

Daily Reflection

Jesus' teaching about divorce and remarriage can be a challenging one for many people. The Church continues to uphold the strong and positive teaching of Jesus that God intends for a man and woman to make a lifelong commitment to one another in the Sacrament of Marriage. Many of us, however, know people whose marriage has not been a lifelong commitment. The example of Jesus teaches us that we are called to act with compassion and love in our relationships with all, and especially when people are hurting because of difficulties in their relationships. Most importantly, we remember that when marriages thrive, it is a sign of God's grace at work.

As you gather as a family, talk about what it means to make a promise or a commitment to someone. Offer examples of promises that are fairly easy to keep. Read today's Gospel, Mark 10:2-16. Talk about examples of promises and commitments that might be more difficult to honor, like the marriage commitment that Jesus is asked about in this Gospel. Talk about how we need God to help us honor our commitment to love and care for each other. Jesus teaches that we should be like children before God, trusting God's promise to care for us and asking for his help to keep our commitments to love and care for others. Conclude by praying together that God will give his grace to us that we may honor our commitments to one another. Pray together Saint Ignatius of Loyola's prayer, the [Suscipe](#).

*Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding,
and my entire will,*

All I have and call my own.

You have given all to me.

*To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace,
that is enough for me.*

Walk with Francis

With the Holy Father's visit to the United States so fresh in our minds and hearts, now is a wonderful opportunity to revisit your pledge to pray, serve, or act in order to walk with Pope Francis! What did you pledge? What can you continue doing this week to put your faith in action out of love for Christ? Pray and reflect on the Word of God. Contemplate and study the writings of Pope Francis, such as *Laudato Si'* and *The Joy of the Gospel*. Volunteer with one of our parish ministries, service opportunities, or through Catholic Charities. Support the poor and marginalized. Work in a social justice ministry. Share your faith with others. These are just a few of the many ways to live a life of faith and service! For more ideas and resources, visit [WalkwithFrancis.org](#) or explore the many parish ministries featured in this bulletin.

Stewardship Report: Revenue

September 27 th	8,517.00
Faith Direct:	2,150.00
Total Offertory:	10,667.00
Last Year:	10,784.00



World Missions/Propagation of the Faith: Our second collection next weekend is for the celebration of World Mission Sunday. This year we are invited to act in solidarity with missionaries throughout the world. Every day, faithful missionaries are reaching out in the name of Christ to bring the light of Christ to the darkest of circumstances. For more information, visit [www.IAMAMissionary.org](#)

Thanks from Father Blaise Attachie: Father Blaise expresses his appreciation for the parishioners of Saint Matthias during his summer stay with us. He has arrived safely back in Accra, Ghana, and has resumed his work at the university.

Looking Ahead

Bringing the Spirit of Philadelphia to Washington: On Saturday, October 10th at 5:30 pm, St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Hyattsville (7501 Adelphi Rd.) will host a *Meeting of Families in the Archdiocese of Washington*. It will include a Mass at 7:30 pm, celebrated by Bishop Mario Dorsonville. For more information, contact Maria Suarez Hamm at 301-853-5499 or [mhamm@adw.org](#).

Run for Vocations: The Marine Corps Marathon10K is on Sunday, October 25th, and registration for the 10K and Run for Vocations is open! For more information, visit [www.dcpriest.org](#) or search "Run For Vocations" on Facebook.

Altar Servers Training: (Grades 4 through adult). If interested, please attend the orientation on Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 pm in the Church. Questions? Call or email Cynthia Faust ([cfaust@atelierarchitects.com](#) or 301-464-1799). Training classes will be held each Tuesday, October 20th through November 24th at 7:00 pm in the Church.

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](#).

The St. Matthias Prayer Group meets every Sunday in the Church after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.

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.

Bible Timeline DVD series: St. Matthias will offer a 24-week DVD series in the Hughes Center beginning Tuesday, October 6th 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* study set is recommended for each participant. It includes engaging questions, lesson summaries, home reading assignments, talk notes, maps, diagrams, responses to the questions, and a full-color Bible timeline chart. The study set is not required but is helpful in completing your “journey.” Please Call Catherine Tolnay at 301-459-4814 x205 for more details.

Items of Note

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



Refreshments will be provided! Parish teens in grades 9 through 12 are welcome with parents’ permission. Forms are available in the pamphlet rack in the Church vestibule. Please drop off completed 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 46th 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 10th 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.



Saint Matthias Leisure Club invites you to see “*It’s a Wonderful Life*” at Toby’s Dinner Theatre on Sunday, November 29th. Cost is \$69 and includes motor coach transportation, the play, buffet, and all gratuities. The bus leaves Saint Matthias at 9:30 am and will return by 4:00 pm. Please contact Rita Kitchings at 301-261-0681 for reservations.



Mass Intentions for the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 5:

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

Tuesday, October 6: Saint Bruno, Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

8:30 am David Lake

Wednesday, October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30 am Alice Wynne

Thursday, October 8:

8:30 am Chester “Buddy” Walker

Friday, October 9: Saints Denis and John Leonardi

8:30 am Larry Posten

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 10:

5:00 pm Elizabeth Ugwu

Sunday, October 11:

8:00 am Francis Everett Greenfield (Living)

10:30 am Fidelis Iwugo (Living)

6:00 pm Azuka Mosley (Living - Birthday)

Readings for Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

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; Eugene 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 Lockett; Janice Lipa; Anthony Long; Ty’Breya Lowrey; Joe Makowski; John Murray; Carole New; Bernice Nnannah; Molly Onwukwe; Joe Owens; William Pinchback; Marion Prout; Martin Reedy; Antonio Reyes; Alex Reyes; Nicole Riley; Pablo Rocha; Lisseth Salvador; Lois Shaler; 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 and Charles Shryock, may they rest in peace.



Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of October 10/11

5:00 pm	Father Stan
8:00 am	Father Albert
10:30 am	Msgr. Balbago
6:00 pm	Father Milt