

Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time**Monday, September 9th***Saint Peter Claver*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Herman F. Timme (D)

Tuesday, September 10th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Carmelo Gugliotta (D)

Wednesday, September 11th

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

Thursday, September 12th*The Most Holy Name of Mary*

8:30 AM: Joseph Daly (D)

Friday, September 13th*St. John Chrysostom*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Donald Kerstiens (D)

Saturday, September 14th*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

8:30 AM: John Atem Takunju (D)

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**Saturday, September 14th**

Mass 5:00 PM: Richard Kosko (D)

Mass 7:00 PM: Asuncion Espinoza Herrera (D)

Sunday, September 15th

8:00 AM: Linda Lee Morgan (D)

9:30 AM: Adamma Ugoh (D)

11:30 AM: Chioma Udejiofor (D)

6:00 PM: Anthony Foli (L)

Readings

Ex 32: 7-11, 13-14

1 Tm 1: 12-17

Luke 15: 1-32

**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; Kevin Butler; Rose Chamberlain; Rose Chisefsky; Chunyere Duru; Helen Dziduch; Ferris "Bo" George; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; George Johnson, Jr.; Jeremiah Joseph; Gwen King; John and Joan Kodak; Lance Prout; Shirley Singleton; Mary Soh; 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, may they rest in
peace.*

Stewardship Report

September 1	Offertory	11,167
	Faith Direct	2,828
	Total	13,995
	Last Year	13,077

We are grateful for your generosity

**This week's second collection is the National
Collection for the support of
The Catholic University of America.**

Items of Note at St. Matthias

Congratulations to Paolo Puccini, Paulist seminarian who was ordained to the diaconate this weekend. In addition to his studies for the priesthood, Paolo assists with sacramental preparations here at Saint Matthias.

A Memorial Mass for Monsignor Joseph Ayeah will be held at St. Matthias on Saturday, September 14th, at 8:00 PM. A wake keeping will follow in Friendship Hall after the Mass. For several summers, Monsignor Ayeah occasionally celebrated Masses here at St. Matthias.

Catechetical Sunday: Catechists will be commissioned at the 9:30 AM Mass next Sunday, September 15th. We are grateful to our catechists and aides who give so generously of their time and talent.

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.



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 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.** Please be prepared to pay at least half of the registration fee with a check or cash when you register. **All children need to be registered before the first class. We will not accept registrations on Monday evenings.**

Aides and Substitutes are Needed to help educate our youth in Faith Formation on Monday evenings beginning in September. Training and support are available.

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

What's New? Several renovations were completed during the summer—new tile flooring was installed in the upper level hallways, and new carpeting was laid in several classrooms and in the lower level library.

Middle school students have a new math textbook program. The school also acquired a classroom set of new Chromebook laptop computers to assist students in skill-building, review and reinforcement, creative activities, and presentations.

Four large screen TVs were purchased and have been installed in selected classrooms. Technology upgrades were funded by the Fun-D Run program held last spring.

Knights of Columbus



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

Provide your children with a list of things that they are responsible for interspersed with things that they like to do—for example, make their beds, take out the garbage, go to the park, do homework, watch television, have a snack, feed the cat. The list should reflect their responsibilities and favorite recreations. Tell them to pretend that company is coming and ask which of the things listed should be done first. Explain that this is called setting priorities.



Paraphrase the Gospel story for the children. Ask them what Jesus says is the most important thing for them to do. Jesus tells us that the number-one priority is to follow him. But just as it is not always easy to do the things we are supposed to do before doing the fun things, it is not always easy to be a follower of Jesus. Yet when we put Jesus first, we will be truly happy.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for September 14/15

5:00 PM	Fr. Jack
7:00 PM	Msgr. Balbago
8:00 AM	Fr. Jack
9:30 AM	Fr. Milt
11:30 AM	Fr. Canice
6:00 PM	Fr. Jack