



Archbishop William E. Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore

## **St. Matthew Roman Catholic Church**

*"Rich in Tradition, United in Mission, Blessed with Diversity."*

## **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

**December 31, 2017**

**Mass Times:** Holy Day Mass times vary; please see our bulletin and our website.

Weekdays (Rectory Chapel) Monday – Thursday – Saturday 9:00 AM

Tuesday – Friday 7:00 AM

Weekends – Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:45 AM – 11 AM

### **Confessions:**

Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 PM – By Appointment

### **Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Anointing of the Sick, and RCIA:**

Please call the church office.

### **New Parishioners:**

Please pick up a registration form at the exits or contact the church office.  
Please also indicate if you wish to receive offertory envelopes.



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# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

## DECEMBER 31, 2017



*Pastor's  
Notes*

Dear People of God,

**We end 2017 on the Feast of the Holy Family, and we begin 2018 on the Solemnity of Mary and the World Day of Prayer for Peace.** These are all great, hopeful, and timely Feasts for us on which to reflect and celebrate.

**Here are a few upcoming events in January:**

**On Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>,** the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the seven Northeast Catholic Community churches are hosting a prayer service at the Shrine of the Little Flower to honor Dr. King's legacy. The service will begin at 7 PM. All are welcome.

On Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Joe has been asked to participate in a panel discussion on **National Public Radio** (NPR). The live broadcast will be at the Maritime Institute Conference Center:

692 Maritime Boulevard; Linthicum Heights, MD 21090

The event is free, but you need to register. Google "Eventbrite" and look at the icon that says, "OPEN. HONEST. CANDID. A National Conversation on Religion and Disaffiliation in America." The discussion will be from 7 to 9:30 PM. All are welcome.

**The African Children's Choir** will return to St. Matthew for an evening concert on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. St. Matthew has been asked to provide eight host families along with ushers, greeters, and volunteers to sell CDs and t-shirts in the back of the church. Please sign up if you would like to volunteer. If you are considering being a host family, you would take in a chaperone and two or three children on the nights of Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. **You will also have to meet the Archdiocesan requirements for child protection in order to be a host family.** There is no cost for tickets, but a free will offering will be taken up during the concert.

A lot is happening as we begin 2018. These events are all signs of hope. So, we will come together and celebrate.

Happy New Year 2018!!

Love and Prayers,

Fr. Joe

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

## Let Us Pray For:

Aileen Semple, Alfred Lee-Young, Alphonsus Oguamanam, Sr. Andre Rothschild, Andrea Shuck, Andrew Macsherry, Anne Marie Campbell, Anthony Udumukwu, Archer Senft, Atticus Smith, Augustine Ubaru, Ardella Oliver, Barbara Reid, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Adams, Bernice Kucharski, Bernice Thomas, Betty Johnson, Betty King, Butch Podgurski, Carl Gabler, Carol Augustine, Caroline Grayson, Carolyn & Carl Richardson, Casey Seymour, Cecilia Harris, Charles Supik, Chantelle Clarke, Cheryl Lusby, Cleo Stamatatos, Corleen Lee, Dawn Hubner, Denise Womer, Bishop Dennis Madden, Donna Dusman, Donna Lusby, Eloise Hopkins, Elvin Gonzalez, Eric Younkin, Ethel White, Evelyn Thompson, Fr. James McKearney, Frances Ubaru, Gail Liss, Gloria Heemann, Gloria Smith, Gloriana Hopkins, Greg Schaum, Gunter Moore, Gwen Heemann, Helen Nitkoski, Helen Scott, Henrietta Mitchell, James Waller, Janet Pettaway, Jeanette McMillan, Jennifer Tamberino, Jim Augustine, Joan Ray, Joan Muth, Joe Kennedy, John Byrnes, Joscelin Hancock, Justin Jones, Justin Xavier Mathis, Keagen Merritt, Kerry Heemann, Kerstin Lynch, Kyle Beaudet, Larry Balda, Lashawda Jelks, Lee Nel, Lena O'Toole, Lenon Daniel, Lucille Casey, Marie Fields, Mark Bynun, Mark Rogalski, Mary Jo Bowen, Mary Lou Balda, Mary Ritter, Mary Wojtulewicz, Milagro Rivera, Myrtle Stanley, Omolara Ajayi, Parfulit Youzon, Fr. Paul Theisz, Peg Collins, Peter Parker, Philomena Ofoma, Ramon Thompson, Randy Capone, Robert Holt, Rocky Davis, Robin Novak, Ruby Hughes, Ruth Toro, Ryan Carlisle, Sam Okere, Seaton Haney, Shakia Williams, Steve Heemann, Sylvia Adams, Tom Peddicord, Tony Scaletta, Victoria Borland, William Kovalevsky, and Yae Dupont.

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK (December 31<sup>st</sup> – January 7<sup>th</sup>):**

**Sunday, December 31**      **Sir 3:2-6, 12-14**      **Ps 128:1-5**      **Col 3:12-21**      **Lk 2:22-40**  
*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.* Family life (1, Ps) is rooted in the unconditional Love of God (2) as witnessed by The Holy Family (3). Mindful of his Covenant (Ps), God blesses the Faith of Abraham and Sarah (2) in their Son, Isaac (1). The child Jesus and his parents are blessed by Simeon (3).

