

Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time**Monday, August 13th***Saint Pontian and Saint Hippolytus*Daily Mass 8:30AM: **Peter O'Neill** (D)**Tuesday, August 14th***Saint Maximilian Kolbe*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Zenaida Juanitez** (L)**Wednesday, August 15th***The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary***Holy Day of Obligation**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Rev. Winthrop Brainerd** (D)Evening Mass 7:30 PM: **Gavin O'Leary** (L)**Thursday, August 16th***Saint Stephen of Hungary*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Rev. Tran Khac-Hy** (D)**Friday, August 17th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Ed Densmore** (D)**Saturday, August 18th**Daily Mass 8:30: **People of the Parish** (L)**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Saturday, August 18th**5:00 PM: **Dolores Krawczewicz** (D)7:00 PM: **Noris Moran & Carlos Martinez** (L)**Sunday, August 19th**8:00 AM: **Peg & Bill Chappell** (L)9:30 AM: **Regina Oleru Amadi** (D)11:30 AM: **Immaculate Heart of Mary Choir** (L)6:00 PM: **Nicholas Carbott** (D)**Readings:**

Prv 9: 1-6

Eph 5: 15-20

John 6: 51-58

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; Ferris "Bo" George; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; Alice Gugliotta; William Halbe; Helen Jacik; Janet Kinard; John and Joan Kodak; Mahnaz Majafi; June Provini; Margaret & Bill Riley; Mary Soh; Michelle Szulczewski; Angela Thompson; Kay Villemi; 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.*****Stewardship Report****August 5**

Offertory	\$ 10,811
Faith Direct	\$ 2,725
Total	\$ 13,536
Last Year	\$ 12,952

*We are grateful for your generosity.***Items of Note at St. Matthias**

A Day of Recollection was held for parishioners on Saturday, July 14th. Ms. Catherine Tolnay, our Director of Faith Formation, planned a spiritual day that began with morning Mass, followed by a light breakfast in the Hughes Center. Presentations by our pastor, Father Jack Kennealy, Deacon Alton Davis, and Ms. Tolnay were inspiring and thought-provoking. We also shared a period of meditation before the Blessed Sacrament. The morning ended with a luncheon and time for discussion. Parishioners are looking forward to more days of spiritual renewal.

Save the Date: The Parish Social Life Committee invites you to a ***Multicultural Festival*** on Saturday, September 8th, from 12:00-4:00 PM. 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.

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.



Teen Youth Ministry: Calling all teens in grades 9-12! Beginning in October, we will meet in the Hughes Center on the second Sunday of each month from 12:00—2:30 PM. Join us and make new friends, earn service hours, and get closer to Jesus. To sign up, contact Le-Marie Thompson at lemarieie.thompson@gmail.com or call the parish office at 301-459-4814.

Wednesday, August 15th, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Mass Times are 8:30 AM and 7:30 PM

A Message From Our Pastor

Washington Interfaith Network: For many years, the District of Columbia has had a broad-based coalition of churches, the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN), to help bring areas of concern to the City Council. In Prince George's County, there was such a coalition as well, and I'm told that Msgr. Scanlon was an active participant. A couple years ago, an initial effort was made to re-start the program. Mr. Coleman Milling contacted Fr. Scott Hahn at St. Jerome's in Hyattsville as well as many other clergy. We had an initial meeting in July and plan to have another meeting in September. The ultimate goal is to train church members who are interested in communicating with members of the County Council about a broad number of issues that affect our churches and communities. Some of the issues include, but are not limited to criminal justice reform, housing revitalization, affordable housing, mental health programs, etc. If you are interested in learning more about this effort, please contact me at 301-459-4814. We would like to gauge interest here at Saint Matthias in being part of the program. Thank you for your consideration.

Father Jack Kennealy

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.parishsoftfamilysuite.com/> and click **New User**. Follow the steps to create your account.

Questions? Call Pat at 301-459-4814 x 201

Clergy Parking: Please remember that the two marked parking spaces in front of the Hughes Center are reserved for resident and visiting priests.

Faith Formation

Come and See: Have you considered joining the Catholic Church? Have you been baptized but did not receive First Communion/Confirmation? Do you want to better understand what the Church teaches and why she teaches it? Then RCIA is for you. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will have a "Come & See" session on Wednesday, September 26th, in the Hughes Center at 7:00 PM. The program will be explained and all questions will be answered. Please invite family and friends to consider this program. There is no pressure, just come and see.

Faith Formation Classes 2018-2019: Please note that registration has been delayed as we determine our capacity to staff our classes. We 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.

Attention, Current School Parents: There will be a **Parent/Teacher Meet, Mix, and Mingle** event from 5:30-7:30 PM on Monday, August 27th, in Friendship Hall. This is an "**adults only**" evening and will include time in your child's classroom to meet your child's teacher(s). Father Jack Kennealy, our Pastor, and Mrs. Patricia Schratz, our Principal, will be on hand to welcome you. Plan to attend this event as we begin our 2018-2019 school year.

The Academy of St. Matthias would like to send four teachers to a week-long 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 Debra Keene, winner of \$300, and the seller, Antonio Ragland (\$50), in the July August 6th drawing.

Knights of Columbus

Tickets are available for the Knights of Columbus Annual Car Raffle which benefits area charities and scholarship programs. Tickets are \$ 1 each and are available from any council member, or you may call Don Aitchison (240-481-0622) or Ferdinand Ibebuchi (301-802-3075).

Celebrant Mass Schedule for August 18/19

5:00 PM	Fr. Canice
7:00 PM	Fr. Jacek
8:00 AM	Fr. Jack
9:30 AM	Fr. Canice
11:30 AM	Fr. Jack
6:00 PM	Fr. Khumbah