

LENT ✠ 2016

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.

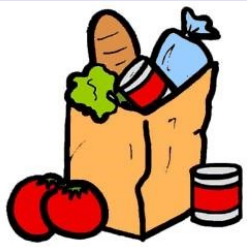
LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR CATHOLICS

Traditionally, the Lenten Season is a time of penance throughout the Catholic Church. Prayer, the reception of the sacraments, charity and almsgiving are emphasized. Fasting and abstaining from meat 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 14th 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 27th & 28th. Bags will be given to parishioners after Mass that weekend to be returned the weekend of March 5th & 6th. Classes from the Academy will also participate. Please be

generous in your donations to fill our parish food pantry.

Stewardship Report: Revenue

February 7 th	13,156.00
Faith Direct	2,323.00
Total Offertory	15,479.00
Last Year:	11,798.00

Looking Ahead

The Parish Office is Closed Monday, February 15th in observance of Presidents' Day.

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. 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.

7 Church Walk: DCCatholic invites all young adults to the 13th Annual 7 Church Walk! The walk will be held on March 19th 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/>

2016 Annual Jubilarian Mass: Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sunday, June 19th at 2:00 p.m., at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office or use the sign-up forms in the back of church to register. Names of Jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by Monday, April 11th.

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.

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



We Love our Volunteers!

The Parish Council invites all members of our parish ministries to a “just desserts” reception on **Sunday, February 21st, 3 –5 p.m.** in **Hughes Center** as we celebrate the essential contributions of our volunteers that make our vibrant parish community life possible. Current members of the parish ministries are welcome to join us for sweet treats, live music, and wonderful fellowship. Please RSVP to Patricia Ford no later than **Wednesday, February 17th** via phone at 301-459-4814 x 201, or email pford@stmatthias.org.

Items of Note

Do you want Saint Matthias News? Visit our parish website at 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.

Mass in Spanish: Beginning Saturday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m., a weekly Mass will be celebrated in Spanish. All are welcome to attend. Comenzando el sábado, 5 de marzo a 19:00, se celebrará una misa semanal en español. Todos son Bienvenidos a asistir.



Calling all Teens! The Saint Matthias Teen Youth Group will hold its next meeting on Sunday, February 14th from 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. in the Hughes Center. Refreshments will be provided. Parish teens in grades 9 through 12 are welcome. For more information, contact Le-Marie Thompson at 301-452-2258 or Arlene Taylor at 301-459-5549.

School Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Cindy Grant, winner of \$300, and Krista Scanlan, seller (\$50) in the February 8th drawing.

Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, & Altar Servers February 20 & 21

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
5:00 pm	A. Taylor	J. Flynn, C. Green, C. Kosko, J. Murray	A. Boafo, X. Cherisca, S. Cherisca
8:00 am	F. Craig	D. Aitcheson, P. Baun, J. George, S. Keleti	A. Marshall, E. Buan
10:30 am	R. Aitcheson	M. Ibebuchi, U. Nwokefor, R. Okereke, I. Onuaku, R. Pinchback,	C. Nnorom, C. Nnorom, O. Nnorom
6:00 pm	U. Murphy	S. Resau, D. Self	D. Osuji, C. Johnson

Mass Intentions First Week of Lent

Monday, February 15:

8:30 am Intentions of the People of the Parish
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration & Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Benediction

Tuesday, February 16:

8:30 am Teresa Hahne

Wednesday, February 17: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:30 am Josephine Daly

Thursday, February 18:

8:30 am Don Falls—(Living - Birthday)

Friday, February 19:

8:30 am Charlotte Daly

Saturday, February 20:

8:30 am Letecia Aure
5:00 pm Intentions of the People of the Parish

Second Week of Lent

Sunday, February 21:

8:00 am Joseph Daly
10:30 am Elizabeth Fondu
6:00 pm Intentions of the People of the Parish

Readings for the Second Sunday in Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

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; Marian Thomas;
Ester Oleru; Marian Thomas; Madeline White,
Eugene Zehner, Mick 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 pford@stmatthias.org

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of February 20/21



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