

## 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 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.

## Family Connection

In today's Gospel, the voice from heaven speaks to the disciples saying, "Listen to him." The Transfiguration was a focused moment for the disciples when they heard God speaking to them and experienced Jesus in glory. They most certainly left this focused moment with a new appreciation for the importance of Jesus' words even if they did not yet understand everything that he had taught them. During Lent, we are invited to consider our attentiveness to Jesus and to one another. In the pace and noise that often characterizes family life, how well do we listen to one another? What opportunities do we have for quiet prayer?

As you gather as a family, count the number of pieces of equipment in your home that produce sound: televisions, radios, CD players, computers, video games, etc. Observe if sometimes more than one piece of equipment is playing simultaneously and how this might affect communication. Discuss the question: What is it like to try to talk with one another when this equipment is on?

Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 9:28-36. Consider whether the noise and pace of your family life allows family members opportunities for quiet prayer. During Lent, it may be appropriate for your family to choose a time for quiet in the household by turning off televisions, radios, and CD players. Consider whether your family would like to establish such a time during this Season of Lent and suggest that it might allow you the opportunity to listen more attentively to one another and to find time for quiet prayer. Spend a few such moments as a family, asking God to help you listen well to one another and to Jesus.

-Taken from [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)

## Stewardship Report: Revenue

February 14 <sup>th</sup>	10,379.00
Faith Direct	2,366.00
Total Offertory	12,745.00
<b>Last Year:</b>	<b>5,884.00</b>

**Church in the Developing World:** Our second collection next weekend is for the Church in the Developing World. The Church in Latin America, Africa, and Eastern Europe often struggles to meet basic pastoral, educational, and infrastructure needs necessary to their success in deepening the faith of their members. Your contribution makes a difference to these struggling Catholic faith communities.

## 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, Dir. of Admissions and Development, at 301-577-9412 x 215, or [vrichards@stmatthias.org](mailto:vrichards@stmatthias.org).

### Academy Fundraisers:

- ♦ Fish Fry, Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00—8:00 PM in Friendship Hall. See flyer for details.
  - ♦ Join us on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> for a Saint Patty's themed Dinner & Auction! The event includes a silent auction and dinner, wine, beer, raffle, and will be held at DeMatha High School, 4313 Madison St., Hyattsville, MD. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Please contact Vivian Richards at 301-577-9412 x 215 for more information.
- Raffle Winner:** Congratulations to Kimm Richards, winner (\$300) and seller (\$50) for the February 15<sup>th</sup> drawing.

**7 Church Walk:** DCCatholic invites all young adults to the 13<sup>th</sup> 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! For more information visit <http://adw.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 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM 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 11<sup>th</sup>.

**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).

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### 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.

**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.*



**Knights of Columbus Summer Camp:**

Registration for the sixteenth summer of the Knights of Columbus Summer Camp has begun. We offer swim lessons, sports, arts and crafts, and free swim at our extensive facility in College Park. More information and the registration form are located at <http://kofccamp.wordpress.com>. Please direct any questions to Anne Irwin at (240) 393-2468 or [kofccamp@gmail.com](mailto:kofccamp@gmail.com)

**Parish Library** is usually open when the Hughes Center is open. Please call ahead, 301-452-4814, to make sure the room is not reserved for other activities.



**"Love, Sex and Mercy," An Evening with Christopher West:**

Join best-selling author Christopher West as he shares how John Paul II's Theology of the Body is a healing balm on our misery. This event will take place on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Ascension Catholic Church (12700 Lanham Severn Road, Bowie). There is no cost to attend; donations are appreciated. For more information please call Ascension's parish office at (301) 262-2227.

### **Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, & Altar Servers February 26, 27 & 28**

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
7:30 pm Fri. (Stations)			R. Birum, D. Okereke, H. Taylor
5:00 pm	L. Sibbles	R. Galicinao, C. Kosko, D. Self, P. Stevenson	B. Ogunlade, A. Ogunlade
8:00 am	A. Hawkins	B. Falls, P. Gordon, M. Grayson, S. Keleti	J. Adekoya, E. Adekoya, D. Adekoya
10:30 am	S. Curran	B. Herring, M. Holk, R. Ihegbe, S. Ugoh, B. Chappell	H. Ntitebem, J. Onuoha, S. Akukwe
6:00 pm	K. Johnson	K. Johnson, C. Sykes	S. Sykes, C. Johnson

### **Mass Intentions Second Week of Lent**

**Monday, February 22:**

8:30 am Elizabeth Fondu  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration & Blessed Sacrament  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions  
8:00 pm Benediction

**Tuesday, February 23: Saint Polycarp, Bishop**

8:30 am John Paul Huber

**Wednesday, February 24:**

8:30 am Rev. Mark W. Ervin

**Thursday, February 25:**

8:30 am Jane Defayette (Living - Birthday)

**Friday, February 26:**

8:30 am Father Stan (Anniversary of Ordination)

**Saturday, February 27:**

8:30 am Intentions of Parishioners  
5:00 pm Guadalupe Manlapaz

### **Third Week of Lent**

**Sunday, February 28:**

8:00 am Gertrude M. Carthy  
10:30 pm Adamma Ugoh  
6:00 pm Rochelle Gaskins-Pinkard (Living - Birthday)

Readings for the Third Sunday in Lent

1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15  
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12  
Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

**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; William Halbe; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Joe Makowski; Rocco Martino; Dick O'Connor; Marian Thomas; Ester Oleru; Marian Thomas; Madeline White; Joseph Young 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](mailto:pford@stmatthias.org)

### **Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of February 27/28**



5:00 pm Father Canice  
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10:30 am Father Canice  
6:00 pm Father Milt