

Mass Intentions for the First Week Of Advent

Monday November 28th:
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **All Souls**

Tuesday, November 29th:
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **All Souls**

Wednesday, November 30th: Saint Andrew
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **All Souls**

Thursday, December 1st
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Don and Diana Gritz**
(Anniversary - Living)

Friday, December 2nd (First Friday)
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Katherine Kosko**

Saturday, December 3rd: Saint Francis Xavier
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Margaret Godwin**

Second Sunday Of Advent

Saturday, December 3rd
Vigil 5:00 PM: **Dorothy Dryna Gasper**
Spanish Mass 7:00 PM: **Intentions of Parishioners**

Sunday, December 4th:
8:00 AM: **Adaovi Ezeani** (Birthday - Living)
10:30 AM: **Sybil Wilson** (Birthday -Living)
6:00 PM: **Arlene and Carl Taylor** (Anniversary -Living)

Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-9
Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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

Lisa Allison; Lazarus Asong; Margie Baker; Earl Bracey; Muriel Brown; Hazel Campbell; Al Craig; Ronnie Davis; Joseph DeMarco Jr; Bob Faass; Norma Florimbio; William Halbe; Kimberly Jackson; Jan Jarus; Vera Joseph; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Richard Kosko; Joe Makowski; Dorothy Newman; Christopher Onuaku; John Plater; Sam Ross; Phyllis Szuka; Amalia Spescha; Ida Stelmack; Jeffrey Surtkovich; Charity Taylor; Elijah Taylor; Louise Tesar; Marian Thomas; Matthew Thomas; Kay Villemi; Madeline White; Mae Young; Sister Giustina Zanin; Zaria Zanin; Eugene Zehner; Mickey 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 the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.*

REMINDER: *Thursday, December 8th, is The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation.*
Masses are at 7:00 AM, 9:15 AM (School Mass), 12:00 PM, and 7:30 PM.

The Stewardship Report for November 20th was not available at the time of publication of this bulletin.

Items of Note

Save the Date—Saint Matthias Mercy Program has been **rescheduled** for Saturday, December 3rd from 6:00—7:00 PM in the Hughes Center. The Mercy Program aims to enrich your knowledge of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Our discussion this month will focus on the corporal work of *welcoming the stranger*. Dinner and refreshments will be provided. All are welcome! For more information contact Le-Marie Thompson at 301-452-2258 or lemarie.thompson@gmail.com.

Hosting An Event? Friendship Hall is available for rent on weekends throughout the year. This coming summer, in addition to being available on weekends, Friendship Hall will be available on weekdays for meetings, conferences, and workshops. Book early for 2017 by contacting Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or tereme@stmatthias.org.

Missals for 2017: The Ladies of Charity are selling 2017 Missals after weekend Masses. Cost of each Missal is \$4.00. Proceeds from the sales will support our parish food pantry and other charitable works. Thank you for your support.

Parish Social Life Committee (PSLC)

Carrera Antorcha Guadalupana Please join the Parish on December 2nd at 1:00 pm as we welcome the relay *Torch of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego* which left the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City and is on its way to the final destination at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, New York City. A Mass in Spanish will be held at 1:00 PM here at Saint Matthias Church. See flyer for more details.



Thank You, Parishioners! The PSLC extends our sincere gratitude to each parishioner who helped to make the Adoration Chapel Dedication Celebration a great success. We are planning a very special Christmas event. Check the bulletin insert for details.

Next PSLC Meeting will be held on Friday, December 2nd at 6:30 PM in the Hughes Center.

Adoration Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe—An overnight celebration with prayers and singing will be held on December 11th through December 12th. Parishioners are asked to meet at Friendship Hall at 11:00 pm to prepare for the procession of our Lady of Guadalupe. See the flyer for more information.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Family Connection



Many of us feel the pressure early in the holiday season to be ready for Christmas. But today's Gospel challenges us to be ready for something other than the gift-giving of Christmas.

Read together today's Gospel reading. As a family, talk about what it means to be ready for the day of the Lord. One of the roles of the family, the domestic church, is to be a school of faith leading one another to salvation. Reflect together as a family on how your family helps one another to be better Christians. Commit to one thing that your family will do this Advent season to help one another be better Christians. You might choose to write this commitment down and post it in a prominent place in your home, perhaps near your family's Advent wreath.

Pray together that God will help you in this Advent commitment. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm.

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Christmas Giving Tree: The Ladies of Charity are sponsoring a **Christmas Giving Tree** through December 11th. The tree, located in the church vestibule, will be decorated with paper ornaments with the name of a gift and a charity. Please return your unwrapped gift with the paper ornament tag attached by December 11th. Thank you for making the season special for those in need!



Christmas Dinner for Those in Need: If you know of someone who is homebound and would like a Christmas dinner delivered on Christmas Day, contact the Basilica at 202-526-8300, ext. 111 or sign-up online at www.nationalshrine.com/christmasdinner.



Calling all Teens! The Saint Matthias Teen Youth Group will hold its next meeting on Sunday, December 11th from 12:00 to 2:30 PM in the Hughes Center. Refreshments will be provided! Parish teens in grades 9 through 12 are welcome. Registration forms are available in the pamphlet rack in the Church vestibule. For more information, contact Le-Marie Thompson at 301-452-2258 or Arlene Taylor at 301-459-5549.



Knights of Columbus Maryland State Counsel High School Scholarship deadline is February 1, 2017. Applicants must be a son or daughter of a member of the Knights of Columbus in good standing. For more information visit <http://www.kofc-md.org/state1617/committees/scholarships.asp>

First Friday: All are welcome to join your fellow parishioners for refreshments after the 8:30 AM Mass on Friday December 2nd. Come meet some of your fellow parishioners.



School News

- ◆ TADS Financial Aid application for 2017-2018 is available online. The application deadline is December 1, 2016. Single parents are also encouraged to apply for aid at www.CatholicFA.org.

Items of Note

Kathleen Fowle "Coming Home" Concert will be held at Saint Edward the Confessor (1940 Mitchellville Road, Bowie) on Friday Evening, December 2nd at 7:30 pm. This is a free event and open to all.

Ushers' Closet Clean-Out will take place this weekend. All unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity. If you are missing your jacket, glasses, umbrella, etc., please ask an usher for assistance.

The Adoration Chapel is open 24 hours every day of the week for adoration. All parishioners are welcome to the chapel *any time*. Contact the parish office at 301-459-4814 to receive the keyless entry code.

With the holidays approaching, now is the time to reserve a **Memorial Candle** for your loved ones. For only 83¢ per day, you can have a candle lit for one year. Contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207.

Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, & Altar Servers December 3/4

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
5:00 pm	P. Shehadi	TBD	TBD
7:00 pm		TBD	TBD
8:00 am	C. Johnson	TBD	TBD
10:30 am	J. Bhola	TBD	TBD
6:00 pm	K. Holmes-Johnson	TBD	TBD

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of December 3/4



5:00 pm	Father Canice
7:00 pm	Father Russo
8:00 am	Father Canice
10:30 am	Father Milt
6:00 pm	Father Albert