**Monday, January 1**      **Nm 6:22-27**      **Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8**      **Gal 4:4-7**      **Lk 2:16-21**  
*Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.* We seek God's blessings (1, Ps) as did Mary. Because of her Son (3), we can confidently call God, "Abba" (2)!

**Tuesday, January 2**      **1 Jn 2:22-28**      **Ps 98:1-4**      **Jn 1:19-28**  
*Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church.* John testifies about one who is to come (2), one whose gift is nothing less than life eternal (1, Ps).

**Wednesday, January 3**      **1 Jn 2:29 – 3:6**      **Ps 98:1-3, 6**      **Jn 1:29-34**  
*The Most Holy Name of Jesus.* Jesus is "God's chosen One" (2). We joyfully sing (Ps): in him we have become children of God (1).

**Thursday, January 4**      **1 Jn 3:7-10**      **Ps 98:1, 7-9**      **Jn 1:35-42**  
*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious.* The Lord has come (Ps) to destroy the power of evil (1) in the person of Jesus, the Lamb of God, the Messiah (2).

**Friday, January 5**      **1 Jn 3:11-21**      **Ps 100:1-5**      **Jn 1:43-51**  
*St. John Neumann, Bishop.* If we claim to follow Jesus (2), our love must not be merely a matter of words, but show itself in action (1). Thus do we truly serve the Lord (Ps).

**Saturday, January 6**      **1 Jn 5:5-13**      **Ps 147:12-15, 19-20**      **Mk 1:7-11**  
*St. Andre Bessette, Religious.* God has proclaimed his word (Ps), testifying on his own Son's behalf (1): "You are my beloved, On you my favor rests" (2). This is Jesus Christ, the son of Adam, the Son of God (2).

**Sunday, January 7**      **Is 60:1-6**      **Ps 72:2, 7-8, 10-13**      **Eph 3:2-3, 5-6**      **Mt 2:1-12**  
*The Epiphany of the Lord.* All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises (1, Ps) for they have been called to hear the good news (2) and worship the long-awaited Messiah and King (3) with the gift of their lives.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING:**  
**December 23, 24, and 25:**

Offertory Envelopes:	\$7,651.00
Loose Offertory:	\$2,975.86
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$10,626.86</b>
Christmas Envelopes:	\$6,156.00
Christmas Loose:	\$2,496.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$8,652.00</b>
<b>Extraordinary Expenses:</b>	<b>\$625.00</b>

**MASS ATTENDANCE:**

**December 23 – 24:**

<u>5 PM:</u>	<u>10 AM:</u>
89	176

**TOTAL: 265**

**December 24 – 25:**

<u>5 PM:</u>	<u>7:30 PM:</u>	<u>10 AM:</u>
456	185	155

**TOTAL: 796**

**Mass Intentions**   
**FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, December 31:**

**8:45 AM: Ann McIver**  
**11:00 AM: Dr. Marian Stanton**

**Monday, January 1:**

**10:00 AM: Elizabeth Sweeney  
Child**

**Tuesday, January 2:**

**7:00 AM: Shirley Iacobani**

**Thursday, January 4:**

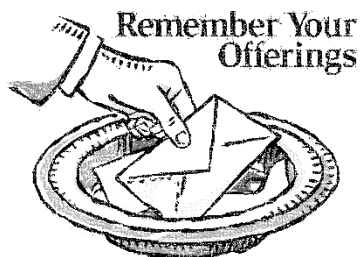
**9:00 AM: George Towle**

**Friday, January 5:**

**7:00 AM: Natalie Gaburick**

**Saturday, January 6:**

**9:00 AM: Moody Wharam**  
**5:00 PM: Marlene Twele**



**Please remember your Christmas envelope if you have not yet had the chance to help support our operating costs. Thank you for your generosity and continued financial support of the Parish.**

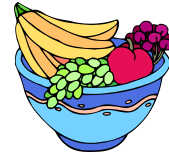
Would you like to learn how to handle money in a way that will lead to financial freedom? Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is the class where you're will learn to make your money work for you. The class will be led by Keyah and Jermaine Spann. We will begin on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM. It is a nine-week class. Please call or text Keyah Spann at 410-852-8453 or email at mouse153@hotmail.com for more information.

## Living Well – make the new year healthy!



Free classes sponsored by Medstar Health

- *Manage Diabetes*
- *Quit Smoking*
- *Weight Management*



Information and flyers are available in the back of the church – register now!

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Dear Saint Matthew Family,

Thank you for the kindness and support in the time of mourning our beloved mother, Imelda Dorothy Rubio. Our family greatly appreciates the warm embraces, flowers, financial support, and the prayers of comfort during this difficult time. A special thanks goes out to the entire St. Matthew church family for reminding us of the solid rock on which we stand. We know God has a plan for each and every one of us...and soon and very soon we will see our beloved once again.

With Love,  
Deacon and Michelle Rubio

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**Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7 PM**

**St. Matthew Church**

**Please come support the “Music for Life” program.**

Many volunteers are needed for this event. We need help with unloading the bus, providing dinner before the concert, hosting families, providing hospitality ministers, and assistance at the merchandise table. If you can help in any way, please contact Fr. Joe or Patty DeLisle at 410-433-2300.