



## Prayer for September 11th

“We Shall Never Forget”

This September 11th, please read this prayer of Pope Benedict XVI's, used at Ground Zero during his visit to the United States.



O God of love, compassion, and healing,  
look upon us, people of many different faiths and traditions,  
who gather today at this site,  
the scene of incredible violence and pain.

We ask you in your goodness  
to give eternal light and peace to all who died here—  
the heroic first-responders:  
our fire fighters, police officers,  
emergency service workers, and Port Authority personnel,  
along with all the innocent men and women  
who were victims of this tragedy,  
simply because their work or service  
brought them here on September 11, 2001.

We ask you, in your compassion,  
to bring healing to those who,  
because of their presence here that day,  
suffer from injuries and illness.  
Heal too, the pain of still-grieving families  
and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy.  
Give them strength to continue their lives with courage  
and hope.

We are mindful as well  
of those who suffered death, injury and loss  
on the same day at the Pentagon  
and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.  
Our hearts are one with theirs,  
as our prayer embraces their pain and suffering.

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world:  
peace in the hearts of all men and women  
and peace among the nations of the earth.  
Turn to your way of love,  
those whose hearts and minds  
are consumed with hatred.

God of understanding,  
overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy,  
we seek your light and guidance  
as we confront such terrible events.  
Grant that those whose lives were spared  
may live so that the lives lost here  
may not have been lost in vain.  
Comfort and console us,  
strengthen us in hope,  
and give us the wisdom and courage  
to work tirelessly for a world  
where true peace and love reign  
among nations and in the hearts of all.



## Stewardship Report:

### Revenue



<b>August 31:</b>	<b>8,399.88</b>
<b>Faith Direct:</b>	<b>1,286.25</b>
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>9,686.13</b>
<b>Last Year:</b>	<b>11,689.40</b>
<b>Poor Box:</b>	<b>144.00</b>
<b>Every Penny Counts Box:</b>	<b>83.31</b>

Number of Adult Envelopes: 231  
Number of Children's Envelopes: 11  
Number of Faith Direct donors: 34  
Number of Registered Households: 600

### Expenses

<b>Air Conditioner Repairs:</b>	<b>9,100.00</b>
<b>Electrical Work:</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>
<b>Organ Maintenance &amp; Repair:</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Church Door Locks:</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Special Summer Cleaning:</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>
<b>Total Maintenance Expenses:</b>	<b>\$16,100.00</b>

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**Second Collection:** Our second collection *this week* will be for our regular **Building and Maintenance Fund**. This monthly collection enables us to make continuing repairs, upkeep and improvements to the parish and school buildings as well as our parish grounds. May we suggest a contribution of \$10 per household? Better yet! Match Father Jeff's \$20 contribution!

**Second Collection:** Our second collection *next week* will be for the **Catholic University of America**. Catholic U., the national university of the Catholic Church in the US is located in Washington, DC and provides an academically rigorous education guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition to 6,000 students every year. Ever dollar you give directly supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country, including ours. Please be as generous as you can in helping our young people obtain a quality Catholic college education.

## Votive Lights

**Sunday, September 7th through**

**Saturday, September 13th:**

*Shrine of the Sacred Heart*

**For the Special Intentions of:**

Father Bob; Bernadette Murphy; Don Falls

*Shrine of the Madonna & Child:*

**For the Special Intentions of:**

Miriam Jacik (Birthday); M/M Phil Ferrara; Charlene Shaffer (Birthday);  
Madeline White; Special Intention

**For the Happy Repose of:**

Margaret Cuthbert; Carmelo Gugliotta; John & Audrey Long  
John (Jr.), Kerry, Meredith & Alexandra Long

## HELP WANTED!

**The school is in need of volunteers** to assist teachers and students in the classrooms. Volunteers are also needed to assist with clerical duties. If you can help, please contact the school principal:  
Mrs. Wilson at 301-577-9412 ext. 214

**Faith Formation:**

**Children’s Liturgy:** If you interested in becoming a leader for Children’s Liturgy, please call Eileen Leach at 301-552-2906 or join us any Sunday at the 9:30 am to see what it is all about. Leaders are usually scheduled about once a month. We want you to join us to help celebrate the Liturgy of the Word with the children of our parish during the 9:30 am Mass on Sundays throughout the school year. Children between Kindergarten and 5<sup>th</sup> grade gather to have the readings of the day discussed at an age appropriate level in the library/classroom during the homily. We would love to have you as a leader to share your time, talents and treasures with the children of our parish. Please join us at the Catechist training session

**Registration for Faith Formation:** Your child will be placed in a class only when the proper registration is completed. Due to the Archdiocese of Washington’s Child Protection Policies, each child must be fully registered in order to participate in faith formation. There are some registration forms in the Pamphlet rack at the back of the church, or you may stop by the office to pick up forms.

