Join Us At the Lord’s Table on Thanksgiving

Each year our nation celebrates Thanksgiving Day as a day of gratitude for the bounty of our land and the freedom we cherish so dearly. For many of us it is a day to be with loved ones and share in a lavish meal; for others, it means parades and football games; for still others, it signals the opening of the holiday season. No matter what our image of Thanksgiving Day may be, we as Catholics should take this opportunity to remember the religious overtones of the holiday. Hopefully, we can all make a special effort this year to gather together on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th to celebrate the Eucharist (…a word meaning "thanksgiving") at 10:00 am in the church. This will be the only Mass that day (no 8:30 am Mass). God has bestowed so much on us. Let us now express gratitude to Him in special fashion this day.

When you come to Mass on Thanksgiving Day, please bring with you, in a nice basket or container, the bread and wine that will be placed upon your family table. A special blessing will be given to the bread and wine to be used for your Thanksgiving meal.

Family Connection

Many things in our lives and in our world are subject to change. Yet all of us find security in relationships and values that endure. Foremost among these are our family relationships. We can confidently accept change if we know that we will continue to be loved by our family and by God. We help impart this sense of trust and confidence in our children with our daily assurances to them that nothing can change our love for them.

As you gather as a family, look through several family photo albums. Observe and talk about things that have changed in your family life over the years. Talk also about the things that have stayed the same. We do not need to fear changes in our family life because we know that the most important aspects of our family life do not change, such as our love for one another. The same is true with God and God’s love for us. Read today's Gospel, Mark 13:24-32. Jesus teaches us that things in our world will change and that the world itself will one day end. We don't need to be fearful because God's love for us will never end. Conclude in prayer together thanking God his never-ending love for us. Pray together the Glory Be to the Father.

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Stewardship Report: Revenue

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Please complete and return your
Take the Next Step Pledge Offertory Renewal Card!
Thank you for your generosity.

Looking Ahead

St. Joseph Sunday Missal Sales: The Ladies of Charity are selling the 2016 Sunday Missals this weekend. The cost of the Missal is $4.00. Proceeds from the sale benefit many LOC charitable causes, and your support is greatly appreciated.

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

Hosting An Event? Friendship Hall is available for rent. For information, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 or email tereme@stmatthias.org.

Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre in Strasburg, PA, will present Samson on Friday, April 1, 2016. Cost of transportation, ticket, and lunch is $115. To reserve your seat and ticket, contact Rita Kitchings at 301-261-0681 as soon as possible.

Key Inventory: If you were issued keys to the Church or School, please contact Mr. Thad Ereme to register the key(s). Thad may be reached at 301-459-4814 x 207 or tereme@stmatthias.org. Thank you if you have already done so.

Advent Coin Folders for the Poor Box

Our annual Christmas Appeal for our Poor Box begins this weekend with the distribution of the Advent Coin Folders. From November 17th through Christmas Day, each working household or individual is asked to set aside twenty-five cents a day (one quarter) so that by the time December 25th arrives, each folder will contain a $10.00 gift to the Poor Box. Take your coin folder home this weekend and begin to prepare a special gift for the Christ Child on Christmas. God bless you for your continuing generosity.

25¢ Per Day
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Thanksgiving Holiday
Hughes Center and School Schedule

Please note that The Academy and the Hughes Center parish office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 25th and will re-open on Monday, November 30th at 8:00 am. Father Milt, the Academy teachers and staff, and the Hughes Center office staff wish you a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving Holiday!

Items of Note

Workshop for Grieving Persons: The holidays are a difficult time for those grieving losses from death, illness, or personal tragedies. To meet the needs of people who are experiencing such circumstances, a two-hour workshop will be offered Saturday, November 21st from 10:00 a.m.—12 p.m. in the school library. For more information, please contact Miriam Jacik, the workshop facilitator at (301)345-6045, or just feel free to come.

Christmas Giving Tree: The Christmas Giving Tree will be up the day after Thanksgiving in the narthex. It will be decorated with ornaments bearing the name of an organization and a requested gift. Please take an ornament and return it along with the unwrapped gift by Sunday, December 20th. Items may be dropped off in the Church or Hughes Center. Thank you for making the season special for those in need!

Christmas Dinner for those in Need: Volunteers are needed at The National Shrine of Immaculate Conception to serve dinner from 12:15 pm to 2:30 pm on Christmas Day. If interested in volunteering, sign-up at www.nationalshrine.com/christmasdinner or call 202-526-8300. If you know of someone who cannot get out and would like a Christmas dinner delivered to them on Christmas Day, contact the Basilica at 202-526-8300, ext. 111, by Friday, December 11th.

Catholic Singles of Greater Washington is an organization for single Catholics to participate in a wide variety of social, religious, and cultural events. The minimum age for participating is 21. Please find out more about us at http://dcsinglecatholicpro.org, or call Tricia at 301-460-9195.

School News: A major fundraiser for the Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle is the Lottery Raffle. Tickets are $10 each. The weekly drawing begins January 4, 2016 and ends August 29, 2016. The weekly winner receives $300 and the seller receives $50. Tickets may be purchased in the school office or in the Hughes Center parish office.

Mass Intentions for the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, November 16: Saint Margaret of Scotland, Saint Gertrude, Virgin
8:30 am All Souls
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Benediction

Tuesday, November 17: Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
8:30 am All Souls

Wednesday, November 18: Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul in Rome
8:30 am All Souls

Thursday, November 19:
8:30 am All Souls

Friday, November 20:
8:30 am All Souls

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday, November 21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:00 pm All Souls

Sunday, November 22 Sollemnity
8:00 am Linda Morgan
10:30 am Nkem Egboma (Living)
6:00 pm All Souls

Readings for Christ the King
1st Reading: Daniel 7:13-14
2nd Reading: Revelations 1:5-8
Gospel: John 18:33B-37

Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends:
Margie Baker; Muriel Brown; Oscar Charles; Ronnie Davis; Al Craig; Emma Graham; Francis Greenfield; Genevieve Greenfield; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Joe Makowski; John Murray; Tim O’Leary; Sally Palmer; William Pinchback; Marion Prout; Pablo Rocha; Marian Thomas; Kay Villémi; Madeline White; Sam Zanin; Eugene Zehner

-For our military, protect them from all harm.

- For all the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.

Names will be placed on our prayer list for 4 weeks. To add a name, please contact Pat Ford at 301-459-4814 x 201 or email pford@stmatthias.org.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of November 21/22
5:00 pm Father Keke
8:00 am Father Stan
10:30 am Father Milt
6:00 pm Father Stan