

# LENT ✠ 2016

## THE BEGINNING OF LENT

Ash Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup>  
Ashes will be distributed after Mass  
7:00 AM; 12 Noon; 7:30 PM

## LENTEN WEEKDAY MASS and DEVOTIONS

Mass: Monday through Saturday at 8:30 AM  
Sacred Heart Litany and Consecration  
First Fridays after Mass

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 7:30 PM

## CONFESSIONS

Mondays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM  
Good Friday 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Holy Saturday 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## LENTEN COIN BOXES AND DEVOTIONALS

Coin boxes and devotionals are available for those who wish to give alms to the poor during Lent. Lenten spiritual reading materials, including *Words of Grace* are also available. Quantities are limited.

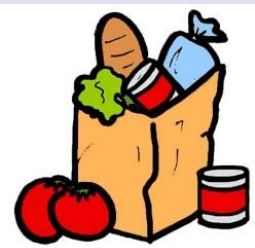
## LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR CATHOLICS

Traditionally, the Lenten Season is a time of penance throughout the Catholic Church. Prayer, the reception of the sacraments, charity and almsgiving are emphasized. Fast and abstinence are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all who are between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. All who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain totally from meat on Fridays.

## EASTER DUTY

The Easter Duty is more properly called the Paschal Precept. This states that all the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Eucharist, are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday. Those in serious sin are also bound to go to confession at least once a year, preferably during this time (Canons 920 and 989).

## LENTEN FOOD DRIVE



Catholic Charities is coordinating the 2016 Lenten Food Drive which will be held the weekend of February 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Bags will be given to parishioners after Mass that weekend to be returned the weekend of March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. Classes from the Academy will also participate. Please be generous in your donations to fill our parish food pantry.

## Stewardship Report: Revenue

January 31 <sup>st</sup>	12,704.00
Faith Direct	2,323.00
Total Offertory	15,027.00
<b>Last Year:</b>	<b>10,663.00</b>

January 24 <sup>th</sup>	0.00
Faith Direct	2,323.00
Total Offertory	2,323.00
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>9,953.00</b>



**Our Second Collection** this weekend is for our regular Building and Maintenance Fund. This monthly collection enables us to make ongoing repairs to our parish and school buildings and grounds.

## Looking Ahead



### The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle

Please spread the good news and encourage your friends and neighbors to consider enrolling their children for the 2016-2017 school year. For more information, contact Vivian Richards, Director of Admissions and Development, at 301-577-9412 or [vrichards@stmatthias.org](mailto:vrichards@stmatthias.org). Please support our school!

**Volunteer Drivers Needed:** We are looking for volunteers to transport priests who reside in northeast Washington for an occasional Saturday Vigil Mass here at our parish. Please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or email [tereme@stmatthias.org](mailto:tereme@stmatthias.org).

**7 Church Walk:** DCCatholic invites all young adults to the 13th Annual 7 Church Walk! The walk will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM—6:30 PM. Join young adults (20s and 30s) for our annual Lenten pilgrimage as we continue a Roman tradition in DC! We will visit seven churches in downtown DC, pray together at each station, and reflect on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and the upcoming Passion of our Lord. For more information visit <http://adv.org/event/7-church-walk-3/>

**The St. Matthias Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group** meets every Sunday in the Church after the 10:30 am Mass. All are welcome.

**Hosting An Event?** Friendship Hall is available for rent. For information, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or email [tereme@stmatthias.org](mailto:tereme@stmatthias.org).

**Missals for Sale:** Saint Joseph Missals for 2016 are available for sale in the church vestibule and at the Hughes Center parish office. The cost is \$4.00.

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Old Palm Branches Needed:** Parishioners are invited to return the dried palm branches that were blessed at the beginning of previous Holy Week celebrations on Palm/Sunday. The palm branches will be burned and reduced to ash for distribution of ashes here in our parish at Ash Wednesday Masses on February 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a designated receptacle at the entryway to the church for you to deposit your palm branches.

### Items of Note

**Do you want Saint Matthias News?** Visit our parish website at [www.stmatthias.org](http://www.stmatthias.org). Also, sign up to receive **MOBILE ALERTS**. To receive text messages from us, text your name & “enroll” to: (301)-859-4752. Mobile Alerts will **NOT** be used for fundraising. Only important parish news will be texted.

**Daily Mass on Saturday:** Have you heard? There is now a daily Mass here at Saint Matthias on Saturdays at 8:30 am. Please attend!

**The St. Matthias Library,** located in the Hughes Center, will open Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Parishioners are welcome to browse, sit and read, and check out books during regular office hours, Monday through Friday. Toni Webster will be available on Tuesdays to assist. Please enjoy the parish library!

**Holy Water Bottles** are available for purchase in the vestibule of the church and at the parish office. The cost is \$3.00.

**Raffle Winners:** January 25, 2016— Congratulations to Joan Marshall, winner of \$300, and Veronica Onyewu, seller (\$50).  
February 1, 2016—Congratulations to Adrienne Byrd, winner of \$300, and Damon Byrd, seller (\$50).

### Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, & Altar Servers February 10, 12, 13 & 14

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
<b>Ash Wed.</b> Noon/7:30 PM	M. Kwapinski/ J. Walters	TBD	7:30 PM J. Onuoha, E. Buan, C. Onyeiwu
<b>[Stations Friday]</b>	*****	*****	A. Boaf, G. Marshall, D. Morfaw
5:00 pm	E. Juanitez	F. Adekoya, R. Galicinao, Z. Juanitez, B. Wiredu	B. Ogunlade, A. Ogunlade
8:00 am	R. Johnson	M. Adams, D. Aitcheson, P. Buan, M. Grayson	S. DeMaio, D. Demaio
10:30 am	R. Palmer	B. & P. Chappell, E. Curran, L. Egbulem, R. Okereke	D. Okereke, N. Agha, H. Talyor
6:00 pm	J. Davis	C. Sykes, S. Wilson	S. Sykes, H. Ntitebem

## **Mass Intentions** **Fifth Week in Ordinary Time**

### **Monday, February 8: Saints Jerome Emiliani and Josephine Bakhita**

8:30 am Msgr. Roger Roensch  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration & Blessed Sacrament  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions  
8:00 pm Benediction

### **Tuesday, February 9:**

8:30 am Carmen Kosko (Birthday - Living)

### **Wednesday, February 10: Ash Wednesday**

8:30 am Erica Juanitez (Birthday - Living)

### **Thursday, February 11: Our Lady of Lourdes**

8:30 am Helen Zatorski (Birthday - Living)

### **Friday, February 12:**

8:30 am Amanyeiwe Family

### **Saturday, February 13:**

8:30 am Intentions of the People of the Parish  
5:00 pm Henry Kosko (Deceased - Birthday)

## **First Week of Lent**

### **Sunday, February 14:**

8:00 am David Faass  
10:30 pm Nancy Ann Hesterberg  
6:00 pm Harold Self

Readings for the First Sunday in Lent

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

### **Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends:**

Margie Baker; Carly Bastianson; Muriel Brown; Ronnie Davis; Eugene Diggs; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Joe Makowski; Rocco Martino; Dick O'Connor; Ester Oleru; Marian Thomas; Madeline White, Eugene Zehner

*-For our military, protect them from all harm.*

*-For all the faithful departed, especially Marty Reedy, may they rest in peace.*

Names will be placed on our prayer list for 4 weeks. To place a name on the list, please contact Pat Ford at 301-459-4814 x 201 or email

### Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of February 13/14



5:00 pm Msgr. Balbago  
8:00 am Father Canice  
10:30 am Father Milt  
6:00 pm Father Canice