

## Mass Intentions for the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

### Monday September 5<sup>th</sup>

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Patricia Padonu** (Living)  
(No evening Adoration, Confessions, Benediction)

### Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Dorothy Johnson**

### Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Joseph Daly**

### Thurs., Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Favor-Chinna Eze** (Living— Birthday)

### Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>: Saint Peter Claver

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Clarenda Fragale**

### Saturday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Patricia Podonu** (Living)

## The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

Vigil 5:00 PM: **Patricia Padonu** (Living)  
Spanish Mass 7:00 PM: **Maria Toro**

### Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM: **Patricia Padonu** (Living)  
10:30 AM: **Jude & Florence Nwoko** (Living - Special Intentions)  
6:00 PM: **Lucille Snowden**

## Readings for The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Exodus 32:7—11, 13-14  
2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

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

Lazarus Asong; Margie Baker; Muriel Brown; Ronnie Davis; Norma Florimbio; William Halbe; Jan Jarus; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; Mary Ellen Keleti Richard Kosko; John and Joan Kodak; Joe Makowski; Dorothy Newman; William Pinchback; John Plater; Sam Ross; Phyllis Sczuka; John Schmidt; Ida Stelmack; Charity Taylor; Louise Tesar; Marian Thomas; Matthew Thomas; Kay Villemi; Madeline White; Sister Giustina Zanin; Zaria Zanin; Eugene 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](mailto:pford@stmatthias.org)

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

The Parish Office and School will be closed Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day. There will be no Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, or Benediction on Labor Day. The Office and School will reopen Tuesday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

## Stewardship Report: Revenue

August 28th	10,007.00
Faith Direct	2,712.00
Total Offertory	12, 719.00
<b>Last Year:</b>	<b>10,379.00</b>

Our electric bills for June and July of this year exceeded \$10,000. We are grateful for your continued support.

## Looking Ahead

**Annual Hope Mass and Expo** for persons with disabilities will be held at Holy Name Catholic Church (1125 Neal Street, NE, Washington, D.C.) on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. For more information, contact 202-397-2525.

**Men's Conference:** A one-day men's conference will be held Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in La Plata, MD, from 8 AM—2 PM. The day will begin with Mass celebrated by Cardinal Wuerl. Cost is \$20 which includes breakfast and lunch. The theme for this conference is based upon Corinthians 16:13 "Be on your guard; stand firm in your faith; be courageous; be strong." Please register at [www.adwmen.eventbrite.com](http://www.adwmen.eventbrite.com)



### Knights of Columbus Car Raffle:

Tickets are available for the Knights of Columbus 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Raffle. This raffle benefits area charities and scholarship programs. Tickets are \$1 and are available from any council member, or you may call Don Aitcheson (240-481-0622) or Dominic Forka (240-595-9479).

**Memorial Candles:** Time is running out to reserve your Memorial candles at the introductory cost! Memorial candles are available in the Church and in the Adoration Chapel and may be reserved for a term of one year. Each candle burns continuously for the entire year and will have a personalized plaque commemorating your loved one. Introductory cost is \$300 per year, through Sept. 30, 2016. For more information or to reserve your memorial candle, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814x207 or [tereme@stmatthias.org](mailto:tereme@stmatthias.org).

**Faith Direct:** Thank you for being a part of our Saint Matthias family. As you prepare for the start of a busy fall, consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: MD41. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

**Hosting An Event?** Friendship Hall is available for rent. For information, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or email [tereme@stmatthias.org](mailto:tereme@stmatthias.org).

**Parish Office Email:** You can now contact the Parish office by email at [recvolunteer@stmatthias.org](mailto:recvolunteer@stmatthias.org).

## Family Connection



Provide your children with a list of things that they are responsible for interspersed with things that they like to do—for example, make their beds, take out the garbage, go to the park, do homework, watch television, have a snack, feed the cat. The list should reflect their responsibilities and favorite

recreations. Tell them to pretend that company is coming and ask which of the things listed should be done first. Explain that this is called setting priorities.

