

## Masses for the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

### Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>: Saint Sharbel Makhluf

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Louis Stinnett**

### Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>: Saint James

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Dr. Donald Sausman** (Living)

### Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>: Saints Joachim and Anne

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Anita S. Bermudo**

### Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Intentions of Parishioners**

### Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Corazon Biljera**

### Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>: Saint Martha

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Charity Ezeani** (Living—Birthday)

## The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM: **Richard Jacko**

7:00 PM: **Intentions of Parishioners**

### Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM: **Rosemary Rossi**

9:30 AM: **Anna Marie Conner** (Living—Birthday)

11:30 AM: **Lori Ghisalbert** (Living)

6:00 PM: **Raphael Onyewu**

**Readings:** 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

### 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; Lillian Ekwosi-Egbulem; Patricia Farland; Norma Florimbio; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Mabel Jones; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Richard Kosko; Darlene McDonald; Mary Soh; George Thompson; 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](mailto:pford@stmatthias.org)

## Stewardship Report

July 16, 2017	10,153.00
Faith Direct	2,352.00
Total Offertory	12,505.00
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>10,910.00</b>

*Thank you for your continued support of our parish.*

## Items of Note at St. Matthias



You may have noticed some changes and work being done in the sanctuary. Contractors are installing wiring to accommodate new video screens and an audio system to enhance your participation at Masses and other church services.

**Do You Want to Travel to Panama?** 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.



Youth Ministers will help to plan and accompany our parish teens to World Youth Day to be held in Panama in 2019! 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](mailto:lemarie.thompson@gmail.com) or call 301-452-2258.

### **Parish Social Life Committee News**

Your PSLC hopes you are having a *fantastic* summer. To help you keep cool in Christ, we are issuing hand fans to adult parishioners who attend Mass this weekend. These attractive fans are printed with a Bible verse on one side and emergency contact information on the back.

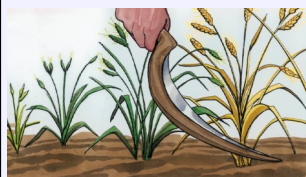
**Hosting An Event?** Friendship Hall is available for rent.

**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](mailto:tereme@stmatthias.org).

**Family Connection**



Taken together, the parables found in today's Gospel offer both a sobering reminder about the Kingdom of God and words of encouragement. As the wheat and the weeds must grow together until the harvest, so we may not know whether our actions contribute to God's Kingdom until God's final judgment. With this word of caution in mind, we act always in prayer that our actions will be consistent with God's plans. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we hear words of encouragement. God can bring the Kingdom of Heaven from even the smallest of beginnings. Thus, we ask God to work through us for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Set aside some time this week to make bread with your family. Show the amount of yeast that is required to raise an entire batch of bread. Observe that little things can go a long way. After the bread has been baked, gather together as a family. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 13:24-43. Reflect together on what Jesus means when he teaches that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed and like yeast. In these parables, Jesus is teaching us that God can work wonders from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of God. This means that even the little things that we do can make a big difference in the lives of others. What are some of the little things that we can do in our family that help to make things better for others? Decide on one action to take together. Pray that God will use your action to make a difference in the world. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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**Faith Formation**



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

**Bible Study:** There will be no Bible Study this Wednesday evening, July 26th. The Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, August 2nd, at 7 PM. Please come and bring a friend.

**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. **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 29/30**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
5:00 PM	J. Onyewu, E. Buan	S. Corson, F. McCrary
7:00 PM	L. Martinez, J. Andres, E. Diaz	TBD
8:00 AM	A. DeMaio, D. DeMaio, B. S. DeMaio	L. Adekoya, M. Prout
9:30 AM	P. Nwadije, D. Okereke, N. Onyima	P. Okongwu, V. Neke
11:30 AM	R. Akem, A. Akem, A. Amanyeiwe	TBD
6:00 PM	G. Marshall, A. Marshall	Y. Balogun

<u>Time</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
5:00 PM	C. Green, C. Kosko, B. Wiredu	G. Johnson
7:00 PM	TBD	D. Lima
8:00 AM	D. Aitcheson, P. Buan	M. Taylor
9:30 AM	M. Ibebuchu, R. Okereke	R. Aitcheson
11:30 AM	U. Nwokeafor, I. Onuaku, S. Ugoh	C. Nwokeafor
6:00 PM	K. Homes-Johnson, D. Self, C. Sykes	A. M'Carthy



**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. 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 [ahare@stmatthias.org](mailto:ahare@stmatthias.org) or 301-577-9412 for more information.

**Raffle Winner:** Congratulations to Kelly Taylor, winner and seller ( \$350) in the July 17th drawing.

**Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of July 29/30**



5:00 pm	Father Kennealy
7:00 pm	Father Joseph
8:00 am	Father Canice
9:30 am	Father Kennealy
11:30 am	Father Khumbah
6:00 pm	Father Canice