

Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 16th

Saint Stephen of Hungary

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Benjamin Ogbonna-Nwodo** (D)
Daily Mass 12:00 PM: **Msgr. Henry Otero-Diago** (D)

Tuesday, August 17th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Ed Densmore** (D)

Wednesday, August 18th

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

Thursday, August 19th

Saint John Eudes

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Bill & Peg Chappell** (L)

Friday, August 20th

Saint Bernard

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Martine Hoba** (L)

Saturday, August 21st

Saint Pius X

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Msgr. Paul Langsfeld** (D)

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Jos 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Eph 5: 21-32

John: 6: 60-69

Saturday, August 21st

Mass 4:00 PM: **The Gill & Kemakolam Family** (L)
Mass 7:00 PM: **Familia Martinez: Julio, Antonio, Lucila, Wilfredo** (D)

Sunday, August 22nd

Mass 8:00 AM: **Timothy George** (L)

Mass 9:45 AM: **Beatrice Kolawole** (L)

Mass 11:30 AM: **Dr. Christopher Agboli** (L)

Mass 6:00 PM: **Benjamin Ogbonna-Nwodo** (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; Genevieve Greenfield; Jan Jarus; Joseph Johnson; Joan Kodak; Everett & Martha Lallis; Victor San Gabriel; Jane Smidinger; Angie Thompson; 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

August 8

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| Offertory | 9,313 |
| Faith Direct | 2,750 |
| Total | 12,063 |
| 2020 | 6,266 |
| 2019 | 12,263 |

We Are Grateful For Your Generosity

Items of Note at St. Matthias

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Father Jack Kennealy

May 22 – June 2, 2022: If you are thinking of taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity, please join Fr. Jack Kennealy & the Staff of *Road to Emmaus Pilgrimages*, for a meeting, to be held on **Tuesday August 17th, from 6:30- 8:00 PM** at St. Matthias Church (Hughes Center) in Lanham, MD.

Faith Formation: We are pleased to announce that Ms. Kiona Bush de Maya & Ms. Le-Marie Thompson have been hired to direct the Faith Formation Program at St. Matthias. We also have a third member of the team whose name will be announced once the hiring process is completed. In-person Faith Formation Classes will resume in the fall, and registration for classes will begin within the next two weeks. **We need volunteers** to teach and to assist. Catechist training and materials will be provided. Please call the parish office for more information (301-459-4814).

When the Adoration Chapel opened, it was anticipated to have 24-hour adoration. That did not occur, and to be honest, it doesn't occur in most chapels. There was a question as to whether the adoration window to expose the Blessed Sacrament can be opened by a layperson. I contacted the Archdiocese, and was told that only a priest, deacon, or a Eucharistic minister can open the adoration window. Because Fr. Canice and I do not have the time to come to the Chapel whenever a person wants to expose or repose the Blessed Sacrament, the host will be removed. However, you may adore Jesus in the tabernacle. I appreciate your understanding. -Fr. Jack

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.



The Academy of Saint Matthias

School Office Hours for Summer: Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM-12:30 PM. Closed on Fridays.

Help Wanted: We are currently seeking two part-time (16 hours per week) teachers for the 2021-2022 school year. The part-time positions are for art and resource. Interested candidates should send a resume to our principal, Mrs. Patricia Schratz, at pschratz@stmatthias.org.

We Offer a Licensed Early Childhood Program that includes extended care. Please take our early childhood learning brochure as you exit the church today. If you are concerned that your family cannot afford full-time preschool in a Catholic school, we are happy to announce that we now accept Maryland Childcare Scholarships. To determine if you are eligible for this scholarship, go to: <https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/child-care-providers/child-care-scholarship-program>. **There are only 5 openings remaining in both the three and four-year-old classes.** For further information or to register, contact the school at 301-577-9412 or Mrs. Ann O'Hare, Director of Admissions, aohare@stmatthias.org.

We Need Volunteers to support some of our students by reading to them weekly and encouraging them by practicing skills that they are learning in class. Volunteers can select any day Monday- Friday and come anytime from 7:30 AM-2:30 PM. Training will be provided. For more information, please call the school office at 301-577-9412.

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

Family Connection

In today's Gospel, Elizabeth and Mary recognize the work that God is doing through them. With eyes of faith they see the power and salvation of God breaking through into their lives and into the world.

Gather as a family and talk about what you know about Mary and her being a model of faith. Recall that we are celebrating a holy day, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day we remember that God took Mary to heaven, body and soul. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 1:39-56. In this reading we hear Mary's song of praise to God, the *Magnificat*. Invite each person in the family to write or draw one or more ways in which they see God working in your family life and in our world today. Use these prayers of thanksgiving to create your family's song of praise to God. Conclude by praying together this song of praise.

Around the Archdiocese

Loyola on the Potomac, A Jesuit Retreat House

Crab Feast Sunday, September 12, 2021 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. **All you can eat on site:** Crabs, chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs, corn on the cob and more. Beer, Soda, Water. **Early Bird-Adult tickets \$50, Children 7-12 \$35, 6 and under free.** After September 1, tickets are \$65. Make Reservations on Website or call 301-392-0806. Loyola is located at 9270 Loyola Retreat Rd., Faulkner, MD 20632

Help Our Marriage: Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? *Retrouvaille* helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on September 3rd-September 5th, 2021, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, or call (443) 400-7017.

Tutor English Remotely with Zoom: Help Hispanic

Parish Leaders: Do you have experience as an ESOL teacher? Would you like to learn how to tutor English by Zoom? You are invited to volunteer with the Catholic Charities virtual ESOL team at St. Matthias. Plan to attend (by zoom) our ESOL Tutor Training on all three Tuesdays: August 31, September 7th and 14th from 6:00-7:30 PM. Tutoring begins mid-September through mid-November. For more information, contact [Laura.Yeomans @CC-DC.org](mailto:Laura.Yeomans@CC-DC.org) or 202-315-9440.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for August 21/22

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| 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. Canice |



The Ladies of Charity need to replenish the parish food pantry with the following items: canned soup, spaghetti sauce, and ramen noodles. You may drop off your donations at the church or parish office. Thank you!