Paraphrase the Gospel story for the children. Ask them what Jesus says is the most important thing for them to do. Jesus tells us that the number-one priority is to follow him. But just as it is not always easy to do the things we are supposed to do before doing the fun things, it is not always easy to be a follower of Jesus. Yet when we put Jesus first, we will be truly happy.

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## Items of Note

**An Invitation to Receive Grief Support:** Saint Matthias welcomes those who have faced a significant loss to join its on-going Grief Support Group. Participants experience the support and caring of other grieving persons, as well as receive helpful information about grieving and the grief process. Sessions are held every Saturday from 9:00 - 10:30 AM in the school library. New members are welcome beginning September 24<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Miriam Jacik MSN, MS Psy., the group coordinator, at 301-345-6054.



### Protecting God's Children for Adults:

Protecting God's Children is the mandatory child protection training for all

Archdiocese of Washington employees and volunteers who have substantial contact with children. To volunteer with children at Saint Matthias, adults must be certified through this training. The next local training will take place on September 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-10:00 PM at St. Mary of the Mills, 114 St. Mary's Place, Laurel, MD. For more information and to register visit <http://www.adw.org/childprotection/>

**Evangelization Leaders Meeting:** The Archdiocese of Washington invites you to join parish leaders in your area -- including evangelization teams, volunteers, pastoral council, staff, and clergy -- to talk about evangelization and discipleship in our local parishes. During this discussion we will focus on evangelizing when people broadly are more open to questions of faith and spiritual experiences. The meeting will be held at Saint Matthias, Lanham on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### The Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle:

◆Spread the good news and encourage your friends and neighbors to consider enrolling their children for the 2016-2017 school year. For more information, please call Mrs. Ann O'Hare at 301-577-9412 x 216.

◆**Raffle Winner:** Congratulations to Anna Quach, winner and seller (\$ 350) in the August 29<sup>th</sup> drawing.

## Faith Formation

If you have questions regarding Faith Formation, please contact Catherine Tolnay at 301-459-4814 x 205.

- **Faith Formation Classes** for students not attending Catholic school begin September 19<sup>th</sup> in Friendship Hall from 6:30-7:45 PM. Registration forms are in the pamphlet racks at the back of church. Forms may be returned to the Hughes Center during office hours. Registration fees are listed on the forms. There will be a **\$25 late fee** for registrations turned in after September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Catechists Needed** for the Faith Formation Religious Education program. Training and support are provided. Give the Holy Spirit permission to flow through you to our treasured young people and He will do great things in and through you!
- **Interested in Exploring the Catholic Faith?** RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a program where you can learn what the Church teaches and why. If you are considering joining the Catholic Church, this program is for you. Please "come and see" on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Hughes Center.

## Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, & Altar Servers September 10/11

	Lectors	EMCH	Altar Servers
5:00 pm	E. Buan	F. Adekoya, Z. Juanitez, J. Richardson, N. Richardson	A. Amanyiwe, B. Ogunlade, A. Ogunlade
7:00 pm	D. Lima	D. Aitcheson, S. Avieta	E. Diaz, L. Martinez, J. Andres.
8:00 am	R. Johnson	M. Adams, D. Aitcheson, P. Buan, M. Grayson	D. DeMaio, J. Kalshoven, L. Kalshoven
10:30 am	C. Nwokeafor	B. Chappell, P. Chappell, E. Curran, L. Egbulem, R. Okereke	N. Onyima, D. Okereke, C. Nnorom
6:00 pm	H. Jorgensen	K. Homes-Johnson, C. Sykes	D. Osuji, C. Johnson

## Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of September 10/11



5:00 pm Msgr. Balbago  
7:00 pm Father John Ford  
8:00 am Father Conrad  
10:30 am Father Canice  
6:00 pm Father Milt