**Stewardship Report**

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There will be a special second collection next weekend for “Bahama Relief” to aid in efforts to rebuild & provide assistance to those who lost their homes & livelihoods in hurricane Dorian.

**We Are Grateful For Your Generosity**

**Items of Note at St. Matthias**

**The Parish Social Life Committee** is pleased to announce that the Second Annual Multicultural Festival will be held Saturday, October 19th, from 12:00-4:00 PM. Festivities will be both indoors and outdoors here at St. Matthias. Discount cards for a variety of area businesses and restaurants are available for purchase after Mass. To volunteer for this event, contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207.

**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, please contact LeMarie Thompson at lemarie.thompson@gmail.com or call the parish office at 301-459-4814.

**The St. Matthias Prayer Group** meets in the church every Sunday immediately after the 11:30 AM Mass. All are welcome.

> “When all the dust is settled and all the crowds are gone, the things that matter are faith, family, and friends.”
> -Barbara Bush

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**Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, September 16th**

_Saint Cornelius & Saint Cyprian_

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Catechists & Students (L)

**Tuesday, September 17th**

_Saint Robert Bellarmine_

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Ladies of Charity (L)

**Wednesday, September 18th**

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

**Thursday, September 19th**

_Saint Januarius_

8:30 AM: St. Matthias Faculty & Students (L)

**Friday, September 20th**

_Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Saint Paul Chong Ha-sang_

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Robert Hoke (D)

**Saturday, September 21st**

_Saint Matthew, Apostle_

8:30 AM: Msgr. Joseph Ayeah (D)

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, September 21st**

Mass 5:00 PM: Tammy & Mike Paolino (L)
Mass 7:00 PM: Carlos Alejandro Sanchez (D)

**Sunday, September 22nd**

8:00 AM: Fimber Efekalam (L)
9:30 AM: People of the Parish (L)
11:30 AM: Nwonye Family (L)
6:00 PM: People of the Parish (L)

**Readings**

- Am 8: 4-7
- 1 Tm 2: 1-8

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

- Sam Barreto; Welton Belsches; David Brace; Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Rae Chamberlain; Rose Chisefsky; Chunyaere Duru; Helen Dziduch; Patricia Farland; Ferris “Bo” George; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Gwen King; John and Joan Kodak; Evelyn Turley; Mae Young; Sister Giustina Zanin; Ziara Zanin; Rita and Eugene Zehner

For our military, protect them from all harm.

For the faithful departed, especially John Matais, may they rest in peace.
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Faith Formation at St. Matthias

Please contact Catherine Tolnay, Director of Faith Formation, at 301-459-4814 x 205 for information about the following announcements:

Beginning September 16th, St. Matthias will hold Faith Formation classes for public school students on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:45 PM, in Friendship Hall. To register your K-8th grade children, please visit the Hughes Center parish office during regular business hours. Forms are also available in the pamphlet racks in the church vestibule. Tuition for one child is $125; two children $175; three or more children $220. All children need to be registered before the first class.

Aides and substitutes are needed for the program.

RCIA for Adults: Are you looking for a greater understanding of the teachings and spirituality of the Catholic Church? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is for you. St. Matthias will hold a “Come and See” evening where the program will be explained and all questions will be answered, on Wednesday, September 25th, at 7:00 PM in the Hughes Center. Please join us!

St. Matthias will have an Adult Day of Recollection on Saturday, September 28th, from 8:30 AM until 1:30 PM in the Hughes Center. The theme is "Growing Closer to God". We are asking for $20 to help defray the costs of the light breakfast and lunch that will be provided. Please find a registration form on the table in the entrance of the Church. We ask that registrations be turned in by Monday, September 23rd.

The Academy of Saint Matthias

The Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is available for students in grades PreK-12 who are applying to or currently enrolled in Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Washington. All tuition assistance obtained through the Archdiocese is based on demonstrated financial need.

Families apply each year to receive tuition assistance. Applying for tuition assistance has no bearing on whether a student is admitted to a particular school.

Applications are available each year beginning in October and are due in December for tuition assistance for the following school year. TADS financial aid and assessment manages the process on behalf of Archdiocese of Washington Catholic schools. Please note that you only need to complete one form for all children in a family, whether elementary school students or high school students, even if seeking tuition assistance for children attending different schools. The open application period for the 2020-2021 Archdiocese of Washington Tuition Assistance Program will begin on Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

Knights of Columbus

Soccer Shoot-Out: The Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council # 5381 will hold a “Soccer Shoot-Out” on the field behind the school on Saturday, September 28th, at 9:00 AM. Register on site at the start of the event. The shoot-out is for boys and girls, ages 6-18.

Tickets for the 50th Annual Car Raffle are available at the parish office and may also be obtained from a member of the Knights of Columbus. The grand prize is a 2020 Ford Mustang or $18,000 in cash. Second prize is an iPad and the third prize is a $200 gift card. Tickets are $1.00 each and proceeds benefit scholarship programs and local charities. The drawing will be held October 12, 2019.

Around the Archdiocese

Join the 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign for prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. Kickoff Rally: 9:30 AM, Saturday, September 21st, at St. Mark the Evangelist Church (Msgr. Albert Room), 7501 Adelphi Rd., Hyattsville, MD. Opening Day is Wednesday, September 25th, at 5915 Greenbelt Rd., College Park, MD. Pray in front of Metropolitan Family Planning from 6:00 AM-10:00 PM from September 25th-November 3rd. To pray for an hour, email your day and time to 40daysforlifeMD@gmail.com, or phone Tom Trunk at 240-593-6982

Family Connection

Read or retell in your own words, the three stories from the Gospel. Ask your children to recall games they play that involve losing or hiding something and then finding it. (Hide and Go Seek, Ghost in the Graveyard, Button, Button, Who’s Got the Button?) Talk about how exciting it is to find the person or thing being looked for.

Ask your children if they have any memories of losing something special or being lost themselves. Share the stories as well as the fears or feelings. Then tell them that just as you would go to any length to find and bring them home if they were lost, so too would God. That is what Jesus is telling us in the three stories. No matter what we do, no matter how wrong we are, God, our loving father, is always anxious to forgive us and welcome us back home.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for September 21/22

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