

Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time**Monday, July 23rd***Saint Bridget*Daily Mass 8:30AM: **Gianna Pacassi** (L)**Tuesday, July 24th***Saint Sharbel Makhluf*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Louis Stinnett** (D)**Wednesday, July 25th***Saint James, Apostle*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Patrick Argauer** (L)**Thursday, July 26th***Saint Joachim and Saint Anne*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Helen Remmers** (D)**Friday, July 27th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **People of the Parish** (L)**Saturday, July 28th**Daily Mass 8:30: **Corazon Biljera** (D)**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Saturday, July 28th**5:00 PM: **Perpetua Nana** (L)7:00 PM: **Ian Castelan Carino** (L)**Sunday, July 29th**8:00 AM: **Charity Ezeani** (L)9:30 AM: **Dorothy Oleru** (D)11:30 AM: **Dennis Oleru** (D)6:00 PM: **Celina Onuoha** (D)**Readings:****2 Kgs 4: 42-44****Eph 4: 1-6****John 6: 1-15****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; Michelle Szulczewski; 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)

Stewardship Report**July 15**

Offertory	9,204
Faith Direct	2,700
Total	11,904
Last Year	10,910

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 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.

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.



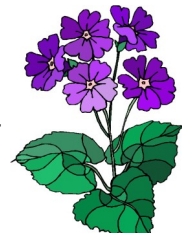
Friendship Hall: It’s time to book your event for 2019. Please call Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 for information and availability.

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.



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.

Is your parish registration information up-to-date?

You can make changes in your family profile and access your giving history by going online to:
<https://washingtondc.parihssoftfamilysuite.com/> and click **New User**. Follow the steps to create your account. Questions? Call Pat at 301-459-4814 x 201

Family Connection

Family demands can make us feel like Jesus and the twelve apostles. We wish for times of relaxation and renewal, but there are errands to do, household chores to keep up with, volunteer commitments to keep. These are all good things, but we can be left feeling drained and tired as we try to keep up. Perhaps we might take the opportunity this week to give ourselves permission to find the rest and relaxation that Jesus seeks for his disciples in today's Gospel. One of the gifts we can give to one another in our family life is assistance in finding the time and space to renew ourselves through prayer.

When you gather together as a family this week, bring your family calendar. Together review your family calendar and spend some time reflecting on your family activities. In particular, ask if your family has an appropriate amount of time for rest and relaxation. If not, discuss ways in which this time for renewal might be included in the week ahead. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 6:30-34. Notice how Jesus tried to find time and space for his disciples to rest and relax after they returned from their mission. Conclude in prayer together, asking God to help us find time to renew ourselves so that we might be better disciples of Jesus. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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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 Prudentia Achankeng, winner of \$ 300, and to the seller, Petronilla Alemnji, 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.

Around the Archdiocese

Help Our Marriage: Have you thought about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on September 14-16, 2018, please visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 443-400-7017.

Vacation Bible School at Ascension: Children in grades K-5 are invited to join us August 13-17, from 9:30 AM-12:00 PM at Ascension parish, 12700 Lanham Severn Rd., Bowie, MD. Each day will be filled with storytelling, crafts, music, fun, and games. Please visit www.ascensionbowie.com for information and registration. The fee is \$ 100 per child. The deadline to register is Tuesday, July 31st.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for July 28/29

5:00 PM	Father Canice
7:00 PM	Father Desiano
8:00 AM	Father Jack
9:30 AM	Father Getty
11:30 AM	Father Jack
6:00 PM	Father Canice