Mass Intentions for the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

**Monday October 3rd**
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Scholastica Boberick

**Tuesday, October 4th: Saint Francis of Assisi**
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Molly Magruder

**Wed., October 5th**
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Sinforosa Sanchez

**Thurs., October 6th: Saint Bruno and Blessed Marie Rose Durocher**
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Dan Gray

**Fri., October 7th: Our Lady of the Rosary**
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: George Oleru (Living)

**Saturday, October, 8th**
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: People of the Parish

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, October 8th**
Vigil 5:00 PM: Earle White
Spanish Mass 7:00 PM: Father Agustin Mateo (Living)

**Sunday, October 9th**
8:00 AM: Rachael Taylor (Living-Birthday)
10:30 AM: Amanyewe Family (Living)
6:00 PM: Cynthia Davis

Readings for The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Kings 5:14-17
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends:
Lisa Allison; Lazarus Asong; Margie Baker; Muriel Brown; Ronnie Davis; Janice Ereme; Norma Florimbio; William Halbe; Rich Hoffmann; Kimberly Jackson; Jan Jarus; Jack Jordan; Vera Joseph; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Joe Makowski; Dorothy Newman; William Pinchback; John Plater; Sam Ross; Phyllis Szcuka; John Schmidt; Ida Stelmack; Jeffrey Surtkovich; Elijah Taylor; Louise Tesar; Marian Thomas; Matthew Thomas; Kay Villemt; Madeline White; Mae Young; Barbara Zanin; 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

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

Have you visited our parish website lately? Watch for new features and content in the days ahead. Go to www.stmatthias.org

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**Stewardship Report: Revenue**

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We are grateful for your generosity!

**Items of Note**

**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). The drawing is Saturday, October 8th. You need not be present to win.

**Altar Society:** We are in urgent need of persons to add to our list of volunteers who clean the sacristy and church for the weekend Masses. We are also in need of volunteers to collect and wash the linens which are used during each Mass. You would be scheduled approximately once a month for cleaning or for doing the linens. If we have more people, then we would be able to extend the timeframes. You may volunteer for both cleaning and linens or you may just choose to take care of one of them. If you are willing to help out, please call Carmen Kosko at 301-262-5277.

**Memorial Candles:** 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. Cost is $350 per year. For more information or to reserve your memorial candle, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or tereme@stmatthias.org.

**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.

**First Friday:** All are welcome to join fellow parishioners for refreshments after the 8:30 AM Mass on the first Friday of each month. Our next gathering is Friday, October 7th. Generous members of our parish provide coffee cakes, donuts, juice and coffee. Take advantage of a perfect opportunity to meet others. If you would like to donate refreshments, please let those serving have your name.
Family Connection

There is much in today's Gospel that resonates in family life. In our daily attempts as parents to live up to the confidence and trust that our children place in us, we come to know the wonders that God can do with just a little faith. In family life we also learn about obligations that are their own rewards. The daily tasks that family members do for one another and for the household are simply the manifestations of our responsibilities to one another.

Take a turn with each member of the family and identify some of the little things that each family member does that make a big difference in your family life.

Read today's Gospel, Luke 17:5-10. Talk about how each person is called upon by God to believe that God can work miracles in our lives, that God can use us to make a difference in our world.

Together as a family, pray Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer of Generosity. Ask that God will work through your family to make a difference in the lives of those around you.

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Faith Formation

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

- **Faith Formation Classes** have begun for students (K –8) who do not attend a Catholic School. Please register your children if you have not done so.

- **Adult Bible Study** will begin Tuesday, October 4th at 9:15 am in the Hughes Center. We will be studying the Gospel of Matthew. Please come and bring a friend.

Youth

**Altar Server Training:** Training orientation for altar serves for youth in grades 4 through 10 will be held on Thursday, October 13th at 7 PM in the Church. Training classes are scheduled from Saturday, October 15th through early November. We prayerfully ask parents to encourage their young people to join us for this training. For more information, please call or email Cynthia Faust at 301-464-1799.

**Teen Ministry Meeting:** Sunday, October 9th begins our 2016-2017 teen ministry season. Teens are in for an insightful and fun year exploring the corporal and spiritual works of mercy through words and deeds. Registration forms may be found in the back of church and can be returned to the Hughes Center during office hours. Forms may also be emailed to recvolunteer@stmatthias.org. For more information, contact Le-Marie Thompson at 301-452-2258 or Arlene Taylor at 301-459-5549.

School News

- The Fall Festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 8th from 9:00 AM—3:00 PM. Wristbands for games, activities, and crafts may be purchased at the school office for $20 for one child, and $30 for two children. The cost will increase after Sept. 30th. Food tickets and face painting tickets will be available at the Festival. Remember that children must be accompanied by an adult at the Festival. Vendors are invited to reserve table space by calling the school at 301-577-9412.

- **Help Wanted:** We are looking for retired or former teachers who would like to become substitute teachers. Please contact Mrs. Patricia Schratz at 301-577-9412 x 215.

Farewell, Father Nick! It has been our pleasure to have Father Nick Ugwu reside and assist at St. Matthias for the past several months, but he plans to return to Africa later this week. To show our appreciation, there will be a farewell gathering in the Hughes Center after this weekend’s 10:30 AM Mass. If you plan to give Father Nick a parting monetary gift, please use cash, as it is not possible for him to cash checks.

**Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, & Altar Servers October 8/9**

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**Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of October 8/9**

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