

Masses for the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, November 27th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: All Souls

Tuesday, November 28th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: All Souls

Wednesday, November 29th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: All Souls

Thursday, November 30th

Saint Andrew, Apostle

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: All Souls

Friday, December 1st

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Dr. Dennis A. George

Saturday, December 2nd

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Adaobi Ezeani

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 2nd

5:00 PM: Baby Marie Wilson

7:00 PM: Francisco DeLeon

Sunday, December 3rd

8:00 AM: Reuben & Anne Eneze

(Living-50th Wedding Anniversary)

9:30 AM: John-Paul Foli (Living-Birthday)

11:30 AM: Florence Nwonye-Nwoko (Living-Birthday)

6:00 PM: Awele Amanyeiwe

Readings:

Is 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:3-9

Gospel: Matthew 13:33-37

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

Susana Alongu, Elaine and Melvin Brooks; Muriel Brown; Claudia Clayton; Teri Cor; Al Craig; Ronnie Davis; Edward Dory; Michele Feaster; Norma Florimbio; Carole Gallo; Jean Gaskins; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; John and Joan Kodak; Lucy Nguyen; L. Oyelese; Joseph Parker; Marion Prout; Kay Villemi; Mae Young; Sister Giustina Zanin; Zaria Zanin; Eugene Zehner

For our military, protect them from all harm.

For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.

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 at pford@stmatthias.org.

Stewardship Report

Due to the early submission of this week's bulletin, the Stewardship Report for November 19th will be published in next week's bulletin.

Items of Note at St. Matthias

The St. Matthias Prayer Group meets in the church every Sunday immediately after 11:30 AM Mass. All are welcome.

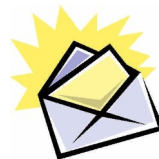
St. Joseph Sunday Missal Sale: The Ladies of Charity are selling the 2018 Sunday Missals after weekend Masses. The cost is \$5.00, and proceeds benefit the many LOC causes. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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

With the holidays approaching, now is the time to reserve a Memorial Candle to honor your loved ones. For information, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or tereme@stmatthias.org.



Offertory Envelopes for 2018: If you are a registered parishioner who currently uses weekly offertory envelopes, please note that your 2018 envelopes will be mailed to you mid-late December. Envelopes will be mailed bi-monthly (6 times per year). If you have moved recently, please contact the parish office to verify that we have your correct mailing address. Thank you.



Parish Social Life Committee News

The next PSLC meeting is Saturday, December 2nd, at 9:30 AM in the Hughes Center.

The PSLC is selling World's Finest Chocolate bars. Please support our fundraiser by purchasing chocolate at \$ 1.00 per bar.

Carrera Antorcha Guadalupana: Please join the Parish on Wednesday, November 29th, as we welcome the relay *Torch of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego* which left Mexico City and is on its way to the final destination at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. Festivities will begin at 11:30 AM followed by a Mass in Spanish at 1:00 PM here at St. Matthias Church.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Pastor's Challenge

In the recent Year of Mercy, the Archdiocese of Washington forgave debt of more than \$ 300,000 which was owed by Saint Matthias Parish and School. This school year, the Archdiocese has awarded more than \$ 100,000 in tuition assistance our school families, as well as providing professional development for teachers and offering guidance in marketing and fundraising. **In order to partner fully in meeting the needs of our students, I will offer to the school an additional \$300 of personal support, in addition to my regular offertory. I challenge 99 other parish and school households to join me in this one-time fundraising effort.**

Our teachers and staff dedicate themselves to educating our children academically and spiritually. Please join me in supporting this important mission.

In gratitude,
Father Jack

Family Connection

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we will be judged on only one thing: the acts of mercy we have shown to the least among us. Jesus identifies with the least ones; thus we serve Jesus whenever we serve one of the least ones. The Church calls the actions that Jesus described in today's Gospel the *Corporal Works of Mercy*. These works are to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to bury the dead, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick and imprisoned, and to give alms to the poor. In these actions we show God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

Giving Tree

The St. Matthias Ladies of Charity will again sponsor the Parish Giving Tree. The tree will be in the church vestibule until Friday, December 8th. Please take gift tag labeled with a requested item. Gifts will be sent to Walter Reed Medical Center, Veterans Administration, Catholic Charities, and the Community Café Winter Bags program. **Unwrapped** and **tagged** gifts may be dropped off at the church or parish office by December 8th. Thank you for your help in making Christmas brighter for someone in need.



The Academy of Saint Matthias

Applications for Admission are available at www.TADS.com. For more information about our school, please contact Mrs. Ann O'Hare at aohare@stmatthias.org or 301-577-9412 x 216.

Open House Dates: Thursday, Dec. 14th 6:30—7:30 PM
Wednesday, Jan. 24th 7:00—8:00 PM
Sunday, Jan. 28th 10:00 AM-12:30 PM
Please stop by for a tour and enrollment information.

Applications for Financial Aid for 2018-19 are available at www.TADS.com. **The deadline for current school families to apply is December 1, 2017.** The deadline for new families whose children will attend school for the 2018-2019 school year is February 5, 2018. Please check the website for details.

Pre-School: If you have a child who turned 4 before September 1, 2017, we have three openings in our Pre-K program. Please contact Mrs. Pat Schratz at 301-577-9412.

Ministry Schedules December 2/3

Time	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
5:00 PM		J. & M. Oratokhai
7:00 PM		TBD
8:00 AM		M. Prout, L. Adekoya, M. Reeves
9:30 AM		P. Okongwu, V. Neke
11:30 AM		TBD
6:00 PM		B. Burnett

Time	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
5:00 PM	C. Green, P. Stevenson, B. Wiredu	P. Shehadi
7:00 PM	L. DelValle, O. DelValle, D. Ortiz	M. Bonilla, Z. Fuentes
8:00 AM	D. Aitcheson, J. George, M. Grayson, S. Keleti, S. Midgley	M. Taylor
9:30 AM	P. Chappell, B. Chappell, M. Adams, R. Pinchback, S. Wilson	P. Alemnji
11:30 AM	R. Atemnkeng, E. Amanyeiwe, U. Nwokefor, I. Onuaku, I. Udejiofor	C. Nwokefor
6:00 PM	M. Ibebuchi, D. Self, C. Sykes	K. Holmes-Johnson

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of December 2/3

5:00 PM	Father Canice
7:00 PM	Father Ford
8:00 AM	Father Canice
9:30 AM	Father Jack
11:30 AM	Father Jack
6:00 PM	Father Albert