

## Masses for the Fourth Week of Lent

### Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Hazel Campbell

### Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Joe Makowski

### Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Loretta Meyers

### Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Dr. James Wills

### Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Michael Paolino (Living—Birthday)

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

### Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Sylvester and Charity Ezeani  
(Living—Anniversary)

## The Fifth Sunday of Lent

### Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

Family Vigil Mass 5:00 PM: Susan Funkhouser  
Spanish Mass 7:00 PM: Intentions of Parishioners

### Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:00 AM: Theophilos Oleru  
10:30 AM: David Bernstein  
6:00 PM: Christiana Cappelletti

**Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8:8-11  
Gospel: John 11:1-45

### 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 Gambrill; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Zetitia Hudson; Eugenia Ikpi; 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 19, 2017	9,730.50
Faith Direct	2,687.00
Total Offertory	12,417.50
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>12,031.00</b>

*Thank you for your continued support of our parish.*

## Items of Note at St. Matthias

**Lenten Food Drive:** Thank you for supporting our Lenten Food Drive with your generous donations.

**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.

**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 will distribute Easter goodie bags to children who attend Mass on Easter Sunday. Watch for more news in upcoming bulletins.

## Around the Archdiocese

**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 is available. For more information, call 202-526-6800.

**Camp Saint Charles Open House** will be held on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Join us for lunch, a tour, a ride on the giant swing, and an opportunity to meet the staff of Camp Saint Charles. New families may save on tuition by registering at our Open House. For more information, directions, and to sign up for the Open House, see our website:

[www.Campstcharles.org](http://www.Campstcharles.org) or call us at 301-934-9799 or email [director@campstcharles.org](mailto:director@campstcharles.org).



**2017 Archdiocese of Washington Women's Conference - Occasions of Grace, Encountering God's Grace in Day to Day Life** will be held on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM—4:00 PM at Catholic University of America—Pryzbyla Center (620 Michigan Ave. NE, Washington, DC). The registration fee is \$40. For more information and to register visit [www.adw.org/womensconference](http://www.adw.org/womensconference) or contact Debbie McDonald 301-853-4466 [mcdonald@adw.org](mailto:mcdonald@adw.org).

## Family Connection



When infants are baptized, parents, with the help of the godparents, assume responsibility for raising the child as a follower of Jesus. The process of maturation in the faith is much like the example found in the story of the man born blind. The man is cured of his blindness, a symbol of his sin. Each time he meets someone after the healing, the man comes to a deeper awareness of who Jesus is. In a

similar way, we who are baptized continue to mature in faith as our relationship with and knowledge about Jesus grows.

Invite each member of your family to draw a timeline of his or her life. On the timelines, ask family members to identify significant moments in their lives, especially their life of faith. Invite each person to reflect upon who Jesus was to him or her at each significant moment. How has each person's relationship with Jesus changed or matured? Then read together today's Gospel, John 9:1-41. Note how the relationship between Jesus and the man born blind changes and grows throughout the Gospel. Pray together that your relationship with Jesus will continue to grow and develop, becoming ever deeper. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

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## 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 April 1/2

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMCH</u>
5:00 PM	E. Buan	C. Green, J. Murray, P. Stevenson
7:00 PM	J. Barahona	D. Aitcheson, S. Avieta
8:00 AM	C. Johnson	M. Adams, B. Falls, J. George, S. Midgley
10:30 AM	C. Nwokefor	E. Amanyeiwe, S. Ikpi, I. Onuaku, I. Udejiolor, U. Nwakefor
6:00 PM	L. Sibbles	A. Hawkins, D. Self, C. Sykes

<u>Time</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
5:00 PM	A. Amanyeiwe, J. Onyewu, H. Taylor	An. Boafo, Ar. Boafo
7:00 PM	B. Barahona, J. Andres, D. Barahona	G. Castillo, M. TeoDiaz, E. Andres
8:00 AM	J. Adekoya, E. Adekoya, D. Adekoya	L. Adekeya, M. Reeves
10:30 AM	A. Akem, R. Birun, D. Morfaw	P. Okongwu, V. Neke
6:00 PM	S. Akukwe, D. Osuji	Y. Balogun

### Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of April 1/2



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



## The Academy of Saint Matthias



There will be a **Primary Level Open House Information Night** on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, from 6:30-7:30 PM. Meet our teachers for Grades Pre-K (4 years old by Sept. 1, 2017) through Grade 2. Learn about our faith-filled curriculum, programs, and facilities. **Please note that if you are applying for the 2017-2018 school year, the deadline for the Pastor's Award for Financial Aid is April 12, 2017.** To schedule a tour prior to the Information Night or for more information, please call the school (301-

577-9412). Tours are offered every Monday from 8:30 - 10 AM, or by appointment.



**Fish Fry:** The Academy's 8th grade class will host a Fish Fry on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> in Friendship Hall from 11:00 AM-7:00 PM. The menu includes either a fish dinner with 2 sides for \$8.00, or a fish sandwich for \$6.00. Dine in or order to go. Help support the 8th grade class of 2017!

**Raffle Winners: March 13<sup>th</sup>:** Kayla Robinson was the winner of \$ 300 and the Adeyemi family was the seller (\$ 50).

**March 20<sup>th</sup>:** Congratulations to Nicole Jackson, winner of \$ 300, and the Adeyemi family, sellers (\$ 50).