

Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time**Monday, September 3rd***Saint Gregory the Great*Daily Mass 8:30AM: **Dr. Dennis A. George (D)****Tuesday, September 4th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Bill Chappell (L)****Wednesday, September 5th***Saint Teresa of Calcutta*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Rev. Winthrop Brainerd (D)****Thursday, September 6th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Homebound Parishioners (L)****Friday, September 7th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Favor Chinna-Eze (L)****Saturday, September 8th***The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*Daily Mass 8:30: **Ladies of Charity (L)****Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time****Saturday, September 8th**5:00 PM: **Joseph Daly (D)**7:00 PM: **People of the Parish (L)****Sunday, September 9th**8:00 AM: **Ferris "Bo" George, Sr. (L)**9:30 AM: **Fidelis, Florence, & Alice Mepha (D)**11:30 AM: **Lucille Snowden (D)**6:00 PM: **People of the Parish (L)****Readings:**

Is 35: 4-7a

Jas 2: 1-5

Mark 7: 31-37

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 Ferrara; Ferris "Bo" George; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Helen Jacik; Janet Kinard; John and Joan Kodak; Mahnaz Majafi; June Provini; Margaret & Bill Riley; Mary Soh; 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.***

Names will be placed on our prayer list for 4 weeks. To place a name on the list, please contact Pat Ford at 301-459-4814 x 201, or email pford@stmatthias.org.

Stewardship Report**August 26****Offertory** \$ 9,380**Faith Direct** \$ 3,029**Total** \$ 12,409**Last Year** \$ 11,380

Next week's second collection is the Archdiocesan Collection for the Catholic University of America.

*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** next 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 for adult sizes, and \$ 10.00 for youth. 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 lemarie.thompson@gmail.com or call the parish office at 301-459-4814.

The Legion of Mary is coming to St. Matthias. A membership drive will be held later this month. For more information, please contact Lorretta Dungor at 301-758-2871 (ldungor@hotmail.com) or Rita Waldron at 301-204-0168.

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: Faith Formation will begin on Monday, September 17th. Students need to be registered before the first night of class. We are limiting class sizes to 20, and we can no longer provide sacramental preparation for high school students. Registrations will be accepted in the parish office Mon.-Thurs., 8:00 AM-4:00 PM, and Friday, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM. We regret that no registrations will be accepted at Monday evening classes. Please register now to ensure a place for your child.

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-N. 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 Parish Office and School
will be closed
Monday, September 3, 2018
in observance of
Labor Day.**



The Academy of Saint Matthias

Welcome, New Teachers! We are pleased to welcome the new members of our teaching staff for the 2018-19 school year: Ms. Wendy Blanco (Grade 1). Dr. Patrice Tyler (Grade 3), Ms. Meghan Furth (Grade 4), Mr. Joseph Saverino (Grade 7), Ms. Judy Jenkins (Art), Ms. Beverly Rampey (Counselor), and Ms. Silvia Vasquez Contla (Pre-K-Aide). They join a dedicated faculty and staff whose mission is to teach the Gospel values and to promote academic excellence in a safe and caring environment.

School Raffle Winner: Congratulations to Michelle Brown, winner of \$300, and to the seller, Ekeatte Onyewu (\$50), in the August 27th drawing. Drawings for the 2017-18 school year are concluded. Drawings for the 2018-19 school year will begin in January, 2019.

Family Connection

Children have learned the importance of following rules. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, they often bring to our attention the infractions of others. Even parents sometimes get caught off guard by their children's observations: "Why don't you have to go to bed at 8:00?" or "But I saw you eat a cupcake before breakfast once." Our rules for our children are not arbitrary. We establish and enforce family rules with the intention of helping our children grow to be healthy and mature adults. We foster this maturity when we also initiate conversations with our children about the purposes behind family rules and teach them the essential values that rules help us observe.

As you gather as a family, list some of your most important family rules. Together, try to write a single, positive statement that captures the essential value behind your family rules. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus criticize the Pharisees for making their rules about ritual purity equal to the commandments of God's Law. Read today's Gospel, Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23. When we remember the essential element behind our rules, we see that our rules help us be the good people that Jesus wants us to be. Conclude in prayer together that we may always honor God's Law in our words and deeds. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 15.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for September 8/9

5:00 PM	Msgr. Balbago
7:00 PM	Fr. Jacek
8:00 AM	Fr. Jack
9:30 AM	Fr. Khumbah
11:30 AM	Fr. Jack