Stewardship Report

November 20  
8,924.00  
Faith Direct  
2,829.00  
Total Offertory  
11,753.00  
Last Year  
11,961.00  

November 27  
9,104.00  
Faith Direct  
2,945.00  
Total Offertory  
12,049.00  
Last Year  
11,425.00  

Thanksgiving Day, 2016  
4,987.00  
Thanksgiving Day, 2015  
4,092.00

We Are Grateful For Your Generosity

Next Week’s Archdiocesan Second Collection is for the continuing care of our elderly religious. Share your gratitude for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week’s collection.

Items of Note

Hosting An Event?  
Friendship Hall is available for rent. Please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or tereme@stmatthias.org.

Missals for 2017:  
The 2017 Sunday Missals are available at the Parish office or you may see an usher after Mass. Cost of each Missal is $4.00.

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.

Volunteers are needed in the parish office to greet visitors, answer phones, and perform other clerical duties. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. Contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207.

Christmas shopping?  
Please pick up a few pairs of adult sized socks and gloves. Items received before December 15th will be donated to the Community Café. You may leave your purchases in the ushers’ closet in the church vestibule. Thank you.

Parish Social Life Committee News

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. Mass will be celebrated in Spanish at 6:00 PM on December 12.
Family Connection

We do many things to get ourselves ready for our celebration of Christmas: purchase gifts, prepare Christmas cards, decorate our homes. John's call of repentance in preparation for Jesus reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas. Parish communities often offer a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent season. Your family might choose to participate in the communal celebration of the sacrament, or you might seek out the sacrament on an individual basis.

Read together today's Gospel. Talk about how John reminds the people that they prepare for the reign of God by reforming their lives. As a family, prepare a simple reconciliation service in preparation for Christmas such as the following: Gather in a prayerful space, perhaps around your family Advent wreath. Read again today's Gospel: Matthew 3:1-3. Invite each family member to pray silently, asking God to forgive their sins. Pray together the Act of Contrition. Then celebrate God's forgiveness by sharing a Sign of Peace with each other.

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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, is 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 x 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.

School News

Save the Date: The Scholastic Book Fair will be held December 12—16 in the school library from 8:30 AM—3:00 PM. Support our school and shop for the young readers in your family!

REMINDER: Thursday, December 8, 2016, is The Solemnity of 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.

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

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Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of December 10/11

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