

Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 30th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Lucas Naik** (L)
Daily Mass 12:00 PM: **People of the Parish** (L)

Tuesday, August 31st

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Parish & School Volunteers** (L)

Wednesday, September 1st

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Don & Rozanna Aitcheson** (L)

Thursday, September 2nd

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Emmanuel Ajayi** (L)

Friday, September 3rd

Saint Gregory the Great

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Florence & Jude Nwoko** (L)

Saturday, September 4th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Benjamin Ogbonna-Nwodo** (D)

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Is 35: 4-7
Jas 2: 1-5
Mark 7: 31-37

Saturday, September 4th

Mass 4:00 PM: **Bill Chappell** (L)
Mass 7:00 PM: **Luis Alberto Barahona** (D)

Sunday, September 5th

Mass 8:00 AM: **Joan George** (L)
Mass 9:45 AM: **People of the Parish** (L)
Mass 11:30 AM: **Emmanuel Ajayi** (L)
Mass 6:00 PM: **Intentions of the Aitcheson Family** (L)

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 Dziguch; 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 22

Offertory	7,723
Faith Direct	2,544
Total	10,267
2020	5,349
2019	10,169

**Next week's second collection supports
The Catholic University of America**

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Items of Note at St. Matthias



Two Hearts Vigil will begin Friday evening, September 3rd, at 8:00 PM, and conclude with Mass at 12:30 AM Saturday, September 4th. Please join us for this special monthly devotion.

Faith Formation: Registration for Faith Formation for the 2021-2022 session is now open! The costs are: \$75 for 1 child; \$ 125 for 2 children: and \$ 175 for 3 or more children. Registration forms are available in the church vestibule and parish office. Checks and/or cash payments need to be returned with the registration form to the parish office during regular business hours. **Registration forms are due by Friday, September 24th, 2021.** A 50% upfront payment is required to secure a space for your child. Our Faith Formation classes will begin in Spanish on Saturday, October 9th, and in English on Sunday, October 10th, 2021. Please contact Ms. Kiona Bush de Amaya, Faith Formation Director, with questions or concerns (301-459-4814 x 205). **We need volunteers** to teach and to assist. Catechist training and materials will be provided.

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.

Monday, September 6, 2021

Labor Day

***Evening Adoration and Confessions are
Cancelled**

***Parish Office & School are Closed**



The Academy of Saint Matthias

Regular School Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-3:30 PM. We welcome our students back on Tuesday, August 31st!

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 pre-school 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 4 openings remaining in Pre-K 3, and 2 openings in Pre-K 4.** 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.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for September 4/5

4:00 PM	Fr. Jack
7:00 PM	Fr. Paolo
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!

Around the Archdiocese

Archdiocese Launches New *Laudato Si'* Local Action Plan for Protecting the Planet:

Marking the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on care for the environment, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington launched our *Laudato Si'* Action Plan: *Embarking On A Seven-Year Journey Promoting An Integral Ecology*. The Action Plan offers easy, moderate, and advanced strategies for individuals, parishes, schools and other institutions to work toward protecting the Earth, our common home, and all human life. Please go to adw.org/laudatosi for more information.

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 or 202-315-9440.

Family Connection

Children have learned the importance of following rules. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, they often bring to our attention the infractions of others. Even parents sometimes get caught off guard by their children's observations: "Why don't you have to go to bed at 8:00?" or "But I saw you eat a cupcake before breakfast once." Our rules for our children are not arbitrary. We establish and enforce family rules with the intention of helping our children grow to be healthy and mature adults. We foster this maturity when we also initiate conversations with our children about the purposes behind family rules and teach them the essential values that rules help us observe.

As you gather as a family, list some of your most important family rules. Together, try to write a single, positive statement that captures the essential value behind your family rules. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus criticize the Pharisees for making their rules about ritual purity equal to the commandments of God's Law. Read today's Gospel, Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23. When we remember the essential element behind our rules, we see that our rules help us be the good people that Jesus wants us to be. Conclude in prayer together that we may always honor God's Law in our words and deeds. Pray together today's psalm, *Psalm 15*.