

Fifth Week in Ordinary Time**Monday, February 6th***Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Patricia Hardwick (L)****Tuesday, February 7th***Saint Jerome Emiliani & Saint Josephine Bakhita*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Parish Volunteers****Wednesday, February 8th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Mohesto Ulerio (L)****Thursday, February 9th**Mass 8:30 AM: **Naomi Juanitez Naik (L)****Friday, February 10th***Saint Scholastica*Mass 8:30 AM: **Homebound Parishioners****Saturday, February 11th***Our Lady of Lourdes*Daily Mass 8:30AM: **Ladies of Charity (L)****Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Readings**

Sir 15: 15-20

1 Cor 2: 6-10

Matthew 5: 17-37

Saturday, February 11thMass 4:00 PM: **Luz Naval (D)**Mass 7:00 PM: **Martin De Leon (L)****Sunday, February 12th**Mass 8:00 AM: **Brenda Censori (D)**Mass 9:45 AM: **John M. Windsor, Jr. (D)**Mass 11:30 AM: **Chukwuemeka Eneze (L)**Mass 1:30 PM: **Victor Hugo Barahona (L)**Mass 6:00 PM: **People of the Parish (L)*****Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish,
our neighbors, family, and friends:***

Christina Smith Beal; Elaine Brooks; Mary Dawson; Rosita Dietrich; Deborah Diggs; Helen Dziduch; Avelino Gonzalez; Dolly Kwame-Greene; Genevieve Greenfield; Jan Jarus; Hildegard Jorgensen; Gwendolyn King; Everett & Martha Lallis; William Stevenson; Mary Ann Vugrin; Patricia Williams; Mae Young; Don Zehner; Rita and Eugene Zehner

For our military, protect them from all harm.***For the faithful departed, especially Ransford Palmer, may they rest in peace.*****Stewardship Report****January 29****Offertory 8,582****Faith Direct 2,481****Total 11,063****Last Year 10,518*****Thank you for your generosity.******This week's second collection is
the monthly Building Fund.*****Items of Note at St. Matthias**

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

Ushers' Closet Lost & Found: Are you missing your glasses, gloves, umbrella, etc.? Please ask an usher for assistance in checking for your missing items..

Knights of Columbus

Save the Date: The 60th Anniversary Gala for Mother Seton Council #5381 will be held on **Saturday, May 20, 2023**. Details will be available soon. Tickets will be pre-sold only.

ASMA Scholarships: We are pleased to announce that the Council donated approximately **\$15,000 in Scholarships** to students at the Academy of Saint Matthias and other area Catholic schools through our FedEx volunteer program. If you would like to participate and get details, please contact Sony Ajayi (202-413-1066).

Our New Season Begins in June: If you are a Catholic gentleman 18 years old or older and would like to put your faith into action, join the **Mother Seton Council #5381** of the Knights of Columbus. Go online to join at www.kofc.org/join. Use the promo code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY** to join for free online, or speak to any current Knight.



The Academy of Saint Matthias

School Raffle: Please support our school by purchasing a cash raffle ticket for \$ 10. The twice-monthly cash drawing runs through May of 2023 and each winner receives \$ 500. You may purchase raffle tickets at the school office or parish office.



Current school families are asked to re-enroll their child(ren) by March 1, 2023 so that the school administration and staff can assess the needs for the 2023-2024 school year.

The Archdiocese of Washington Financial Aid Application for the 2023-2024 school year is available. New families interested in our school for the next school year have until **Feb. 18, 2023**, to apply. If you need assistance with this application, please contact Mrs. Ann O'Hare (301-577-9412, or ahare@stmatthias.org) to schedule an appointment. Bilingual assistance is available.

Saint Matthias Parishioners

Winter is the perfect time to sign up for Faith Direct! By enrolling in Faith Direct, you can be sure that your offerings will not be interrupted due to inclement weather. Your total monthly contribution amount will be transferred directly from your bank account or your credit/debit card. Enrolling is easy. Simply go to: info@faithdirect.net, or call the toll-free number at 866-507-8757. The St. Matthias code is MD41.

Family Connection

The widespread use of electricity in our society may make us less aware of the value and importance of light. To re-engage with the power of the metaphor that Jesus offers, gather your family in a darkened room. Bring only one flashlight.

Sit together for a minute and consider what you are able to do and see in so little light. You might try opening the Bible to see whether you can read today's Gospel. Turn on the flashlight and experiment to see how one might use it to achieve the greatest amount of light. Then read today's Gospel by the light of the flashlight. Ask everyone to consider what it means to say that Christians are to be the light of the world. How might your family act in a way that is a light for others, a light that is worthy to put on a lamp stand? Choose one thing that your family will do this week to show that you are the light of the world. You might choose to participate in an activity that your parish sponsors, such as help with a food pantry. Pray together by singing "This Little Light of Mine."

Around the Archdiocese

Marriage Workshop: Strengthening Your Love Marriage Renewal Workshop Feb 18-19, 2023

Make your marriage thrive, not just survive! A Christ-centered weekend designed to offer **practical tools that can help foster effective communication** and emotional closeness in your marriage. The **expert speaker team includes Catholic psychologists, therapists, and priests** who will offer their expertise and experience. They will be **on hand the entire weekend** to offer individual consultation, upon request. Please note: This is NOT an overnight program. Cost: \$480 per couple. Seating will be limited to facilitate social distancing. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. See our website for more details about the program and links to register: www.ourladyofbethesda.org.

Save the Date: You are invited to attend *Hope Blossoms 2023*, benefiting St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families.

Honorees: Kathy and Ed Quinn are the *Mary McGrory Award* recipients and Luke Hester and Trudy Conrad are the *Michele Heidenberger Volunteer Award* recipients.

Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2023: 6:00-8:00 PM

Location: Columbia Country Club, 7900 Connecticut Ave, Chevy Chase, MD 20815 Go www.stanns.org/events for more information, or contact Sue Flaherty: 301-559-5500 or sflaherty@stanns.org

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution Statements for 2022 are available, upon request, for those who contributed a minimum of \$ 250 for the year. You may request that your statement be mailed, emailed, or available for pick-up at the parish office. Please call the parish office to request your statement (301-459-4814).

Mass Schedule for February 11/12

4:00 PM	Msgr. Balbago
7:00 PM	Fr. Avelino
8:00 AM	Fr. Avelino
9:45 AM	Fr. Parthi
11:30 AM	Fr. Canice
1:30 PM	Fr. Desiano
6:00 PM	Fr. Canice