



## **Saint Matthew Roman Catholic Church**

*“Rich in Tradition, United in Mission, Blessed with Diversity.”*

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### **Parish office hours:**

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## **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: September 5, 2021**

**Mass Times:** Weekends – Saturday at 5 PM (Vigil Mass at Saint Matthew)



Sunday at 9 AM (Saint Matthew) – livestream on middle Sundays

11 AM (Blessed Sacrament) – livestream on first and last Sundays

Weekdays – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 AM (St. M. Chapel)

### **Confessions:**

Saturday at 3 PM (Saint Matthew) or by appointment with Fr. Matt.

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

Please contact the church office.



Get in touch with us!

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### **New Parishioners (Saint Matthew):**

You can find a registration form [on our website](#) or contact the church office. Please indicate if you wish to receive envelopes. *All Parishioners are encouraged to use GiveCentral online giving (preferred). It is easy, free, and safe to use!* You can find more details on the flyer on our website. To register, please visit [www.stmatthewbaltimore.org/onlinegiving/](http://www.stmatthewbaltimore.org/onlinegiving/) Contact our office if you need any assistance!



# Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 5, 2021



Pastor's  
Notes

Dear Friends in Christ,

**Labor Day** is a big deal. Yes, it is the unofficial end to Summer and our wonderful students of Cardinal Shehan school are back in class. One can even use Labor Day to remind ourselves of one of the principles of **Catholic Social Teaching**, namely The Dignity of Work. This principle reminds us that work is something that not only helps others, but it also helps the worker. As human beings we have an innate desire to be productive and we are never fully ourselves if we are not serving and helping others in some way. Work contributes to our personal dignity and the common good of all. Along with this, Catholic Social Teaching is the right to organize and a living wage. This is where we get into the history of Labor Day in our country.

In the late 1800s, **at the height of the Industrial Revolution**, it was not a good time for workers. They often worked long and difficult hours for little pay. The work conditions were not safe, and workers were taken advantage of, especially young children, the poor, minorities, and recent immigrants. Labor unions began to rise and demand better pay, fairness, and better working conditions. These efforts were often met with violence or people getting fired. The first unofficial Labor Day was on September 5, 1882, where 10,000 workers in New York took unpaid leave to march to Union Square to make their voice heard. It would still be 12 years until a holiday for workers would be granted and it came after a tragic event. On May 11, 1894, workers on the railroad in Chicago went on strike to protest unfair wages and the firing of organizers. After a month, the federal government sent in troops to break the strike and ignited riots causing the death of over a dozen workers. After this awful unrest, **President Grover Cleveland signed into law** a special holiday on the first Monday in September and Labor Day was born.

**As we enter this Season of Creation** where we focus on another principle of Catholic Social Teaching, “Care for God’s Creation”, we can see how all these principles are connected. The Industrial Revolution not only hurt workers’ rights but pollution and progress at any cost also hurt our environment. We are still working at fighting for worker’s rights and living wages. We still have a lot of work to day to do to heal and protect our environment. I hope you have a Happy Labor Day and let’s remember to pray in thanksgiving for all workers and that we may work together to protect and heal our environment. **God bless you!**

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Matt

*“In memory of those who have lost their lives to violence in Baltimore City, may God grant them peace, and bring healing to their loved ones and to the City of Baltimore, we pray:”*

*8/20 through 8/26:*

Adam Seward, 31; Carlos Amador-Funez, 21;  
Da'Neria Thomas, 6; Davin Thomas, 8; Isaac  
Caldwell, 62; Darius Kimbrough, 21; and Shaketa  
Causey, 35.

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, September 5

9:00 AM: Attrice Stamps

### Monday, September 6

7:00 AM: Flood victims in Louisiana

### Tuesday, September 7

7:00 AM: American troops in Afghanistan

### Wednesday, September 8

7:00 AM: Students & teachers of AoB

### Thursday, September 9

7:00 AM: Victims of Western wildfires

### Saturday, September 11

5:00 PM: Attrice Stamps

## Saint Matthew prayer list:

Bernard & Amelia Adams, Jim Augustine, Dillon Balda, Bonnie Bethea, Victoria Borland, Andrea Bryant, Brandon Bryant, Carol Burch, Lorraine Campbell, Mel Cantrell, Kathleen Casey, Kimberly Caulder, James & Elizabeth Chiracol, Peg Collins, Roy & Helen Cooper, Theresa Dietz, Trisha Dunn, Betty Gooden, Marian Griner, Joscelin Hancock, Seaton Haney, Nancy Hannah, Juliet Healy, Gwen Heemann, Kerry Heemann, Steven Heemann, Charles Hogg II, Ron Holston, Dawn Hubner, Bill, Bob, & Fran Hurley, Agnes Hvisc, Justin Jones, Mary Kambic, Wendy Kaminski, Joseph Koubek, Jackie Lhotsky, Fay Lichtenwalter, Msgr. Joseph Luca, Bill Marcello, Kenya & Stephanie Marritt, Jeanette McMillan, Cindy Metz, Jack Murphy, Alvina O'Brien, Lena O'Toole, Debbie Pasto, Rosemary Peddicord, Adria Perez, Marie Pilachowski, Butch Podgurski, Mildred Powell, Veronica Ragsdale, Barbara Reid, Sheron Roles, Wayne Schaumburg, Crystal Scroggins, Archer Senft, Jackie Serfling, Casey Seymour, Colleen Shannon, John Shields Jr., Michael Sprague, Myrtle Stanley, Sharon Stuckey-Williams, Hazel Teal, Frances Ubaru, Dick Ullrich, Mary Jane Vaeth, Ethel White, Marie Yingling, Alfred Lee-Young, and Rose C. Zampogna.

