# Stewardship Report

**December 10, 2017**

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We Are Grateful For Your Generosity

## Items of Note at St. Matthias

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

During this holiday season, 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.

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### Christmas Schedule

Confessions Monday, December 18, 2017  
7:00 –7:45 PM

Sunday, December 24, 2017 Christmas Eve  
8:00 AM Mass  
9:30 AM Mass  
11:30 AM Mass  
6:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass  
10:00 PM (Midnight) Mass (Carol at 9:45 PM)

Monday, December 25, 2017 Christmas Day  
8:00 AM Mass  
11:30 AM Mass  
1:30 PM Spanish Mass

Sunday, December 31, 2017  
8:00 AM Mass  
9:30 AM Mass  
11:30 AM Mass  
6:00 PM Mass  
11:00 PM “Crossover” Mass

Monday, January 1, 2018  
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)  
8:30 AM Daily Mass  
10:00 AM Bilingual Mass  
Adoration 6:00—8:00 PM

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### Masses for the Third Week of Advent

**Monday, December 18th**  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Jack Keightley (Living-Birthday)

**Tuesday, December 19th**  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Richard Kosko

**Wednesday, December 20th**  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Mary Nzefili (Living-Birthday)

**Thursday, December 21st**  
Saint Peter Canisius  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Basil Eze (Living-Birthday)

**Friday, December 22nd**  
Daily Mass 7:00 AM: Ed Densmore

**Saturday, December 23rd**  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Adamma Ugoh

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Saturday, December 23rd**  
5:00 PM: Richard Kosko  
7:00 PM: Intentions of Parishioners

**Sunday, December 24th**  
8:00 AM: Intentions of Father Jack  
9:30 AM: Intentions of Father Canice  
11:30 AM: Priests’ Intentions  
6:00 PM: Priests’ Intentions  
10:00 PM: Priests’ Intentions

**Readings:**

- 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
- 2nd Reading: Rom 16:25-27  

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

Elaine and Melvin Brooks; Muriel Brown; Al Craig; Ronnie Davis; Norma Florimbio; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; John and Joan Kodak; Abanda William Ndinu; Lucy Nguyen; L. Oyelose; 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.
**Family Connection**

As you gather as a family, recall that during the Advent season we are invited to pay particular attention to the signs of Jesus’ presence in our world. Consider some of the signs of Jesus’ presence that you have experienced. During Advent, we remember how John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. Read together today’s Gospel, John 1:6-8,19-28. Discuss the signs of Jesus’ presence in our world that you named and explain what these signs tell us about God and God’s love for us. Pray together that your family will be led to recognize that Jesus is present among us. Read and pray together the psalm for today’s Mass, the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55).

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

**Dance Ministry:** The St. Matthias Liturgical Dance Ministry will dance to Joy to the World during the 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM Masses on Sunday, December 24th. We pray that you will enjoy this spiritually uplifting hymn.

**Parish Volunteers** will sponsor lunch at the Community Café in Hyattsville, MD, on Wednesday, December 20th. Volunteers and donors are asked to help feed the needy. For information, please call Erusa Onukwubiri at 240-593-4048 or Debbie Self at 301-577-4201.

**Ushers’ Closet:** Are you missing your glasses, keys, hat, scarf, umbrella, jacket? Please ask an usher for assistance in locating your lost item(s). Unclaimed items will be donated before the end of the year.