Stewardship Report

The Stewardship Report for September 17th will be published in next week’s Bulletin.

Items of Note at St. Matthias

Knights of Columbus Car Raffle: 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 Aneurin M’Carth (240-602-5573).

Soccer Shoot-Out: The Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council #5381 will hold a “Soccer Shoot-Out” at the St. Matthias soccer field on Saturday, September 30th, at 9:00 AM. Register on site at the start of the event. The shoot-out is for boys and girls, ages 6-18.

The Catholic Women’s Association (CWA) will have its first meeting on Sunday, October 1st, at 12:45 PM in the Hughes Center. All baptized Catholic women 18 years of age and older, are welcome to join.

Faith Formation

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

Catechists, aides, and substitute teachers are needed for our Faith Formation Program.

Not baptized but would like to be? Baptized but not Catholic? Baptized Catholic but didn’t receive sacraments? I have all my sacraments but want to become stronger in the practice of my faith. What can I do? The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is for you. We will have a “Come & See” evening on Wednesday, September 27th at 7 PM in the Hughes Center. The process will be explained and all questions will be answered. There is no pressure to join, just come and see.

Masses for the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

**Monday, September 25th**
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Intentions of Parishioners

**Tuesday, September 26th:**
Saints Cosmas and Damian
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Richard Kosko

**Wednesday, September 27th:**
Saint Vincent de Paul
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Intentions of Parishioners

**Thursday, September 28th:**
Saints Wenceslaus and Lawrence Ruiz
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Joseph DeMarco

**Friday, September 29th:**
Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Richard Kosko

**Saturday, September 30th:**
St. Jerome
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Helen Scabis

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, September 30th**
5:00 PM: Ronnie Buan (Living)
7:00 PM: Intentions of Parishioners

**Sunday, October 1st**
8:00 AM: John “Jack” Jordan
9:30 AM: Anthony Foli, Jr. (Living).
11:30 AM: Benedict and Mac Anthony Ike (Living)
6:00 PM: Intentions of Parishioners

Readings: Ez 18:25-28
2nd Reading: Phil 2:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

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; Lilian Ekwosi-Egbulem; Patricia Farland; Norma Florimbinio; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Darlene McDonald; Dorothy McMonagle; Lucy Nguyen; Logan Prout; Mary Soh; Stacy Southard; 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

Hosting An Event? Friendship Hall is available for rent. Remember Your Loved Ones with a memorial candle that is lit for one year.

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

The Parish Social Life Committee wishes to thank you for your assistance with Father Jack’s Installation reception last Sunday.
From the Pastor
When it comes to an installation Mass, I certainly thank Cardinal Wuerl, but there are many who volunteered and who attended that need to be thanked. Thank you very much to the Parish Social Life Committee for the reception and to the many parish groups that assisted. Many thanks to the parish for all of your support during the past two months. I look forward to continuing to meet and work with you.

Father Jack

Around the Archdiocese

Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: This workshop will instruct the faithful on how to serve effectively as an EMHC in the parish setting as well as when taking Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins. It is intended primarily for those who wish to be certified as an EMHC in the Archdiocese of Washington, but the workshop is open to all.
10/07/2017 Jesus the Good Shepherd Church
-Owings, MD 9:30 AM—12:30 PM
10/14/2017 St. Raphael Church
-Rockville, MD 9:30 AM—12:30 PM
11/11/2017 Holy Family Church
-Hillcrest Hgts., MD 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

Workshop for Lectors: This workshop will instruct lectors on how to be effective proclaimers of the Word in a liturgical setting. We will also explain the Lectionary and the structure of the Catholic biblical tradition. This workshop is open to all.
10/21/2017 Shrine of the Sacred Heart
-Washington, DC 9:00 AM—12:00 PM
11/18/2017 Pastoral Center
-Hyattsville, MD 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

For the above workshops, a $5 registration fee may be paid at the door. Please RSVP by emailing liturgy@adw.org.

The Academy of Saint Matthias

For general information about our school, please contact Mrs. Marsha Blackburn in the school office at 301-577-9412 or mblackburn@stmatthias.org.

For admissions information, please contact Mrs. Ann O’Hare at 301-577-9412 x 216 or aohare@stmatthias.org.

Please join us for our next school Mass scheduled for Friday, September 29th, at 9:15 AM

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of September 30/October 1
5:00 pm Father Canice
7:00 pm Father Russo
8:00 am Father Jack
9:30 am Father Canice
11:30 am Father Jack
6:00 pm Father Albert

Family Connection
The workers in this parable sound very much like squabbling children, comparing what they have each been given and making complaints to the parent. Among children there is a tendency to equate love with gifts and material things. This tendency can devolve into a spirit of entitlement, which runs counter to the spirit of gratitude. Any effort we make to overcome this tendency, to keep love from being entwined with gifts and possessions, will enable our children to accept completely the love that God gives freely and generously.

Observe together any tendency within your family to make comparisons. Are children sometimes heard saying that another child received a greater portion of a favorite food at dinner or dessert? Does one person complain that a parent spends more time with one child over another? Ask if such comparisons are helpful. Discuss together why such comparisons are made. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 20:1-16. Consider these questions: Why do the workers grumble? Is the landowner's assessment accurate? Unfortunately, we are sometimes like these workers when we make the comparisons we discussed earlier.

Conclude in prayer together remembering that love cannot and ought not to be measured. Sit quietly together acknowledging God's great love for each person as individuals and for your family. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 145, or the Lord's Prayer.

Ministry Schedules September 30/October 1

Time | Altar Servers | Greeters
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5:00 PM | E. Buan, X. Cherisca | A. Boafo, A. Boafo
7:00 PM | TBD | TBD
8:00 AM | A. Marshall, G. Marshall, B. E. Adekoya | M. Prout, L. Adekoya, M. Reeves
9:30 AM | R. Akem, A. Akem, S. Akukwe | P. Okongwu, V. Neke
11:30 AM | P. Nwadije, H. Ntitebem, M. Mrofaw | TBD
6:00 PM | J. Onuoha, S. Sykes | Y. Balogan

Time | EMCH | Lectors
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5:00 PM | TBD | A. Hawkins
7:00 PM | TBD | F. Moranchel
8:00 AM | TBD | R. Johnson
9:30 AM | TBD | M. Ibebuchi
11:30 AM | TBD | B. Nwadije
6:00 PM | TBD | K. Holmes-Johnson