

Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 18th

Daily Mass 8:30AM: Homebound Parishioners (L)

Tuesday, February 19th

Mass 8:30 AM: Parish Volunteers (L)

Wednesday, February 20th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Rev. John Kennealy (L)

Thursday, February 21st

Saint Peter Damian

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Parish Catechists (L)

Friday, February 22nd

The Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Olin Dovel (D)

Saturday, February 23rd

Saint Polycarp

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Luz Reyes Naval (L)

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 23rd

5:00 PM: John Huber (D)

7:00 PM: Nicandro Fernandez & Belen Noriaga (D)

Sunday, February 24th

8:00 AM: Wanda Chimiak (D)

9:30 AM: Parish EMHC (L)

11:30 AM: Alexis Balunsat (D)

6:00 PM: People of the Parish (L)

Readings:

1 Sm 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13

1 Cor 15: 45-49

Luke: 6: 27-38

Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends:

Kurleigh Bayrd; Mason Beal; Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Kevin Butler; John Cassidy; Rose Chisefsky; Anne Dorsch; Chunyere Duru; Helen Dziduch; Ferris "Bo" George; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Helen Jacik; Janet Kinard; John and Joan Kodak; Susan Lum; Cathy Pielmeier; June Provini; Mary Soh; 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

February 17

Offertory 9,288

Faith Direct 2,846

Total 12,134

Last Year 10,923

We are grateful for your generosity.

Items of Note at St. Matthias

Mass Intentions: Remember a loved one's birthday, anniversary, or special occasion by having a Mass offered for him or her. Please stop by the parish office or call 301-459-4814 to request a Mass intention. Suggested offering is \$10.

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.

Volunteers Are Needed at the receptionist's desk in the parish office. Most volunteers work a 4 hour shift once or twice per month. Please contact Thad Ereme at 301-458-4814 x 207 for details.

First Friday Mass & Reception: Our next First Friday Mass is March 1st, at 8:30 AM, followed by a reception and fellowship in the church vestibule. Please join us!

Parish Social Life Committee News

On behalf of Father Jack, the Parish Social Life Committee will host the Annual Volunteer Luncheon on Sunday, March 10th, from 2:00-4:00 PM in Friendship Hall. If you are an active member of a parish organization or ministry that provides services to the church or community, please submit the RSVP form no later than **this Sunday, February 17th**. Forms are available in the parish office, church vestibule, or on the parish website at www.stmatthias.org.

Faith Formation

Adult Bible Study: St. Matthias is offering an adult Bible Study on St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians on Tuesday mornings beginning at 9:15 AM in the Hughes Center. Please join us and bring a friend!

Annual Appeal

This is the 50th Anniversary of the Appeal and the new theme is "Our Faith. Our Hope. Our Mission." Contributions to the Annual appeal are 100% designated to ministries and mission of the church. The Appeal offers each of us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services that positively affect thousands of lives.

This year, you can support the Annual Appeal many different ways. You may have received a mailing in January that you can respond to. You can also support the Appeal on line at adw.org or text "Give" to 301 231-1816. We will also provide the opportunity to support the appeal at Mass during the next couple of weekends.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Family Connection

Today's Gospel offers a contrast to many of the messages we hear in our society today. If we were to accept uncritically the "get ahead" messages of our culture, we would think that happiness means having money, being successful, and having many possessions. In this way, we are not unlike the people who heard Jesus teach on the day that he taught the Beatitudes. They too associated happiness with possessions and success. The report of the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel, however, takes things one step further. Not only will we not find happiness through the "get ahead" messages of the world, but relying upon these messages will cause us harm. The warnings spoken are particularly challenging because they suggest that our way of life must change if we are to gain the lasting happiness of eternal life.

Talk together as a family about what society tells us makes a person successful. Make a list of the traits that you associate with a successful person. Then read together today's Gospel, Luke 6:17,20-26. Reflect on Jesus' description of blessedness in the Kingdom of God. Then consider the warnings. Why are these surprising and challenging? What, then, is the measure of success in the Kingdom of God? Together write prayers of petition based on your discussion. Pray these prayers together, asking God to help your family seek the blessings of the Kingdom of God.

Around the Archdiocese

Give the Gift of Service: Catholic Charities encourages you to give back to your community by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC, and Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer.

Respect Life Training: Are you called to promote the sanctity of human life? Please attend the Respect Life Training Seminar sponsored by the *40 Days for Life* local chapter. The seminar will be held on Saturday, February 23rd, from 10:00 AM—3:00 PM at St. Hugh Church (Grenoble Hall), 135 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. Register at <https://www.justRSVP.me/40daysclass>. A donation of \$ 10 is requested at the door. Lunch and refreshments are included. For more information, contact Tom at 240-593-6982.

The Archdiocese of Washington Secretariat for Pastoral Ministry and Social Concerns presents *Engaging the Mission*, a process for reflection and discernment of ways to revitalize parish life and evangelization. The workshop will be held Saturday, March 16th, from 8:30 AM -3:00 PM, at the Edward J. Pryzbyla Center on the campus of The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.



The Academy of Saint Matthias

School Raffle Fundraiser: Congratulations to Melody Atkinson, winner of \$ 500, and to Tanisha Mortin, seller (\$ 50), in the February 11th drawing.

For admissions information, academics, and school events, go to
<http://school/stmatthias.org/>.



Celebrant Mass Schedule for February 23/24

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