Our Parish Food Pantry is in short supply of canned fruit, beans, meat, corn, soup, and boxes of cereal. Food may be left in the church vestibule or dropped off at the parish office. The Ladies of Charity thank you for your support.



### **Celebrant Mass Schedule for September 22/23**

5:00 PM	Fr. Christopher
7:00 PM	Fr. Russo
8:00 AM	Fr. Canice
9:30 AM	Fr. Canice
11:30 AM	Fr. Milt
6:00 PM	Fr. Albert