Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

**Monday, August 20th**  
*Saint Bernard*  
Daily Mass 8:30AM: Frank & Rita Cumberbatch (D)

**Tuesday, August 21st**  
*Saint Pius X*  
Daily Mass 8:30AM: Eurellia C. Smith (D)

**Wednesday, August 22nd**  
*Queen of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Daily Mass 8:30AM: People of the Parish (L)

**Thursday, August 23rd**  
*Saint Rose of Lima*  
Daily Mass 8:30AM: Margaret Clark (D)

**Friday, August 24th**  
*Saint Bartholomew*  
Daily Mass 8:30AM: Rev. Winthrop Brainerd (D)

**Saturday, August 25th**  
*Saint Louis of France*  
*Saint Joseph Calasanz*  
Daily Mass 8:30AM: Ali Martinez (L)

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, August 25th**  
5:00 PM: St. Matthias Teachers & Staff (L)  
7:00 PM: People of the Parish (L)

**Sunday, August 26th**  
8:00 AM: Timothy George (L)  
9:30 AM: Rev. Mahoney (D)  
11:30 AM: Theophilus Oleru (D)  
6:00 PM: Saint Matthias Students (L)

Readings:
Jos 24: 1-2a, 15-17  
Eph 5: 21-32  
John 6: 60-69

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; Barbara Falls; 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; Dennis Zanin; Elda Zanin; 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

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*We are grateful for your generosity.*

Items of Note at St. Matthias

**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.

**Around the Archdiocese**

**Mother of Africa Pilgrimage** will be held on Sunday, September 16th, from 2:00-4:00 PM, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave. NE, Washington, DC. For more information, contact Sandra Coles-Bell at the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach at 301-853-4469 or culturaldiversity@adw.org.
**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 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.

**Is Your Parish Registration Information Up-To-Date?**

We are updating our parish registration records and need your help. Over the next few weeks, you will receive a mailing that contains the information we have on file for you and your family. Mailings have already been sent to parishioners whose last names begin with A-G. Thank you for submitting your updated information to Pat in the parish office.

You can also make changes in your family profile and access your giving history by creating your online account. Go 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

**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 Aitcheson (240-481-0622) or Ferdinand Ibebuchi (301-802-3075)

**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.

**School Raffle Winner:** Congratulations to Ryan Shorter, winner of $300, and the seller Kerry-Ann Shorter (50), in the August 13th drawing.

**Family Connection**

Our faith teaches us that when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus himself is present to us. Through the actions of the Mass, the bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ. This is what we mean by the word transubstantiation. Jesus makes himself present to all who receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

If there are children in your family who have already celebrated their First Communion, invite them to share their memories of this special day. If you have family photos from this occasion, bring them out and share them. Adults in the family may also share memories or photos of their First Communion. Then read together today’s Gospel, John 6:51-58. Reflect together on what Jesus means when he calls himself the “living bread.” Recall that every time we receive the Eucharist, Jesus keeps the promise he made in today’s Gospel. Perhaps family members can share what it means for them to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Together, thank God for this gift of Holy Communion. Pray together the Lord’s Prayer or today’s psalm.

**Celebrant Mass Schedule for August 25/26**

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