**Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, November 25th**
*Saint Catherine of Alexandria*
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: All Souls

**Tuesday, November 26th**
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: All Souls

**Wednesday, November 27th**
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: All Souls

**Thursday, November 28th**
*Thanksgiving Day*
8:30 AM: All Souls

**Friday, November 29th**
Mass 8:30 AM: All Souls

**Saturday, November 30th**
*Saint Andrew, Apostle*
8:30 AM: All Souls

**First Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday, November 30th**
Mass 5:00 PM: Bonnie Ellen Kennealy (D)
Mass 7:00 PM: Mary Adams (D)

**Sunday, December 1st**
8:00 AM: Adaobi Ezeani (L)
9:30 AM: Celine Conner (L)
11:30 AM: Florence Nwonye (L)
6:00 PM: John Paul Foli (L)

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

Jacqueline Bholan; Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Rose Chisefsky; Chunyere Duru; Helen Dziduch; Patricia Farland; Ferris “Bo” George; Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Jan Jarus; John and Joan Kodak; Rod Oaks; Cathy Pielmeier; 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.*

Please call the parish office at 301-459-4818 x 201 to request a name to be placed on the sick list.

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**Stewardship Report**

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**We Are Grateful For Your Generosity**

**Items of Note at St. Matthias**

**Saint Joseph Sunday Missal Sale**: If you missed the Ladies of Charity sale, the 2020 Missals are available at the parish office. Cost is $ 5.00.

**Carrera Antorcha Guadalupana**: Please join the parish on Monday, November 25th, as we welcome the relay torch of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego which left Mexico City and is en route to its final destination at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City. Festivities will begin at 10:00 AM followed by a Mass in Spanish at 11:00 AM.

**Celebration of the Virgin of Guadalupe**: An overnight celebration with prayers, singing, and dancing will be held Wednesday, Dec. 11th, through Thursday, Dec. 12th. Parishioners are asked to meet at Friendship Hall at 10:30 PM on Dec. 11th to prepare for the procession of Our Lady of Guadalupe. On Dec. 12th, a skit will be presented in the church at 6:00 PM, with Mass following at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

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

**Giving Tree**: The Ladies of Charity are sponsoring the Parish Giving Tree which will be in the church vestibule from November 30th through Dec. 8th. Please take a gift tag labeled with a requested item. Unwrapped and tagged gifts may be dropped off at the church or parish office. Gifts will be donated to area charities. Thank you for making Christmas brighter for someone in need.
Please join us for our
Mass of Thanksgiving
Thursday
November 28th
8:30 AM

Knights of Columbus

“Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest is held for children in three separate grade divisions: K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. Entry forms are available in the school, Faith Formation classes, and the church vestibule. Details and rules for submitting posters are found on the back of the entry form. Entries must be submitted by December 1, 2019.

Catholic High School Scholarships: The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus sponsors several high school scholarships for children of its members and for Catholic students in general. The application period is from October 1, 2019 - February 1, 2020. Scholarship information and application information is available at https://kofc-md.org/high-school-scholarships/.

The Parish Office will be Closed Thursday and Friday November 28th & 29th In Observance of Thanksgiving

Around the Archdiocese

Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back 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.

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will provide meals for hundreds of poor, homeless, elderly, and needy individuals on Christmas Day. Volunteers are always needed to fill many different positions. If you would like to sign up to help, please visit www.nationalshrine.com/christmasdinner.

The Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program for 2020-2021 is available for families with students in grades Pre-K-12 who are applying to or currently enrolled in Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Washington.
• For students currently enrolled in a Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Washington, the deadline to apply for tuition assistance is Friday, December 6, 2019.
• For families enrolling their children for the first time in a Catholic school, the deadline to apply for tuition assistance is early February, 2020.
All families who apply for financial assistance must complete the TADS application (https://secure.tads.com) to be considered for aid from any source. Please apply early, and contact the school if you have any questions.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for Nov. 30/Dec. 1
5:00 PM Fr. Canice
7:00 PM Fr. Russo
8:00 AM Fr. Jack
9:30 AM Fr. Jack
11:30 AM Fr. Canice
6:00 PM Fr. Canice

We are Grateful to an anonymous parishioner, who, several years ago, helped make our computer lab a reality. Last week, Father Jack blessed and dedicated the lab to St. John Paul II. After the ceremony, the same anonymous donor presented a generous gift to the school to help maintain the computers and equipment in the lab. Our faculty, staff, and students offer a heartfelt thank you to our generous benefactor!

As Christmas approaches and you are shopping online, please use smile.amazon.com/ch/52-0780162. When you buy gifts using Amazon Smile, a portion of your purchases goes to support our school.

Grandparents/Special Persons Day: On Tuesday, November 26th, students will welcome their grandparents and special visitors to our school. Classroom visits, a variety of activities, and a School Mass at 10:30 AM are planned for our special visitors. Dismissal is at 12:00 PM for students.

The Academy of Saint Matthias

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