**Stewardship Report**

The report for September 30th will be published in next week's bulletin.

Next weekend, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the Mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious, and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's mission in your prayers, and be generous in next week's collection.

**Items of Note at St. Matthias**

**Youth Ministry** will have its first meeting of the school year next Sunday, October 14th, from 12:00-2:30 PM in the Hughes Center. Teens in grades 9-12 are welcome to attend. Lunch is provided!

**Dance Ministry**: The St. Matthias Liturgical Dance Ministry is recruiting young ladies in grades 9-12. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Church. Our first rehearsal will be held on October 16th. We will pray, complete registration forms, discuss the ministry, and review potential songs. Please contact the coordinator, Mrs. Zita Givens at 301-577-1853 for more information.

**Do You Need Documents Shredded?** Parish office volunteers will shred a maximum of 2 grocery bags of your documents. A monetary donation to the parish is appreciated. Please call the parish office to arrange a drop-off.

**Volunteers Are Needed** to help at the receptionist’s desk in the Hughes Center. Hours are Monday-Thursday from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM or from 12:00 PM-4:00 PM, and on Friday from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM. Most volunteers work once or twice per month. Please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 for more information.

**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.
Faith Formation

**RCIA**: If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or have been baptized in the Catholic Church but need to prepare for First Communion/Confirmation, then RCIA is the process for you. We meet in the Hughes Center on Wednesdays, from 7:00-8:30 PM. Please call Catherine Tolnay in the parish office at 301-459-4814 x 205 to make arrangements.

**Adult Bible Study**: On Tuesday, October 2nd, we began an 8 week Adult Bible Study on the book of Ephesians. We meet in the Hughes Center beginning at 9:15 AM. Please come and bring a friend!

**October Month of The Holy Rosary**

**Around the Archdiocese**

The Archdiocese of Washington invites you to a Mass commemorating the canonization of six new saints, including Pope Paul VI and Archbishop Oscar Romero. This Mass will be held on Sunday, October 14th at 12:00 PM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, will give special remarks. For more information, contact Sharon O’Brien, WACCW President, at ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com, and follow on Facebook at Facebook.com/WashACCW.

Telephone Rosary for Healing: The Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (WACCW) is hosting a telephone rosary call from now until September 4, 2019, with the special intention of healing for all hurt by individuals within the Church. All are welcome to join the call at 8:00 PM EST, Mondays-Saturdays, at 605-468-8016, code 357090#. For more information, contact culturaldiversity@adw.org.

Franciscan Monastery’s Annual Mass and Benefit Dinner: On Saturday, November 10th, the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy land in Washington, DC, will celebrate their Annual Mass and Benefit Dinner. The evening will begin with Mass at 5:00 PM celebrated by the Custos of the Holy Land in the main church. Following the Mass, the gala will be held at St. Francis Hall. For tickets or more information, visit myfranciscan.org.

**Celebrant Mass Schedule for October 13/14**

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The Academy of Saint Matthias

**Tuition Assistance**: Our school year is off to a great start with many new students and families. It’s not too early to think about the 2019-2020 school year. The application for Archdiocesan financial aid, available at www.TADS.com, will open on October 1, 2018. Current school families will have until December 1, 2018, to submit their applications. Families who will be new to the Academy of Saint Matthias have until February of 2019 to apply. Please act quickly as financial aid is allocated very early. Questions? Please contact the school Admissions Director, Mrs. Ann O’Hare, at 301-577-9412.

**Family Connection**

Jesus’ teaching about divorce and remarriage can be a challenging one for many people. The Church continues to uphold the strong and positive teaching of Jesus that God intends for a man and woman to make a lifelong commitment to one another in the Sacrament of Marriage. Many of us, however, know people whose marriage has not been a lifelong commitment. The example of Jesus teaches us that we are called to act with compassion and love in our relationships with all, and especially when people are hurting because of difficulties in their relationships. Most importantly, we remember that when marriages thrive, it is a sign of God’s grace at work.

As you gather as a family, talk about what it means to make a promise or a commitment to someone. Offer examples of promises that are fairly easy to keep. Read today’s Gospel, Mark 10:2-16. Talk about examples of promises and commitments that might be more difficult to honor, like the marriage commitment that Jesus is asked about in this Gospel. Talk about how we need God to help us honor our commitment to love and care for each other. Jesus teaches that we should be like children before God, trusting God’s promise to care for us and asking for his help to keep our commitments to love and care for others. Conclude by praying together that God will give his grace to us that we may honor our commitments to one another. Pray together Saint Ignatius of Loyola’s prayer, the Suscipe.

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, All I have and call my own.

You have given all to me.

To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me.

The Parish Office and School Will Be Closed Monday, October 8, 2018 In Observance of Columbus Day