

### Daily Reflection

We can be inspired this week by Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, the beloved Little Flower and her “Little Way” of finding a path to God in the smallest of ways. An extraordinary young woman who lived close to our own times (not many saints have had their photographs taken); she is an example of a humble life of simplicity and humility.

This week we can ask for the desire to become the least, not the greatest, in ways that applies to us. We can ask to experience humility and grace in the real limits we experience in our lives. All of us have some places where we come to know our humanity and are brought to our knees: perhaps we continue to be judgmental of others even after asking for forgiveness ourselves; we keep falling into the same temptations; we present ourselves one way in public, but act a very different way with those closest to us; we never get around to acts of generosity and charity, perhaps even to our parents or with members of our own families.

We can all begin our mornings with our own version of this prayer: “Lord, help me to be more simple, authentic, transparent and trusting today. I don't want to try to be someone else.” We might ask, “Help me not 'look back' today, Lord” or “Lord, I need your help today to be more accepting of others who are different. Help me to see you in those who suffer or struggle in any way.”

For those who have hurt us in some ways, we can do as Thérèse of Lisieux suggests and pray for those people. It is nearly impossible to hold a grudge or hang onto a hurt inflicted by someone when we are praying for that person each day.

Throughout the day this week, we can take brief moments, in the background of our consciousness, while driving, going to a meeting, shopping, doing laundry, to repeat and deepen these prayers. And, may our God send prophets and angels and his own Son to help us find intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives. We can beg God to increase our faith and in the simplest ways each day, we can let our tiny seed of faith bloom in extraordinary ways in our lives.

### Walk with Francis

This weekend, Pope Francis is celebrating families through his participation in the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. As he has said before: “How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith!” The Pope’s visit is a great opportunity for our families to transmit, affirm, and witness to our faith in Jesus Christ. Have you considered taking the Walk with Francis pledge with your family? Take the pledge with your parents, your siblings, your spouse, or your children, and then live out the pledge together as a group. Strengthen your family bonds and share your faith as you transform your community! Take the pledge as an individual or family at [WalkwithFrancis.org](http://WalkwithFrancis.org), and challenge friends and relatives to do the same.

### Stewardship Report: Revenue

September 20 <sup>th</sup>	7,493.00
<b>Faith Direct:</b>	<b>2,149.50</b>
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>9,642.50</b>
<b>Last Year:</b>	<b>10,783.65</b>

**Faith Direct:** With the arrival of autumn, I'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic eGiving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy this back-to-school season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week. Enroll today by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code, MD41, or pick up an enrollment form from the parish office to get started!

### Looking Ahead

**“Come and See”:** Have you thought about looking into joining the Catholic Church? RCIA is for you. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the process through which the teachings of the Catholic Church are explained, and spirituality and culture are shared. There is never any pressure to join the Church but this process would lead to you being fully initiated if you so choose. We will meet on Wednesday evenings starting on September 30<sup>th</sup> in the Hughes Center from 7-8:30pm. Please call Catherine Tolnay at 301-459-4814 ext. 205 for more details.

**Bible Timeline DVD series:** St. Matthias will offer a 24 week DVD series in the Hughes Center beginning Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am. *The Bible Timeline* is a fascinating study that takes participants on a journey through the entire Bible. They will go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. *The Bible Timeline* has been granted the Imprimatur. *The Bible Timeline* study set is essential for each participant. It includes engaging questions, lesson summaries, home reading assignments, talk notes, maps, diagrams, responses to the questions, a full-color Bible timeline chart. The study set is not required but is helpful in completing your “journey.” If you order and pay for the study set by September 29<sup>th</sup> the discounted price is \$32. Call Catherine Tolnay at 301-459-4814 x205 for more details.

**Front Office Volunteer:** If you are able to volunteer in the front office on Fridays from 8:00am to 12 noon, or if you are available any other day, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 ext. 207.

**Inventory of Parish Keys:** If you are in possession of any keys to any part of the parish, including the school, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 ext. 207 to register your contact information.

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

## Faith Formation

**Religion Teachers Needed:** Faith Formation needs adult catechists, aides, substitutes, and hall monitors on Monday evenings from 6:15—8:00 pm. Training is provided through the parish and the Archdiocese. Please call Catherine Tolnay at 301-459-4814 ext. 205 to discuss the possibility of serving the Lord through His young people.

