

Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 5th

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Mami A. Johanna Fuajenaleh** (D)
Daily Mass 12:00 PM: **Amelia Turner** (D)

Tuesday, July 6th

Saint Maria Goretti

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Pa Peter Anye Tumasang & Zita Sirri Anye** (D)

Wednesday, July 7th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Sister Guistina Zanin** (D)

Thursday, July 8th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Olufunmilayo Foli** (L)

Friday, July 9th

Saint Augustine Zaho Rong & Companions

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Covid Patients & Victims Worldwide** (L & D)

Saturday, July 10th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Michael Hawkins** (D)

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Am 7:12-15
Eph 1: 3-14
Mark 6: 7-13

Saturday, July 10th

Mass 4:00 PM: **Aunt Olive Morgan** (D)
Mass 7:00 PM: **Maria Francisca Torres** (D)

Sunday, July 11th

Mass 8:00 AM: **Roberta Feh Gweninaum** (D)
Mass 9:45 AM: **Ambrose & Elizabeth Esike & John & Helen Okolo** (D)
Mass 11:30 AM: **Cyrylyn Morfaw** (L)
Mass 6:00 PM: **Mami Elizabeth Ashu** (D)

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

Marion & Mirl Bendt; Elaine Brooks; Rose Chisefsky; Mary Dawson; Rosita Dietrich; Helen Dziduch; Bob Faass; Patricia Farland; Jimmie Givens; Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Jan Jarus; Joseph Johnson; Joan Kodak; Everett & Martha Lallis; Bruce Prout; Victor San Gabriel; Jane Smidinger; Mary Ann Vugrin; Mae Young; Don Zehner; Rita and Eugene Zehner

For our military, protect them from all harm.

For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.

Stewardship Report

June 27, 2021

Offertory	9,192
Faith Direct	2,752
Total	11,944
2020	9,408
2019	11,481

We Are Grateful For Your Generosity

Items of Note at St. Matthias

St. Matthias will resume teaching Faith Formation Classes in person in the fall, and *we need volunteers* to teach the classes. We thank you in advance for praying about volunteering in this important ministry. Catechist training will be provided. Please call the parish office for more information.

Altar Society: The Altar Society is made up of parish men and women who assist in light dusting and straightening of the sacristy and the altar area. Others help with ironing of small altar linens once a month. Your assistance is needed! If you would like more information about the Altar Society, please send your name and phone number to the office at the Hughes Center and you will be contacted with more information.

St. Matthias Prayer Group meets in the church every Sunday immediately after 11:30 AM Mass. The last Friday of the month is Miracle Night, from 8:00-10:00 PM, in the church. All are welcome. Contact Info: (240) 486-0733 or (301) 351-0777.

Have You Moved Recently? Please notify the parish office to update your contact information by calling 301-459-4814 x 201 or emailing Pat Ford at pford@stmatthias.org.

Lost & Found: Are you missing your glasses, umbrella, gloves, or jacket? The Ushers' Closet is bursting with unclaimed items. Please check with an usher if you think you left an item in church. Unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity on July 12th.

**The Parish Office Will Be Closed
Monday, July 5th
In Observance of
Independence Day**



The Academy of Saint Matthias

Summer Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM-12:30 PM

Closed on Fridays (*Closed the week of July 5-9, 2021*)



We will celebrate our school's 60th Anniversary on **October 30, 2021** and hope that our alumni will celebrate with us. Details to follow.

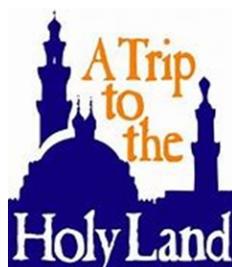
60th Anniversary of Our School: This year marks the 60th anniversary of the founding of our school! Father Jack asks that you support the school with a donation of \$ 60.00 (or more). To learn more about the founding of our church and school, go to <https://stmatthias.org> and follow the *About Us* and *History* links to "The First 25 Years." Thank you for your generous support.

Family Connection

Our family plays an important role in shaping us and forming our self-identity. In family life, we find a safe place to discover who we are and who God calls us to be. But sometimes the influences from outside our family can make us unrecognizable to those who know us best. These outside influences can lead us away from God, or they can lead us toward a deeper relationship with God. In today's Gospel, we see that the people of Nazareth could not recognize Jesus as the Son of God. They could know him only as the son of Mary. We hope that through our family life we will be encouraged to filter the many influences on our lives through the lens of faith so that we will become the person that God calls us to be.

As you gather as a family, talk about the people and events that are influencing members of your family. Acknowledge that many of these people and events are positive influences, helping us be better people and leading us to a deeper relationship with God. Also acknowledge, however, that there are negative influences in our lives that risk pulling us away from God. Observe that Jesus was a person who allowed his relationship with God to be the most important thing in his life. This led many people to have faith in him as the Son of God. However, not everyone could recognize this about Jesus. Read today's Gospel, Mark 6:1-6. Ask: Who does not recognize Jesus as God's Son in this Gospel? (some of his kinfolk in Nazareth) Observe that because of the people's lack of faith, Jesus could not perform many miracles in Nazareth. Conclude by praying together that our families will continue to help us follow God in our lives. Pray together the [Prayer for Vocations](#).

Items of Note



Holy Land Pilgrimage: Fr. Jack is planning to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from May 22-June 2, 2022. Sites to be visited include Nazareth, Mt. Tabor, Sea of Galilee, Jericho and the Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Jerusalem and Bethany. The cost will be approximately \$4,000, which will include air transportation from Dulles to

Tel Aviv, hotels and accommodations, transportation to and from the sites, tour guides, Mass each day, and entrance fees to the sites. If you are interested, please call the parish office (301) 459-4814 and ask for Fr. Jack.

Take a Personal Retreat Day July

23 or August 27th: Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy, busy? Jesus tells you to "Come away with me..." to Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center where your very own personal retreat awaits. During your personal retreat, from 8:30AM-4:00 PM, an experienced retreat director will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. The retreat schedule allows for one-on-one spiritual direction (optional), quiet reflection, Mass, Confession, and Eucharistic Adoration, plus continental breakfast and lunch, so you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Cost is \$120 per person. Advance Registration is required. Visit our website to register and to find more dates ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/retreats/personal-retreat-days, or call 301-365-0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.



Got Foreign Coins? We occasionally receive foreign coins which our bank will not accept. We periodically package them up and send them to the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. If you have non-U.S. coins or currency that you would like to donate to this project, please feel free to place them in an envelope marked "Foreign Coins" and place them in the offertory basket or drop them off in the parish office, and we will send them on for you. Thanks!

Celebrant Mass Schedule for July 10/11

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