Masses for the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 10th
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Julia DiFrancesco

Tuesday, July 11th: Saint Benedict
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Alice Campbell

Wednesday, July 12th
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Cathy Horton

Thursday, July 13th: Saint Henry
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Adamma Ughoh

Friday, July 14th: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Fr. Joseph Ranieri
(Living—Birthday)

Saturday, July 15th: Saint Bonaventure
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Hildegard Jorgensen
(Living—Birthday)

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 15th
5:00 PM: Robert Scanlan
7:00 PM: Gali Galicinao

Sunday, July 16th
8:00 AM: Carmen Velasco and Victor Sanchez
9:30 AM: Christy Chidma Udejiofor
11:30 AM: Violet Diliberto
6:00 PM: Bob Scanlan

Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11
2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-23
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

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

Elaine and Melvin Brooks; Muriel Brown; Claudia Clayton; Al Craig; Ronnie Davis; Patricia Farland; Norma Florimbio; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Richard Kosko; Mary Soh; Kay Villemi; Mae Young; Sister Giustina Zanin; Zaria Zanin; 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
Contributions for July 2nd will be published in next week’s bulletin.

Cardinal’s Appeal Update

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Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Items of Note at St. Matthias

2017 Cardinal’s Appeal Update: A significant gift to the Cardinal’s Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way. Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, but also glorify Him by enabling the work of our Archdiocese. The 2017 goal for Saint Matthias, set by the Archdiocese, is $81,027. As of June 1st, we have pledged $48,528 and paid $28,362. This represents almost 60% of our pledged amount. Contributions to date represent only 20% of our registered families. It is not too late to send in your pledge and begin participating in the Cardinal’s Appeal. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Calling Teen Youth Ministers! Are you called to serve teens as they develop with Christ? The Teen Youth Ministry at Saint Matthias is looking for adults to assist with this program. Adults called to this ministry must attend a two hour Virtus training class, Protecting God’s Children. Adults will meet once a month from September through June. We have wonderful young people who need the support of loving and caring adults. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, contact Le-Marie Thompson, lemarie.thompson@gmail.com or call 301-452-2258.

Hosting An Event? Friendship Hall is available for rent.

Remember your loved ones with a memorial candle that is lit for one year.

Greeters are needed for the 11:30 AM Mass.

For the above items, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or tereme@stmatthias.org

Parish Social Life Committee News

The next PSLC meeting is Friday, July 7th, at 6:30 PM in the Hughes Center
Family Connection

In today’s Gospel, Jesus teaches an important lesson for families: from the youngest and simplest among us we can learn the most profound insights about God. Parents who are attentive to this reality can learn much from their children even as their children are learning from them. Families who create time and space for encounters with God will enrich the faith of all who share in family life.

Gather as a family and read together today’s Gospel, Matthew 11:25-30. Allow time for each person to reflect on what Jesus reveals to us about God. Invite each person to share these things in a creative way, perhaps through a picture, poem, or some other means. Pray together the Lord’s Prayer or today’s Psalm, Psalm 145.

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Faith Formation

Please call Ms. Catherine Tolnay at 301-459-4814 x 205 for further information about the items below.

Faith Formation Registration: It is time to register children who do not attend Catholic school for our fall Faith Formation Religion classes (K-8) held Monday evenings from 6:30-7:45 PM in Friendship Hall. Registration forms are in the pamphlet racks in the entrance to the Church. Please fill out a separate form for each child, enclose the registration form and payment in a sealed envelope with Ms. Tolnay's name on it, and either put it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Registration fees will increase after July 10th. Registrations will no longer be accepted on Monday nights at Faith Formation classes, so please register now. Children who need to make a sacrament need to be in Faith Formation classes two years in a row with good attendance.

We Need Your Help: Is the Holy Spirit calling you to serve the building of the Kingdom of God in this troubled generation? Saint Matthias needs catechists, aides, and substitute teachers for our Faith Formation program on Monday nights from 6:15-8:00 PM. Help our children fall in love with God and fall in love with the Catholic Church. Give the Holy Spirit permission and He will do wonders in you and through you!

Ministry Schedules for July 15/16

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Celebrrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of July 15/16

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The Academy of Saint Matthias

School is Out for Summer: School office summer hours are Monday–Thursday from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The school will be closed completely the week of July 10-14th. We wish our parents, students, and teachers a restful and fun summer!

We are Accepting Applications for the coming school year. Spread the good news and encourage your friends and neighbors to consider enrolling their children for the 2017-2018 school year. Please contact the Director of Admissions, Mrs. Ann O’Hare at aohare@stmatthias.org or 301-577-9412 for more information.

Raffle Winners: Raffle winners for the July 3rd and July 10th drawings will be published in next week’s bulletin.