

**Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time****Monday, September 24th**

Daily Mass 8:30AM: Marcella Nzefili (L)

**Tuesday, September 25th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Mary Ellen Fitzmaurice (D)

**Wednesday, September 26th***Saints Cosmos & Damian, Martyrs*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Peggy Carr (L)

**Thursday, September 27th***Saint Vincent de Paul*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Mary Anthony Sillah (D)

**Friday, September 28th***Saint Wenceslaus & Saint Lawrence Ruiz*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Saturday, September 29th***Saints Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels*

Daily Mass 8:30: Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Saturday, September 29th**

5:00 PM: Antonio Santos (D)

7:00 PM: People of the Parish (L)

**Sunday, September 30th**

8:00 AM: Kingsley Ezuokeaba (L)

9:30 AM: Benedict Ike (L)

11:30 AM: Eneze &amp; Eko Families (D)

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

**Readings:**

Nm 11: 25-29

Jas 5: 1-6

Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

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

Elaine and Melvin Brooks; Muriel Brown; Barbara Falls; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Helen Jacik; Janet Kinard; John and Joan Kodak; Susan Lum; June Provini; Margaret & Bill Riley; Mary Soh; 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, 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****September 16**

Offertory \$ 8,695

Faith Direct \$ 2,751

Total \$ 11,446

**Last Year \$ 11,228***We are grateful for your generosity.***Items of Note at St. Matthias**

**Dance Ministry:** The St. Matthias Liturgical Dance Ministry is recruiting young ladies in grades 9-12. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Church. Our first rehearsal will be held on October 16th. We will pray, complete registration forms, discuss the ministry, and review potential songs. Please contact the coordinator, Mrs. Zita Givens at 301-577-1853, for more information.

**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, and 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.

**Volunteers Are Needed** to help at the receptionist's desk in the Hughes Center. Hours are Monday-Thursday from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM or from 12:00 PM-4:00 PM., and on Friday from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM. Most volunteers work once or twice per month. Please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 for more information.

**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.

**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.



**From the Pastor**

I would like to thank the members of the Parish Social Life Committee for planning and hosting our first Multicultural Day earlier this month. Your tireless effort ensured the event's success! Thanks, also, to the many volunteers who worked behind the scenes and made last-minute adjustments due to the rainy weather. It was a great success and everyone who attended had a wonderful time. Well done, PSLC!

-Father Jack

**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.

**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 Aitcheson (240-481-0622) or Ferdinand Ibeuchi (301-802-3075). The drawing will take place October 6th. You need not be present to win.



**Around the Archdiocese**



**Longaberger Basket Bingo** will be held at Ascension Church, 12700 Lanham-Severn Rd., Bowie, MD, on Friday, October 19th. Doors open at 6:00 PM and Bingo

starts at 7:00 PM. For more information, please contact Maureen Barber at 301-928-0603.

**The Alliance of Two Hearts** is sponsoring 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting as well as nine First Friday/First Saturday Vigils at St. Anthony's Church, 1029 Monroe St., Washington, DC). Vigils begin at 8:00 PM. The next Vigils take place October 5th and 6th. For more information, please contact Candace Harshaw at 845-401-4678.



**The Academy of Saint Matthias**

**Tuition Assistance:** Our school year is off to a great start with many new students and families.

**It's not too early to think about the 2019-2020 school year. The application for Archdiocesan financial aid, available at [www.TADS.com](http://www.TADS.com), will open on October 1, 2018.** Current school families will have until December 1, 2018, to submit their applications. Families who will be new to the Academy of Saint Matthias have until February of 2019 to apply. Please act quickly as financial aid is allocated very early. Questions? Please contact the school Admissions Director, Mrs. Ann O'Hare, at 301-577-9412.

**Family Connection**

Conversations such as the one described in today's Gospel are common in family life. Perhaps these examples are familiar: "I should get the first piece of cake because I am the youngest;" "I did the dishes yesterday; someone else should do them today." How might we respond if Jesus asked about our family arguments? What would Jesus say to us in reply? All of us need the reminder found in today's Gospel: To be great in God's Kingdom is to be the servant of all.

As you gather as a family, recall a recent family argument about household chores or an example of bickering among family members. Talk about what was at issue in the argument. Together imagine that Jesus entered the room just as the argument ended. What would you tell Jesus your argument was about? What might Jesus say in reply? Read together today's Gospel, Mark 9:30-37. How was your family argument like the argument among Jesus' disciples? What might your family do to remember that those who are great in God's kingdom are those who willingly serve others? Pray together that your family life will reflect your commitment to serve one another with love.

Pray Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer for Generosity.

*Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God,  
Teach me true generosity.*

*Teach me to serve you as you deserve.*

*To give without counting the cost,*

*To fight heedless of wounds,*

*To labor without seeking rest,*

*To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward*

*Save the knowledge that I have done your will.*

*Amen.*

**Celebrant Mass Schedule for September 29/30**

5:00 PM Fr. Canice  
7:00 PM Fr. Desiano  
8:00 AM Fr. Jack  
9:30 AM Fr. Jack  
11:30 AM Fr. Canice  
6:00 PM Fr. Albert