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

**Monday September 5th**
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Patricia Padonu (Living)
(No evening Adoration, Confessions, Benediction)

**Tuesday, September 6th**
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Dorothy Johnson

**Wednesday, September 7th**
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Joseph Daly

**Thurs., Sept. 8th: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Favor-Chinna Eze (Living—Birthday)

**Friday, September 9th: Saint Peter Claver**
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Clarenda Fragale

**Saturday, Sept. 10th**
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Patricia Padonu (Living)

**The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, September 10th**
Vigil 5:00 PM: Patricia Padonu (Living)
Spanish Mass 7:00 PM: Maria Toro

Readings for The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Exodus 32:7—11, 13-14
2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

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 Szcuka; John Schmidt; Ida Stelmack; Charity Taylor; Louise Tesar; Marian Thomas; Matthew Thomas; Kay Villerri; Madeline White; Sister Giustina Zanin; Zaria Zanin; Eugene Zeher

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 all the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.

The Parish Office and School will be closed Monday, September 5th 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. 6th at 8:00 a.m.

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**Stewardship Report: Revenue**

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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 10th 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 17th 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

**Knights of Columbus Car Raffle:** Tickets are available for the Knights of Columbus 48th 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.

**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 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.

**Parish Office Email:** You can now contact the Parish office by email at 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 24th. 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 8th 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 22nd 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 29th 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 19th in Friendship Hall from 6:30-7:45 PM. Registration forms are available 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 12th.

- **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 28th at 7:00 PM in the Hughes Center.

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

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Celebrate Mass Schedule for the Weekend of September 10/11

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