**Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, July 16th**  
*Our Lady of Mount Carmel*  
Daily Mass 8:30AM: Carmen Velasco and Victor Sanchez (D)

**Tuesday, July 17th**  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Mary DeAngelis (D)

**Wednesday, July 18th**  
*Saint Camillus de Lellis*  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Julie Forbin (L)

**Thursday, July 19th**  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: People of the Parish (L)

**Friday, July 20th**  
*Saint Apollinaris*  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Esperanza Lomosbog (L)

**Saturday, July 21st**  
*Saint Lawrence of Brindisi*  
Daily Mass 8:30: People of the Parish (L)

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, July 21st**  
5:00 PM: Catherine Mbong (L)  
7:00 PM: Camila Angel Ramirez (L)

**Sunday, July 22nd**  
8:00 AM: Macaulay Nzefili (D)  
9:30 AM: Elizabeth Ezike & Helen Okolo (D)  
11:30 AM: Beatrice Acha-Morfaw (L)  
6:00 PM: People of the Parish (L)

**Readings:**  
Jer 23: 1-6  
Eph 2: 13-18  
Mark 6: 30-34

**Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends:**  
Elaine and Melvin Brooks; Muriel Brown; Al Craig; Anne Dorsch; Philip Ferrera; Vilma Gilchrist; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; Troi Greenfield; William Halbe; Helen Jacik; John and Joan Kodak; Susan Oak; Charlotte Palm; June Provini; Margaret & Bill Riley; Mary Soh; Kay Villemi; Debby Walter; Mae Young; Sister Giustina Zanin; Zaria Zanin; Rita and Eugene Zehner

**For our military, protect them from all harm. For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.**

Names will be placed on the Sick List for 4 weeks. Please contact Pat at the parish office to add or remove a name. (301-459-4814 or pford@stmatthias.org)

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**Stewardship Report**

**July 1**  
Offertory 9,714  
Faith Direct 2,788  
**Total** 12,502  
**Last Year** 13,468

**July 8**  
Offertory 10,452  
Faith Direct 2,788  
**Total** 13,240  
**Last Year** 12,359

We are grateful for your generosity.

**Items of Note at St. Matthias**

**Adult Bible Study:** The St. Matthias Adult Bible Study meets on Wednesdays from 7:00—8:30 PM in the Hughes Center. Please come and bring a friend!

**Adult Faith Formation Opportunity:** Please join us on Tuesday, July 17th for a DVD presentation and discussion on the Magi, and on July 24th and 31st for “The Witness of Early Christian Women”. We will meet in the Hughes Center from 9:15-10:30 AM. Please come and bring a friend for one Tuesday or all three.

**Save the Date:** The Parish Social Life Committee invites you to a **Multicultural Festival** on Saturday, September 8th. Raffle tickets are available at $ 5 each or 3 for $10. Prizes include a microwave oven, television, tablet, and a $100 Amazon gift card. Tickets may be purchased from PSLC members or at the parish office.

**Friendship Hall:** It’s time to book your event for 2019. Please call Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 for information and availability.

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

**The Catholic Women’s Association** meets after the 11:30 AM Mass on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

**Do You Have a Green Thumb?** We’re looking for a few parish gardeners to maintain the flower beds on the church grounds. Please call the parish office at 301-459-4814 if you would like to assist. Choose your own hours to volunteer.
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mission Appeal Sunday at St. Matthias
Weekend of July 28/29, 2018

On behalf of Bishop Roberto Mallari, DD, from the Diocese of San Jose, Nueva Ecija, Philippines, Father Getty Ferrer will conduct the Mission Appeal at St. Matthias. The Diocese of San Jose is located 160 km. north of Manila, with a population of 789,000. It is mostly an agricultural community with poor tenant farmers who face yearly typhoons that devastate their crops. There are also indigenous communities scattered in far-flung mountains and villages. Eighty percent are Roman Catholics who are served by 44 priests in 21 parishes and 9 parochial schools. Presently there are 4 retired priests and 2 priests with severe medical issues. Additionally, there are also 19 seminarians studying for the priesthood as well as 24 sisters who serve in diverse ministries and apostolates. In order to support and sustain their pastoral programs and outreach activities, the Diocese relies on your generosity and financial support.

Family Connection

Families who work together to accomplish routine household tasks know that the benefits are more than efficiency. In sharing daily tasks, we accomplish more, but we also build relationships that last—and it’s a lot more fun! Jesus sent his disciples in pairs to minister in his name. Perhaps the job was accomplished more effectively this way, but more importantly, Jesus’ mission was accomplished more authentically. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

As you gather as a family, talk about some household tasks that are more easily accomplished when two or more people work together. Talk about how working together not only makes the job easier, but also makes the task more fun because we are able to spend time together. Read together today’s Gospel, Mark 6:7-13. Ask: Why do you think Jesus sent out his disciples in pairs? Observe that Jesus continues to give us a community with which we share our life of discipleship—our family and the community of the Church. Conclude in prayer together that we will continue to rely on the support of the community of the Church in our life of discipleship. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit
help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Faith Formation Classes

Faith Formation Classes 2018-2019: St. Matthias is in great need of Catechists to help our young people learn the faith and grow in their personal relationship with Jesus. Classes meet on Monday nights beginning in September. Help is available to prepare for this important ministry in the Church. Please call Catherine Tolnay, Director of Faith Formation, at 301-459-4814 x 205 to discuss the possibility of volunteering.

The Academy of Saint Matthias

Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year: We still have a few openings in our Pre-Kindergarten (4 years old by Sept. 1st) and in our Kindergarten (5 years old by Sept. 1st). For information, please contact Mrs. Ann O’Hare, Admissions Director, at 301-577-9412.

School Raffle Winner: Congratulations to Estela Saavedra, winner of $300, and to the seller, Carmela Diaz, winner of $50 in the July 9th drawing.

To Learn More About Our School or to keep up with school news over the summer, please see any of the following: Facebook @stmatthiasadw
Twitter@StMatthiasADW
Instagram@stmatthiasadw
School Website www.school.stmatthias.org.

To My Parish Family: Thank you for all the prayers, Mass cards, get well cards, phone calls, food drop-offs, and errands that you ran for me while I was homebound. Your help was greatly appreciated and I don’t know what I would have done without you. Now that I’m back, I pray that I will continue to do well and be back to normal soon. Thank you, with all my love and gratitude.
Carmen Kosko

Celebrant Mass Schedule for July 21/22

5:00 PM Father Guest
7:00 PM Father Jacek
8:00 AM Father Canice
9:30 AM Father Jack
11:30 AM Father Canice
6:00 PM Father Jack