Remember if a child misses a year of faith formation, he/she will have to repeat that year in order to move ahead. Moving on to a higher level is not automatic. We have to hand down our faith in a responsible manner and “wholesale promotion” does not cut it; only the best should be good enough for our children.

**Classes for Faith Formation for the year 2008-2009 will begin on Monday, September 22 at 6:30 pm in Friendship Hall.**

**RCIA:** Have you ever wondered if you could truly and competently share your faith or even explain the basic tenets of the Catholic faith to others? Do you feel comfortable with your current level of knowledge of the Catholic faith? Do you know of anyone who is still seeking Christ and the truth and power of His resurrection? Come, find out more at our first session of RCIA on Tuesday, September 23 at 7:00 pm in the School library. The Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is tailored to address such needs.

**Youth News:**

**Youth Concert:** Youth Group will sponsor a concert on November 11<sup>th</sup>, titled “An Evening of Thanksgiving and Praise”. Calling all voices ages 14 and up, we will have a Teen/ Young Adult choir a Mass choir which will include our two guest choirs and a guest Dance Ministry and of course our own Dance Ministry! The first rehearsal will Sunday September 28th at 3pm in the church. Please contact Mrs. Moore at 301-459-4814 ext. 204 for more information.

**Calling all Teens 14 to 17:** Are you looking for something new, fun and different? Do you often ask yourself questions about other teens, their cultures? What do they do for recreation? Do they struggle in class and how to get help? Do you need to brush up on your social skills? Ever been questioned about what you believe? The Saint Matthias Youth Group is for you! Join us Fridays from 7pm until 9pm in Friendship Hall. Please contact Mrs. Moore at ext. 204 for registration information.



**NEW PARISHIONERS:**

Please take a moment to complete a **Parish Census Registration Form** located in the back of the church. Parishioners **MUST** be registered and practicing for 6 months before a Letter of Good Standing can be issued or to take part in many of the sacraments.



**Mass Intentions for the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, September 8**

8:30 am Charlene Shaffer (Living-)Birthday

**Tuesday, September 9**

8:30 am Rev. Msgr. James B. Joy

**Wednesday, September 10**

8:30 am Brian C. Shaffer

**Thursday, September 11**

8:30 am St. John Harris

**Friday, September 12**

8:30 am Joseph Daly

**Sat., Sept 13: Vigil – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**3:30 pm to 4:30pm—Confessions**

5:00 pm Michael Nardozi

**Sunday, Sept 14: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am Mary Friend

9:30 am Christie Udejiofor

11:30am Benefactors of our Parish & School

**Please Pray for: †The Sick and Homebound In Our Parish:**

Virgie Azarcon; Barbara Brink; Audrey Brown; Linda Bryans; Fidel dela Cuesta; Eleanor DeMarco; Rosita Dietrich; Lisa Farland; Karen Fisher; Jose Guevara; Joseph Harrison; Charles Henry; Robert Hoke; Anne Mbimi Ifouini; Charles Jones; Paula Kelly; Robyn Kirby; Laura Elaine Kiessling; Nancy Maimone; Joe Makowski; Albertine Mandzo; Luke Martellotti; Bob Martin; Willie (Bill) Moore; Bernadette Murphy; Larry Murphy; Rosemarie Nardozi; David Obi; Peter O’Neill; Thomas Opalski; Joseph Otero; Alice Parker; Dawn Pearson; Evelyn Pierce; John Rampone; Jose Ocasio Rodriguez; Joe Sico; Walter Stewart; Judy Widdis; Jean Zanin; Ryan Zawada **†For Our Military Serving in Afghanistan or Iraq:** Spc. Michael J. Chiddo **†For Our Deceased:** Karen Dix; Janie Taylor; Lillian Rampone; Ndudi Ogbegie **†Names will be placed on our prayer list for three weeks. To add a name or to request continuing prayers, call Tara Guevara at 301-459-4814 or email [tguevara@stmatthias.org](mailto:tguevara@stmatthias.org).**

**Other Items of Note:**

**Basket Bingo:** St. Joseph’s Parish, 11011 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, MD will conduct basket bingo on Friday September 26th from 7:00pm until 9:30pm. This is a smoke free environment! Tickets are available for \$10 in advance from the school and parish office; or for \$12 at the door. Refreshments will be available. For more information, contact Cornelia French at 301-937-7183.

**Modern Western Square Dancing:** three FREE trial lessons will be offered on Tuesdays September 16, 23 and 28 from 7pm-9pm at Chapel Forge School located at 12711 Milan Way in Bowie. This low impact exercise is a great way to improve your blood circulation as well as keeping your mind sharp. We welcome all ages from 9 and up and challenge you to join our friendly group who enjoy all types of music and dance to the beat! Come, try something new, and we hope to see you in a square.

***In the end, nothing we do or say in this lifetime will matter as much as the way we have loved on another.***

-Daphne Rose Kingma