

## Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

### **Monday, February 11th**

*Our Lady of Lourdes*

Daily Mass 8:30AM: Nneka Christiana Emeagwali (D)

### **Tuesday, February 12th**

Mass 8:30: Eugenio Murli (D)

### **Wednesday, February 13th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Clarence A. Size (D)

### **Thursday, February 14th**

*Saint Cyril and Saint Methodius*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Henry Kosko (D)

### **Friday, February 15th**

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

### **Saturday, February 16th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Mildred F. Davis (D)

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Saturday, February 16th**

5:00 PM: Cathy Callaghan (D)

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

### **Sunday, February 17th**

8:00 AM: Dr. Rita Robinson (D)

9:30 AM: Daphne Cumberbatch (D)

11:30 AM: Ladies of Charity (L)

6:00 PM: Knights of Columbus (L)

#### **Readings:**

Jer 17: 5-8

1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20

Luke 6: 17, 20-26

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

Mason Beal; Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Kevin Butler; John Cassidy; Rose Chisefsky; Chunyere Duru; Helen Dziduch; Ferris "Bo" George; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Helen Jacik; Janet Kinard; John and Joan Kodak; Susan Lum; Nancy & John Matais; Cathy Pielmeier; June Provini; Debbie Self; Mary Soh; 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.*

## Stewardship Report

February 3

Offertory 11,698

Faith Direct 3,811

Total 15,509

Last Year 13,354

*We are grateful for your generosity.*

## Items of Note at St. Matthias

**Mass Intentions:** Remember a loved one's birthday, anniversary, or special occasion by having a Mass offered for him or her. Please stop by the parish office or call 301-459-4814 to request a Mass intention. Suggested offering is \$10.

**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.

**Volunteers Are Needed** at the receptionist's desk in the parish office. Most volunteers work a 4 hour shift once or twice per month. Please contact Thad Ereme at 301-458-4814 x 207 for details.

**Youth Ministry:** Our next meeting for students in grades 9-12 will be held this Sunday, February 10th, from 12:00 -2:30 PM, in the Hughes Center. Lunch is provided.

### Parish Social Life Committee News

On behalf of Father Jack, the Parish Social Life Committee will host the Annual Volunteer Luncheon on Sunday, March 10th, from 2:00-4:00 PM in Friendship Hall. If you are an active member of a parish organization or ministry that provides services to the church or community, please submit the RSVP form no later than Sunday, February 17th. Forms are available in the parish office, church vestibule, or on the parish website at [www.stmatthias.org](http://www.stmatthias.org).

## Faith Formation

**Adult Bible Study:** St. Matthias is offering an adult Bible Study on St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians on Tuesday mornings beginning at 9:15 AM in the Hughes Center. Please join us and bring a friend!

## Family Connection

In the people whom Jesus chose to be his closest friends—his disciples—we see many of the characteristic foibles of ordinary human beings. We also see the ways that God uses the gifts he gave us to transform us into new people, the agents through whom God will lead others to Jesus and to his kingdom. Let's consider the person Jesus chose to be a leader among the disciples and whom he sent to "catch people." Based on the evidence found in Scripture, we can imagine what Peter must have been like:

- Peter seems unafraid to speak his mind, yet he is also able to take direction. In today's Gospel, Simon Peter lowers his nets as Jesus commands, but not before reminding Jesus that he and his partners have been fishing all night and haven't caught anything.
- Peter is a leader, a spokesperson for others. Today's Gospel suggests that Simon Peter was a leader in his fishing business. When Simon Peter chooses to follow Jesus, others become Jesus' disciples as well.
- Peter's personality and charisma seem to make him the center of attention; yet Peter learned to be transparent, to let others see Jesus through him.
- Peter possesses a dynamic and open relationship with Jesus. Peter often approaches Jesus and speaks what is in his heart.

Gather as a family and spend some time imagining the person of Simon Peter. Encourage family members to tell details about Simon Peter that they recall from Scripture. Consider these questions: Is Peter someone you would like to be friends with? Why or why not? Do you consider Peter a good leader? Why or why not? Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 5:1-11. Jesus chose Simon Peter to be the leader of the disciples. Peter continued to be a leader in the early Christian community; we continue to speak of Peter's leadership when we call the pope the successor of Peter. Discuss the role of the papacy and of other leaders in the Church. In what ways do we participate in the mission of the Church by leading people to Christ ("catching people")? Pray for those who lead the Church.

### Prayer to St. Joseph, the Protector of the Church.

Father, you entrusted our Savior to the care of Saint Joseph. By the help of his prayers may your Church continue to serve its Lord,  
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## Around the Archdiocese

**Give the Gift of Service:** Catholic Charities encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC, and Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit [catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer](http://catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer).

**Respect Life Training:** Are you called to promote the sanctity of human life? Please attend the Respect Life Training Seminar sponsored by the *40 Days for Life* local chapter. The seminar will be held on Saturday, February 23rd, from 10:00 AM—3:00 PM at St. Hugh Church (Grenoble Hall), 135 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. Register at <https://www.justRSVP.me/40daysclass>. A donation of \$ 10 is requested at the door. Lunch and refreshments are included. For more information, contact Tom at 240-593-6982.

**The Archdiocese of Washington Secretariat for Pastoral Ministry and Social Concerns** presents *Engaging the Mission*, a process for reflection and to discern ways to revitalize parish life and evangelization. The workshop will be held Saturday, March 16th, from 8:30 AM -3:00 PM, at the Edward J. Pryzbyla Center on the campus of The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.



## The Academy of Saint Matthias

**School Raffle Fundraiser:** Congratulations to Marie Abongura, winner of \$ 500, and to Pamela Hopkins, seller (\$ 50), in the February 4th drawing.

**The State-of-the-School Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12th, beginning at 6:30 PM in Friendship Hall.

For admissions information, academics, and school events, go to <http://school/stmatthias.org/>.



### **Celebrant Mass Schedule for February 16/17**

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