## Items of Note

**Affording a Catholic Education:** The Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools presents “Affording a Catholic Education: Budgeting Strategies for Families” on September 30<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8pm at the Academy of Saint Matthias Apostle. The program is intended to help parents learn creative budgeting techniques, and hidden money as a way to afford a Catholic education for their children. This presentation is informative only.



**Saint Matthias Fall Fest:** Have you marked your calendar? The Saint Matthias Fall Festival is Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 10 am—2:00 pm. Get ready for a day of fun, food, and games. Vendor space is available. For more information, contact

Georgette Fletcher at fletcherfamily04@gmail.com or call the school office at 301-577-9412.

**Saint Matthias Prayer Group:** The Saint Matthias’ Prayer Group will hold an all night vigil on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 1:30am. Father Albert Nzeh, visiting priest from New Jersey, will conduct the vigil along with Father Stan and Father Anthony. All are welcome!

**Calling all Teens!** The Saint Matthias Teen Youth Group will hold its first meeting on Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. The youth group is a safe space for you to share your faith and love of Christ. Come learn how to live your faith as teens, provide service to the community, and fellowship with each other. We will meet in the Hughes

Center. Refreshments will be provided! Parish teens, in grades 9 through 12 are welcome with parents permission and registration form found in the pamphlet rack. Please return registration forms to the Hughes Center. For more information contact Le-Marie Thompson at 301-452-2258 or Arlene Taylor at 301- 459 –5549.

**Knights of Columbus Car Raffle:** Tickets are available for the Knights of Columbus 46<sup>th</sup> annual Car Raffle. This raffle benefits area charities and scholarship programs. The grand prize is a 2016 Ford Mustang or \$18,000 cash option. The second prize is an iPad Air, and the third prize is a \$200 gas card. The drawing will be held at the Columbus Day Ball on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at the BWI Marriott, Linthicum. Tickets are \$1 and are available from any council member, or you may call John Murray 301-459-6452 or Emmanuel Ajayi 202-413-1066.



## **Mass Intentions for the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, September 28: Saint Wenceslaus, Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions**

8:30 am Juliana Esquioja  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions  
8:00 pm Benediction

**Tuesday, Sept. 29: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**

8:30 am Basil Dkeke

**Wednesday, September 30: Saint Jerome, Priest**

8:30 am Valerio M. Desamito

**Thursday, October 1: St. Therese of the Child of Jesus**

8:30 am Alice Wynne

**Friday, October 2: (First Friday)**

8:30 am Scholastica Boberick

## **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, October 3:**

5:00 pm Joey Manlapaz

**Sunday, October 4:**

8:00 am Samkubam Family (Living)

10:30 am Ugochukwu Ikedilo

6:00 pm Vincent Charles

Readings for Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

2nd Reading: James 4:12

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

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

Mary Ajayi; Margie Baker; Wanda Benbow; Melvin and Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Shawn Brown; Yvonne Brown; Patricia Blutcher; Yvette Butler; Oscar Charles; Sylvia Conte; Al Craig; Ronnie Davis; Mary L. Dawson; Egene Dawson; Bernice Dawson; Patricia Garner; Brendan George; Emma Graham; Everett Greenfield; Francis Greenfield; Genevieve Greenfield; Wonema Hammer; Salome Ihejirika; Pamela Jones; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Jeannie W. Lockett; Janice Lipa; Anthony Long; Ty’Brea Lowrey; Joe Makowski; John Murray; Carole New; Bernice Nnannah; Molly Onwukwe; Joe Owens; William Pinchback; Marion Prout; Martin Reedy; Antonio Reyes; Alex ReyesNicole Riley; Pablo Rocha; Lisseth Salvador; Lois Shaler; Charles Shryock; Lucille Strenge; Marie Scott; Marian Thomas; Angela Thompson; Kay Villemi; James Walker; Minnie Walker; Madeline White; Sam Zanin and Eugene Zehner; **may God’s healing grace be theirs. For our military, protect them from all harm. For all the faithful departed, especially Ted Wilson may he rest in peace.**



## **Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of October 3/4**

5:00 pm	Father Stan
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10:30 am	Father Milt
6:00 pm	Father Ford