

## Masses for the Third Week of Lent

### Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>: Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Rose Provenzano**

### Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Vincente Compas**

### Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Alfredo V. Felix**

### Thur., March 23<sup>rd</sup>: Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Barbara Zanin (Living)**

### Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>: Blessed Oscar Romero

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Pearl Aitcheson**

**Stations of the Cross: 7:30 PM**

### Sat., March 25<sup>th</sup>: The Annunciation of the Lord

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Francine Felix (Birthday)**

## The Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

Family Vigil Mass 5:00 PM: **Anne Eneze (Living—Birthday)**

Spanish Mass 7:00 PM: **Intentions of Parishioners**

### Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM: **Dennis and Dorothy Oleru**

10:30 AM: **Inocent Ihegbe**

6:00 PM: **George Johnson**

**Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

### 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; Linda Moore; Shirley Singleton; Mary Soh; Kay Villemi; Mae Young; Barbara Zanin; 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

March 12, 2017	9,944.00
Faith Direct	2,687.00
Total Offertory	12,631.00
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>12,031.00</b>

Your generous support of Father Noel's ministry in South Sudan resulted in a total of \$ 3,847. Father Noel is most grateful for your assistance.

*Thank you for your continued support of our parish*

## Items of Note at St. Matthias

**Lenten Food Drive:** Grocery bags will be distributed after this weekend's Masses to encourage you to participate in this year's Lenten Food Drive. Please bring your filled bags to church next weekend, March 25/26. Your donations will re-stock our St. Matthias Food Pantry which serves the area's needy. Thank you for your support.

**Honor the Memory of Your Loved Ones with a Perpetual Memorial Candle.** For an affordable monthly fee, reserve a candle by contacting Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207.

### Parish Social Life Committee News

Please join us in congratulating the Hispanic community in celebrating their first anniversary at St. Matthias. Last week's 7:00 PM Mass was followed by a party in Friendship Hall with over 300 people in attendance. The food was plentiful and delicious, the music was great, and the fellowship filled the room.

We are grateful to Mr. & Mrs. Romualdo Martinez, family, and friends who donated a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**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).

## Around the Archdiocese

### **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.

**Journey to Easter at the Franciscan Monastery:** On Wednesdays during Lent, at 7:30 PM, join the friars at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land (1400 Quincy St., NE, Washington, DC) for *Journey to Easter* — evening prayer and faith sharing that focuses on the Sunday Gospels. Free parking. For more information, call 202-526-6800 x374.

## Family Connection



Lent is a season for repentance. It is a season during which we are called to reflect upon and to live deeply the promises of Baptism. The well and the conversation about water immediately recall for us the Sacrament of Baptism. As the Samaritan woman was converted and sent on a mission because of the conversation about water, we too are converted and sent by our Baptism to preach the good news of Jesus to others.

Take this opportunity to reflect upon the importance of Baptism with your family. If you have photos or other mementos of your family's Baptisms, bring them out and take some time to recall the day of Baptism and its importance to you and your family. Create a prayer table that includes these mementos and a bowl of holy water. After you have spent some time talking about Baptism, invite everyone to listen carefully and prayerfully to today's Gospel. Read John 4:5-42 together. Ask how Jesus' meeting with the woman at the well is like Baptism. (Jesus knows the woman's sin and forgives her. The woman comes to know Jesus as the Messiah. The woman invites others to meet Jesus.) Pray a prayer of blessing for each member of the family that God will help each one live the promises of his or her Baptism. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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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.



**Save the Date — Fish Fry:** On Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> in Friendship Hall from 11:00 am — 7:00 pm the Academy's 8th grade class will host a Fish Fry. Menu includes Fish Dinner with 2 sides for \$8.00, and Fish Sandwich for \$6.00. Dine In or Order to Go. Help support the 8th grade class of 2017!

## 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 25/26

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMCH</u>
5:00 PM	A. Hawkins	C. Johnson, R. Johnson, C. Kosko
7:00 PM	Zoila Fuentes	S. Resau, S. Avieta
8:00 AM	M. Kwapinski, U. Murphy	M. Adams, B. Falls, M. Grayson, S. Keleti
10:30 AM	G. Johnson	B. Chappell, B. Herring, M. Holk, R. Ihegbe, S. Ugoh
6:00 PM	J. Davis	D. Aitcheson, M. Ibebuchi, S. Ikpi

<u>Time</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
5:00 PM	H. Taylor, S. Cherisca, X. Cherisca	F. McCrary
7:00 PM	J. Andres, B. Barahona, L. Martinez	G. Castillo, M. TeoDiaz, E. Andres
8:00 AM	J. Walters, F. Garcia, C. Johnson	Marion Prout
10:30 AM	A. Ekekwe, D. Okereke, J. Nitebem	P. Okongwu, V. Neke
6:00 PM	A. Marshall, G. Marshall	B. Burnett

### Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of March 25/26



5:00 pm	Father Canice
7:00 pm	Father Jospeh
8:00 am	Father Milt
10:30 am	Father Canice
6:00 pm	Father Albert