

Sixth Week in Ordinary Time**Monday, February 13th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Kenneth Enyiaka (D)****Tuesday, February 14th***Saints Cyril & Methodius*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Hugh and Florence Watts (D)****Wednesday, February 15th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Fran Renchan (L)****Thursday, February 16th**Mass 8:30 AM: **Hildegard Jorgensen (L)****Friday, February 17th***The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*Mass 8:30 AM: **Rev. Avelino Gonzalez (L)****Saturday, February 18th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Kenneth Enyiaka (D)****Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time****Readings**

Lv 19: 1-2, 17-18

1 Cor 3: 16-23

Matthew 5: 38-48

Saturday, February 18thMass 4:00 PM: **Blanca Ocasio (D)**Mass 7:00 PM: **People of the Parish (L)****Sunday, February 19th**Mass 8:00 AM: **Samuel James Hardwick (D)**Mass 9:45 AM: **Chibuike Emmanuel Eneze (L)**Mass 11:30 AM: **Humphrey Udejiofor (D)**Mass 1:30 PM: **Homebound Parishioners (L)**Mass 6:00 PM: **Christina Smith Beal (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, may they rest in peace.*****Stewardship Report*****February 5*****Offertory 11,818****Faith Direct 2,481****Total 14,299****Last Year 12,510*****Thank you for your generosity.*****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.**LOST AND FOUND****Ushers' Closet Lost &****Found:** Are you missing your glasses, gloves, umbrella, etc.?

Please ask an usher for assistance in checking for your missing items. All unclaimed

articles will be donated to a local charity.

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. Congratulations to Jeanah McCall who won \$ 500 in the February 3rd drawing.

Mardi Gras Celebration: Virtus-cleared volunteers are needed for the school celebration on Tuesday, February 22nd to assist with decorating, serving lunch, and clean up. For more information, please call the school office at 301-577-9412.



Re-register NOW!

Current school families are urged to re-enroll their child(ren) by March 1, 2023. The registration fee increases to \$ 300 after March 1st.

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 aohare@stmatthias.org) to schedule an appointment. Bilingual assistance is available.

Family Connection

Families have rules. Without rules, family life would be chaos. As a family, brainstorm a list of rules that you are all called to follow in your home in order for you all to get along together. Think about rules for play time, rules for eating, rules for how to speak to one another, rules for going out with friends, and so on. Emphasize that families follow rules as a way of showing love and respect for one another.

Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about following the Law. Say: ***God's Law of love can be thought of as rules that we are to follow in order to show our love and respect for one another.*** Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 5:17-37. Talk specifically with one another about how anger is to be dealt with in your family. Conclude by praying for the grace to overcome anger and to show respect for one another as a family by following God's Law of love.

Father Avelino Gonzalez



Congratulations to our pastor Rev. Dr. Avelino A. Gonzalez who, on January 17, 2023, successfully defended his doctoral dissertation on "*The Nature of the Church According to the Thought of G.W. Leibniz*" at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, Italy. Multissimi auguri!

Father Avelino is pictured with His Holiness Pope Francis in 2016 when he worked at the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (2016-2021).

"I would like to thank everyone who included me in their prayers for a successful outcome to my doctoral defense. Through your prayers I was able to accomplish this significant milestone in my life. I look forward to sharing the fruits of my labor with the parish in the years ahead."

-Father Avelino

**The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, February 20th
in observance of Presidents' Day**

Mass Schedule for February 18/19

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