

Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**Monday, September 14th***The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Richard Kosko** (D)
Mass 12:00 PM: **Msgr. Thomas Kane** (D)**Tuesday, September 15th***Our Lady of Sorrows*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Anthony Foli, Jr.** (L)**Wednesday, September 16th***Saints Cornelius & Cyprian*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Donald Kerstiens** (D)**Thursday, September 17th***Saint Robert Bellarmine*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Rev. Charles C. Green** (D)**Friday, September 18th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Mama Agatha Naah Fonlon** (D)**Saturday, September 19th***Saint Januarius*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Ma Agatha Fonlon** (D)**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Saturday, September 19th**Mass 4:00 PM: **Grace Ngongbi** (D)
Mass 7:00 PM: **People of the Parish** (L)**Sunday, September 20th**Mass 8:00 AM: **Thomas Mgongbi** (D)
Mass 9:45 AM: **Adamma Ugoh** (D)
Mass 11:30 AM: **Mother of Florence Nwonye** (D)
Mass 6:00 PM: **LeRoy Robbins** (D)**Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends:**

Florence Asonglafac; Elaine Brooks; Yvette Butler; Rose Chisefsky; Deacon Alton Davis; Charlene Dawson; Eugene Diggs III; Chunyere Duru; Helen Dgiduch; Patricia Farland; John Graham; Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Jan Jarus; Joseph Johnson; Edward Kin; Joan Kodak; Luz Naval; Cathy Pielmeier; Bruce Prout; Jane Smidinger; Evelyn Turley; Mae Young; Ziara Zanin; Don Zehner; Rita and Eugene Zehner

To add a name to the sick list, please call Pat at the Parish Office 301-459-4814 x 201, or email pford@stmatthias.org.***For our military, protect them from all harm.******For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.*****Stewardship Report****September 6**

Offertory	\$ 8,081
Faith Direct	\$ 2,878
Total	\$ 10,959
Last Year	\$ 11,696

**This week's second collection is to support
The Catholic University of America.*****We Are Grateful For Your Generosity*****Items of Note at St. Matthias****Adoration and Confessions**

Adoration is held on Monday evenings from 6:00-8:00 PM. Be sure to wear your mask and practice safe social distancing. Confessions are heard from 7:00-7:45 PM in the church sacristy.

Weekend Mass ScheduleSaturday Vigil Masses are celebrated at 4:00 PM and the Mass in Spanish at 7:00 PM. Sunday Masses are at 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 AM, and 6:00 PM. **We no longer ask you to register online to attend a weekend Mass.** Come to Mass a few minutes early and sign in when you enter the church.**Daily Mass Monday- Saturday**

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8:30 AM Monday through Saturday. Father Jack also celebrates Mass on Mondays at 12:00 noon. You'll find that the church is less crowded than on the weekend. You must wear a mask and practice safe social distancing.

Feeding the Homeless

Community Place Café is an interfaith ministry that provides support for our homeless neighbors in Prince Georges County. St. Matthias is one of several churches that participates in this ministry. At this time, we are not permitted to serve a warm lunch to the homeless guests at the Café. Rather, we are asked to offer food assistance by providing gift cards to area grocery stores. These cards allow the homeless guests to purchase food and supplies. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Peg Chappell at 301-262-8724 or Debbie Self at 301-577-4201.



The Academy of Saint Matthias

We currently have on-site openings for Pre-K and Kindergarten, as well as on-site remote learning and distance learning for Grades 1-8. For enrollment information, please contact Mrs. Ann O'Hare at 301-577-9412.

Family Connection

Children learn to trust God's mercy and forgiveness when they experience forgiveness from those closest to them. We hope that we model God's love and forgiveness within our family life. Today's Gospel reminds us that forgiveness is measured by its quality more than its quantity.

Invite your family to consider some recent times when family members sought the forgiveness of another. Ask if there were any statements made that put conditions on our forgiveness such as "I will play this game with you if you apologize for knocking over my blocks" or "I will accept your apology after you clean up your room." Do we sometimes "keep count" or put conditions on our forgiveness of one another? This is something we may be doing without realizing it.

Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 18:21-35. Ask if we sometimes find ourselves sounding like Peter, concerning ourselves with quantity of forgiveness rather than offering forgiveness abundantly and unconditionally. Reflect upon the parable that Jesus tells. What does the servant do that makes the king so angry? He refuses to forgive his fellow servant the debt that he owes. Because we have all received God's forgiveness, God expects that we will also be forgiving toward others. Jesus' answer to Peter's question is found at the end of the parable. The number of times that we forgive one another is less important than the depth of our forgiveness. We must forgive one another from the heart.

Conclude in prayer together that God's love and forgiveness is evident in your family life. Pray together today's psalm, *Psalm 103*, or the *Lord's Prayer*.

Archdiocese of Washington

The Archdiocesan Website, adw.org/coronavirus, is updated regularly with information, in English and Spanish. To find a listing of live stream Masses and prayers, go to adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/.



The 2020 Annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and 51+ is canceled. However, you

may use a sign-up form to receive an anniversary certificate from the Archdiocese of Washington. Forms are available in the church vestibule and the parish office. **To receive a certificate, please turn in your completed form to the parish office by Monday, September 28th.**

Items of Note at St. Matthias

Faith Formation Registration

St. Matthias will offer Religious Education online with a few meetings in person this academic year. Please go to the parish website at www.stmatthias.org and under the Sacraments tab you will find "Faith Formation Registration 2020-21." Please register your child/children. Classes will begin the week of October 4th. As the time approaches, we will send out more detailed information to those who have registered. If there is an economic hardship, please contact our Director, Catherine Tolnay, at 301-459-4814 x 205 to discuss arrangements. Every young person needs to spend two consecutive years in Faith Formation to make a sacrament.

Knights of Columbus

Have you considered joining the Knights of Columbus? Do you know what the Knights of Columbus stand for in the community? Are you aware of the charitable work of the Knights? We're looking for a few good men! For more information, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207.



Parish Staff Contact Information

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Friday 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

Celebrant Mass Schedule for September 19/20

4:00 PM	Fr. Canice
7:00 PM	Fr. DeSiano
8:00 AM	Fr. Jack
9:45 AM	Fr. Jack
11:30 AM	Fr. Canice
6:00 PM	Fr. Jack