### Mass Readings for this week (September 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>):

**Sunday, September 5**                      Is 35:4-7                      Ps 146:7-10                      Jas 2:1-5                      Mk 7:31-37  
*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.* The Advent of the Age of Salvation is upon us: the deaf hear, the blind see, and those bowed down are raised up (1, Ps, 3). The Kingdom is made manifest around the Eucharistic Table, where rich and poor alike are invited to Feast (2).

**Monday, September 6**                      Col 1:24 – 2:3                      Ps 62:6-7, 9                      Lk 6:6-11  
*Labor Day.* Christ is our Wisdom, our Hope of Glory (1, Ps). True Sabbath observance is concern for the lowly and the poor (2).

**Tuesday, September 7**                      Col 2:6-15                      Ps 145:1-2, 8-11                      Lk 6:12-19  
In His Compassion (Ps), the Lord has given us New Life in Christ (1). He calls the Twelve to be His Apostles (2).

**Wednesday, September 8**                      Mi 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30                      Ps 13:6                      Mt 1:1-16, 18-23  
*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.* Let us rejoice (Ps) in the birth of Mary, the Mother of Jesus (2). She was predestined (1) to give birth "by the Strength of the Lord" (1).

**Thursday, September 9**                      Col 3:12-17                      Ps 150:1-6                      Lk 6:27-38  
*Saint Peter Claver, Priest.* Disciples must live Jesus' Command of Love (2), and forgiving even as He Forgives (1), giving thanks (Ps) in all they do.

**Friday, September 10**                      1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14                      Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11                      Lk 6:39-42  
Paul speaks of the Vocation he received by God's Grace (1), a path to eternal life (Ps). Our Vocation in Christ is rooted in self-knowledge, not blind deception (2).

**Saturday, September 11**                      1 Tm 1:15-17                      Ps 113:1-7                      Lk 6:43-49  
Blessed be God (Ps) who sent His Son to save sinners (1). May we always hear His Word and live it in faith (2).

**Sunday, September 12**                      Is 50:4-9                      Ps 116:1-6, 8-9                      Jas 2:14-18                      Mk 8:27-35  
*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.* Isaiah would suffer and call upon the Lord for help (1, Ps). Jesus speaks of His own suffering and death and of the demands of Discipleship (3). What use is faith, to confess that Jesus is the Christ (3) without works of love (2)?



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**Sacrificial Giving:** August 28 and 29

Offertory: \$3,640.00	Loose Offertory: \$786.00
Poor Box: \$34.75	Extraordinary repairs: \$995.00
Assumption: \$70.00	AoB appeal rebate: \$2,052.50

*“The Earth is God's gift to us - full of beauty and wonder.  
We are called to care for all of creation.” – Pope Francis*

Once again, this year we will celebrate the Season of Creation from September 1<sup>st</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup> (the Feast of Saint Francis). During these weeks we remember the encyclical "*Laudato Si*" by Pope Francis.

*Laudato Si* – **On Care for Our Common Home** – <http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/encyclical/>

1. The spiritual perspective is now part of the discussion on the environment. Creation as a holy and precious gift from God is to be revered by all men and women.
2. The poor are disproportionately affected by climate change. Focus on the poor is one of the central themes of the encyclical.
3. Less is more- people are unable to resist what the marketplaces before them, the Earth is despoiled, and billions left impoverished.
4. Catholic social teaching now includes teaching on the environment. *Laudato Si* is now added to the body of the Church's social teaching.
5. Ecology is grounded in the bible and church traditions. The call to care for creation extends back to the Book of Genesis, when humankind was called to "till and keep" the Earth.
6. Everything is connected - including the economy- Pope Francis links us to Creation: "We are part of nature, included in it, and thus in constant interaction with it."
7. Scientific research on the environment is to praise and used. *Laudato Si* draws upon church teaching and contemporary findings from other fields- to help modern - day people reflect.
8. Widespread indifference and selfishness worsen environmental problems. One cannot care for the rest of nature "if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings."
9. Global dialogue and solidarity are needed. He calls into dialogue and debate "all people" about our common home.
10. A change of heart is required - *Laudato Si* speaks to "every person on the planet", calling for a "bold, cultural revolution."

