**Masses for the First Week in Ordinary Time**

**Mon. Jan. 9th: The Baptism of the Lord**
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Jack Jordan

**Tuesday, January 10th**
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Carmelo Gugliotta

**Wednesday, January 11th**
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Intentions of Parishioners

**Thursday, January 12th**
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Carol McDonagh

**Friday, January 13th: Saint Hilary**
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Intentions of Parishioners

**Saturday, January 14th**
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Intentions of Parishioners

**The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, January 14th**
Family Vigil Mass 5:00 PM: Intentions of Parishioners
Spanish Mass 7:00 PM: Intentions of Parishioners

**Sunday, January 15th**
8:00 AM: Steve and Mary Ellen Keleti (Living)
10:30 AM: Florence Nwonye-Nwoko (Living)
6:00 PM: Intentions of Parishioners

**Readings:**
1st Reading: Is 49:3,5-6
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3
Gospel: John 1: 29-34

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

Margie Baker; Muriel Brown; Hazel Campbell; Rose Chisefsky; Al Craig; Ronnie Davis; Antoinette Diemer; Norma Florimbio; William Halbe; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Richard Kosko; Joe Makowski; Amalia Spescha; Kay Villemi; Mae Young; Sister Giustina Zanin; Zaria Zanin; Eugene Zehner; Mickey Zehner

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

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

Winter weather will be here soon. Consider using Faith Direct, an electronic giving service that ensures your uninterrupted contributions. Visit www.faithdirect.net or call 1-866 507-8757 to learn more. Our parish identification number is MD41.

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**Stewardship Report**

December 25, 2016  11,470.00
Faith Direct  3,044.00
Total Offertory  14,514.00
Last Year  10,587.00

Christmas Collection 2016  24,343.00
Christmas Collection 2015  33,024.00
Flower Collection for 2016  3,978.00
Flower Collection for 2015  3,495.00

(The above figures are as of 12/27/2016)

Due to the early publication of this bulletin, the Stewardship Report for January 1st will appear in next week’s bulletin.

Next week’s second collection is for Church Missions in the U.S. and for the Archdiocese for the Military Services. The AMS relies solely on donations in support of its mission—to provide pastoral care and services to Catholics who serve in the US Armed Forces, U.S. Military Academies, and those receiving treatment at VA Medical Centers. Proceeds from the collection will be split by the two organizations. Please give as generously as your means permit.

**We Are Grateful For Your Generosity**

**Items of Note**

**Contribution Statements for 2016** will be mailed this month. Please notify the office with your correct mailing address if you have moved recently (301-459-4814 or pford@stmatthias.org).

**Hosting An Event?** Friendship Hall is available for rent. Please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or tereme@stmatthias.org.

**Missals for 2017:** The 2017 Sunday Missals are available at the Parish office, or you may see an usher after Mass. Cost of each Missal is $4.00.

Remember your loved ones with Perpetual Memorial Candles. For an initial payment of $50, and monthly installments, you can reserve a candle that is lit for one year. For more information, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or tereme@stmatthias.org.

Volunteers are needed in the parish office to greet visitors, answer phones, and perform other light clerical duties. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. Contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or tereme@stmatthias.org.
Family Connection

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

Read today’s Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ’s royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say. Conclude by singing together “We Three Kings.”

Taken From Loyola Press (www.loyolapress.com).

Youth News

Youth Rally & Mass for Life: The Youth Rally and Mass for Life will be held on Friday, January 27, 2017. Each year on the morning of the National March for Life, thousands gather from around the nation to participate. Tickets are required for entry. For more information and to register for free tickets, please visit http://YouthRallyandMassforLife.org or contact Teresa Yao at youthrally@adw.org or 301-853-4555.

Calling all Teens! The Saint Matthias Teen Youth Group will hold its next meeting today, Sunday, January 8th from 12:00 to 2:30 PM in the Hughes Center. Refreshments will be provided! Parish teens in grades 9 through 12 are welcome. Registration forms are available in the pamphlet rack in the Church vestibule. For more information, contact Le-Marie Thompson at 301-452-2258 or Arlene Taylor at 301-459-5549.

Hope Corps: Catholic Charities is recruiting young adults to work in teams to lead volunteer events once a month. Choose your project. Each month, Hope Corps members lead volunteers in one-time, short projects that make a big difference in a few hours: clean up a shelter, pack breakfast bags (Cup of Joe) for people who stay in our shelters, help load up food packages, and more. Hope Corps members receive training and gratitude! Get information and apply at www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/volunteer.

Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, & Altar Servers

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Knights of Columbus Scholarships:
The Maryland State Council and Insurance Advisors of the Knights of Columbus sponsor several Catholic high school scholarships. Saint Matthias teens are encouraged to apply. You may obtain specific information and applications by visiting http://www.kofc-md.org/. Applicants will be judged on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. The application deadline is February 1, 2017.

Items of Note

Have you visited our Adoration Chapel? Come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord. You may visit day or night, seven days a week. Please call or stop by the parish office for the access code.

Please join us for Monday evening Adoration, Confessions, and Benediction from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Confessions begin at 7:00 PM, followed by Benediction at 8:00 PM.

2017 Catholic Calendars are available and may be picked up at the parish office during regular business hours.

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Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of January 14/15

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