

## Masses for the Second Week of Lent

### Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Ginika Ukasanya** (Living-Birthday)

### Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Father Jeff Defayette**  
(Living - Pastoral Anniversary)

### Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Carol Schneiderman**

### Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Harold Self**

### Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>: Saint Patrick

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Christine P. Prieto**  
**Stations of the Cross: 7:30 PM**

### Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>: Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Myrna Duran**

## The Third Sunday of Lent

### Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

Family Vigil Mass 5:00 PM: **Joyce Falls**  
Spanish Mass 7:00 PM: **Intentions of Parishioners**

### Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM: **Father Ambrose Mahoney, SJ**  
10:30 AM: **Elizabeth Ihegbe**  
6:00 PM: **Intentions of Parishioners**

**Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 17:3-7  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8  
Gospel: John 4:5-42

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

Lisa Allison; Margie Baker; Helen Bates; Muriel Brown Rose  
Chisefsky; Claudia Clayton; Al Craig; Darlene Crawford;  
Ronnie Davis; Mary Diamiano; Antoinette Diemer; Norma  
Florimbio; Paula Gambrell; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield;  
William Halbe;  
Zetitia Hudson; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Richard  
Kosko; Trudy Lewis; Joe Makowski; Linda Moore; Shirley  
Singleton; Mary Soh; Kay Villemi; Mae Young; Sister Giustina  
Zanin; Zaria Zanin; Eugene Zehner

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)

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

*For the faithful departed, may they rest in  
peace.*

## Stewardship Report

<b>March 5, 2017</b>	<b>14,211.00</b>
<b>Faith Direct</b>	<b>2,591.00</b>
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>16,802.00</b>
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>16,426.00</b>

*Thank you for your continued support of our  
parish*

## Items of Note at St. Matthias



**Teen Ministry March Meeting:** All teens of the parish are welcome to attend our next meeting this Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 — 2:30 PM in the Hughes Center. We will explore the corporal and spiritual works of mercy through words and deeds. Lunch refreshments will be provided.

**Dance Ministry:** The Saint Matthias Liturgical Dance Ministry is recruiting interested young ladies (8<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> grades) to join. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays from 7:00—8:00 PM in the church. Our first 2017 meeting will be held Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Contact Mrs. Zita Givens, at 301-577-1853 for additional information.

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

### Parish Social Life Committee News

The PSLC congratulates our Hispanic parishioners on their one year anniversary of participating in the Saturday evening Masses in Spanish at St. Matthias Church.

**Lenten Food Drive:** Parishes and schools across the Archdiocese will participate in a food drive to benefit families in need. Food collected in our parish will go to our St. Matthias Food Pantry. Grocery bags will be distributed to parishioners after next weekend's Masses. Filled bags may be brought to church the following weekend, March 25- 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Around the Archdiocese

**Day of Reflection:** The Holy Family Catholic Church Sodality of Our Lady of Families is sponsoring a Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 18, 2017, from 9:30 AM — 2:00 PM in Heritage Hall at Holy Family Catholic Church, 12010 Woodmore Road, Mitchellville, MD. All are welcome. Contact Margaret Johnson (301-336-4301) for more information.

**Job Opportunities in the Archdiocese of Washington:** Visit <http://adw.org.employment-opportunities/> for more information about employment in human resources, support staff, and other areas.

## Family Connection



As a family, talk about some of your times of highs and lows. How have you been able to use the good times and experiences to sustain you in the difficult ones? Jesus' Transfiguration may have been an event from which Peter, James, and John drew courage when they faced the difficult events of Jesus' Passion. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 17:1-9. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the good times and experiences that your family has had together. Pray that your family will use these experiences to sustain you during times of difficulty. Close by praying today's psalm, Psalm 33.

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## The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle

**Come Join Us!** Are you looking for an engaging learning environment with supportive teachers? You're invited to join us at the Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle. New applications for our school are now being accepted. Please go to <http://mytads.com/a/stmatthiasmd>. **Financial aid applications are also found on this website.** For more information, contact our Director of Admissions, Mrs. Ann O'Hare, at [aohare@stmatthias.org](mailto:aohare@stmatthias.org) or 301-577-9412.



**School tours** are offered every Monday from 8:30—10:30 AM. Please contact the school office at 301-577-9412 to schedule an appointment.

**National History Day Project:** Congratulations for our 7th and 8th grade students Karys Amatie, Terner Jenkins, Taylor Byrd and Ellis Lee who represented the Academy of Saint Matthias at the National History Day Project Competition on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Students conducted research and presented their findings on this year's theme, "Taking a Stand."

**Digital Day Maryland:** On Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Academy students participated in *Digital Learning Day Maryland*, sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Education. Students designed an indoor recess game using specific materials provided to them by the Ladies of Charity and then broke into teams to design a functioning catapult. Kudos to our future STEAM leaders!

**Raffle Winners:** Congratulations to Nickita and Jason Smith, winners and sellers (\$ 350) in the March 6<sup>th</sup> drawing.

## Do You Want to Fast this Lent? In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.**
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.**
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.**
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.**
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.**
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.**
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.**
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.**
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.**
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.**
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.**

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday During Lent

7:30 PM

Following the Stations of the Cross, Father Albert Shuyaka will offer a brief Lenten Retreat.

### Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, Altar Servers, and Greeters March 18/19

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMCH</u>
5:00 PM	P. Shehadi	C. Green, C. Kosko, B. Wiredu
7:00 PM	D. Lima	D. Aitcheson, S. Avieta
8:00 AM	A. Taylor	D. Aitcheson, P. Buan, J. George, S. Keleti
10:30 AM	P. Alemnji	M. Ibebuchi, U. Nwokefor, R. Okereke, I. Onuaku, R. Pinchback
6:00 PM	K. Holmes-Johnson	K. Homes-Johnson, D. Self, C. Sykes
<u>Time</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
5:00 PM	A. Amanyeiwe, A. Akem, J. Onyewu	S. Corson, M. Davie
7:00 PM	B. Barahona, L. Martinez, E. Diaz	G. Castillo, M. TeoDiaz, E. Andres
8:00 AM	J. Kalshoven, L. Kalshoven, E. Adekoya	B. Wilson
10:30 AM	N. Agha, D. Morfaw, C. Morfaw	P. Okongwu, V. Neke
6:00 PM	J. Onuoha, D. Osuji	Y. Balogun

### Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of March 18/19



- 5:00 pm Father Canice
- 7:00 pm Father Ford
- 8:00 am Father Milt
- 10:30 am Father Milt
- 6:00 pm Father Canice