We take the *Laudato Si* pledge to:

“pray for and with creation, live more simply, and advocate to protect our common home.”



**Food scrap Fridays – South Baltimore community land trust.** They are inviting people to come out at 10 AM or 6 PM to DPW's Sisson Street location ([2840 Sisson Street, Baltimore](#), in the Hampden neighborhood) where compost can be dropped off. This is part of a trial program the city is conducting to gauge the interest in municipal composting. **ACCEPTED ITEMS:** fruit and vegetable scraps, eggshells, grains and bread, coffee grounds, and tea bags.

**Collection for Haiti:** During the weekends of September 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>, we will have a special collection for the people of Haiti.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** On Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, we will have a WELCOME Mass for Fr. Matt at 5 PM followed by an outdoor reception. Let us officially welcome Fr. Matt to our community – come meet our new pastor!

LEAD Ministry reaches out to LGBT persons, families, friends, and allies with understanding, acceptance, and support. We meet on Zoom the second Sunday of each month.

Contact [lead5401@gmail.com](mailto:lead5401@gmail.com) for more information.

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Pregnancy Center North, a licensed medical clinic, encourages a reverence for human life and sexuality to empower abortion-vulnerable women and their families to make healthy, life-affirming choices. Since 1982, we have provided help to over 27,000 women to enable them to thrive and provide for a better future. Our free services include pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, peer counseling, prenatal and parenting education, fertility awareness / natural family planning resources, material assistance, and referrals for post-abortion healing, as well as other community resources. At PCN, we are a crucial resource for women experiencing crisis pregnancies, giving them the support, encouragement, and tools they need to ultimately choose life.

To learn more about our ministry, please join us in person on **September 23<sup>rd</sup>** at Martin's Valley Mansion in Cockeysville or virtually at <https://pcnministry.org/events.php> Registration is open at the same link.

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### **Update on our Faith Formation program**

Please read the following message from Dorris, our director of Faith Formation:

Dear families,

Over the Summer, I have been offered and accepted a position as a religion teacher at Calvert Hall College High School in Towson. This means that soon I will say farewell to my role as director of Faith Formation. I will stay on as interim director to make sure the faith formation programs will continue and to support our Parishes during yet another period of transition ahead of us.

It has been a blessing to work for and with you all. I am very grateful for all that we have achieved together and for the opportunity to serve our communities in Baltimore city. Our wonderful collaboration makes each of our Parishes stronger. I look forward to seeing this continue as a Parishioner of Saint Matthew.

## Registration for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry is open!

As Summer is slowly moving into fall, we are also getting ready for the start of this year's Faith Formation. We will continue our at home faith formation program. A survey at the beginning of the summer pointed out that many families enjoyed the weekly family faith activities. This year, however, our Family Faith Friday's will return and (if all goes well with covid) they will be in person. Mark your calendars for the first one on **October 1, 6 – 8 PM at Saint Matthew**. This first Family Faith Friday will be the kick-off this year's program.

You are invited to attend one of the following information sessions, if you would like to hear more about the program:

### **Information session on Zoom on Wednesday, September 15 at 7:30 PM**

To receive the zoom-link email Dorris van Gaal at [dorris.vangaal@archbalt.org](mailto:dorris.vangaal@archbalt.org)

### **Information session and registration opportunity on Saturday, September 18 at the faith formation center**

- Info-sessions will start at 11 AM and at 1 PM
- In-person registration opportunity between 12 and 1 PM and between 2 and 3 PM

**Register** for the faith formation and youth ministry programs by clicking this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/212384188602153>

This link will bring you to an electronic form. You will be asked to enter general family information and information regarding church of registration and sacraments received (it would be great for us if you know, but don't worry if you do not have all the dates at hand), and to check which bible you wish to receive (or both). Returning Families can check NONE for bible.

Once you filled out the form the next step will ask you to confirm the items for your invoice:

- Family Faith Formation Registration: \$75 (1 Bible included)
- Family Faith Formation Registration: \$60 (without Bible – for high school registration and returning families only)
- Extra Bible: \$25 (if selected both for children's and breakthrough Bible)
- High School Registration: \$20 (for each student – mark number in dropdown)

Once you submit the form, you will receive a confirmation email and an invoice for your own files. Please pay by check. Make check payable to "necc faith formation" and put the invoice number on the subject line.

## **Pizza, Beer and Conversation**

2021-22 Series Topic

*Synodality; Let us Dream!*

as we address the dark clouds mentioned in Pope Francis' encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*

**Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30-8:30 pm**

(fellowship 6:30 pm.; presentation & discussion 7 p.m)

**Join Us on Zoom!**

**Register at:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/ZMtdyurDopH9cGu9R7C4WMnMZEhcZshoGK>

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### **Fr. Joe Muth will discuss *Let Us Dream***

Fr. Joe will discuss Pope Francis' recent book, *Let us Dream: the path to a better future* and its challenge to "come, let us talk this over, let us dream" of a world without the dark clouds described in the Encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*.

