

Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time**Monday, July 30th***Saint Peter Chrysologus*

Daily Mass 8:30AM: Anna Juanitez Conner (L)

Tuesday, July 31st*Saint Ignatius of Loyola*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Knights of Columbus
Mother Seton Council # 5381 (L)**Wednesday, August 1st***Saint Alphonsus Liguori*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Don Aitcheson (L)

Thursday, August 2nd*Saint Eusebius and Saint Peter Julian Eymard*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Susie Martinez (L)

Friday, August 3rd*First Friday*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Ladies of Charity (L)

Saturday, August 4th*Saint John Vianney*

Daily Mass 8:30: Parish Ministry Members (L)

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**Saturday, August 4th**

5:00 PM: People of the Parish (L)

7:00 PM: Jose Barahona (L)

Sunday, August 5th

8:00 AM: Peg Chappell (L)

9:30 AM: Adamma Ugoh (D)

11:30 AM: Steve Ezeani (L)

6:00 PM: Sylvester Ezeani, Sr. (L)

Readings:

Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15

Eph 4: 17, 20-24

John 6: 24-35

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; Ferris "Bo" George; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; Troi Greenfield; William Halbe; Helen Jacik; Janet Kinard; John and Joan Kodak; Mahnaz Majafi; 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, especially Walter B. Fletcher, may they rest in peace.*****Stewardship Report****July 22**

Offertory	\$ 7,662
Faith Direct	\$ 2,725
Total	\$ 10,387
Last Year	\$ 12,452

Next week's second collection is our monthly parish Building Fund collection. The National Campaign for Catholic Human Development will be taken up the weekend of August 11/12.

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 31st for "*The Witness of Early Christian Women*". We will meet in the Hughes Center from 9:15-10:30 AM. Please join us.

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. We now have **Festival T-shirts** available in sizes for every member of your family. The cost is \$15.00 each and shirts may be purchased after Mass or in the Hughes Center during regular business hours.

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.

Remember Someone Special, living or deceased, with a Mass Intention. Stop by the parish office or call 301-459-4814 x 201 to arrange a date and Mass time. Suggested stipend is \$10 per request.

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

On behalf of Bishop Roberto Mallari, DD, from the Diocese of San Jose, Nueva Ecija, Philippines, Father Getty Ferrer is conducting the Mission Appeal at St. Matthias this weekend. The Diocese of San Jose is located 160 km. north of Manila, with a population of 789,000. Thank you for your generous response to our Appeal.

Family Connection

Parents may sympathize with the disciples' protests when Jesus asks Philip where food might be found for the crowd. In the responses of both Philip and Andrew, we hear feelings of inadequacy as they survey their limited resources in the face of such great need. We may sometimes share these feelings about our own material possessions or our emotional and spiritual resources in the face of our family's needs. This is a Gospel of hope for these times, which are all too frequent in parenting and family life. As Jesus made the five barley loaves and two fish sufficient to more than meet the needs of over five thousand people, Jesus will also work with what we have to provide for our family's needs. When we offer our efforts to God, we ask him to transform them so that they will be more than adequate to the tasks and needs before us.

As you gather as a family, talk together about the things that your family needs, starting with the basics—food, shelter, safety, and so on. Continue by naming other things that a family needs to be happy and healthy—time together, cooperation, patience, and so on. Observe that sometimes we can feel like we don't have enough of the things that we need or want. Read together today's Gospel, John 6:1-15. Talk about how Jesus provided plenty of food for the crowd with just five barley loaves and two fish. We have faith that Jesus will also take what we have and make it enough to satisfy and fill all our needs. We ask for this blessing when we offer to God the work of each day in prayer in the Morning Offering. Pray together the Morning Offering, asking God to bless and make fruitful the work of each of our days.

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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

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.

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.

The Academy of St. Matthias would like to send four teachers to a weeklong professional development workshop sponsored by Responsive Classroom, a program that helps elementary and middle school educators to create safe and joyful learning communities where students develop strong social and academic skills and every student can thrive. Cost for each teacher is \$ 729. If you would like to contribute, envelopes are available in the church vestibule. Our teachers thank you!

School Raffle Winner: Congratulations to Darlenys Pujols, winner and seller (\$ 350), in the July 23rd drawing.

Around the Archdiocese

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.

Help Our Marriage: Have you thought about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult time 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.

Silent Retreat Weekends: You don't have to travel far to get away! Plan a get-away with Christ—in Bethesda, MD! Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center offers silent weekend retreats based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola throughout the year. Visit our website at www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301-365-0612 for information and registration.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for August 4/5

5:00 PM Father Jack

7:00 PM Father Jacek

8:00 AM Father Jack

9:30 AM Father Milt

11:30 AM Father Jack

6:00 PM Father Christopher