

## Masses for the First Week of Lent

### Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **John Wright** (Living)

### Tues., March 7<sup>th</sup> : Saint Perpetua and Felicity

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **RCIA Students**

### Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>: Saint John of God

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Don Gritz** (Living - Birthday)

### Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> : Saint Frances of Rome

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

### Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Martin Nzeffili**

### Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Maria Torchia**

## The Second Sunday of Lent

### Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

Family Vigil Mass 5:00 PM: **Amanyiwe Family** (Living)  
Spanish Mass 7:00 PM: **Intentions of Parishioners**

### Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM: **Adamma Ugoh**

10:30 AM: **Family Okechukwu Ikedilo**  
(Living—Thanksgiving)

6:00 PM: **Michael Ezeani** (Living-Birthday)

**Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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

Lisa Allison; Margie Baker; 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, especially Bill Cooper and Hazel Campbell who died last week, may they rest in peace.*

## Stewardship Report

February 26, 2017	7,944.00
Faith Direct	2,982.00
Total Offertory	10,926.00
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>12,103.00</b>

*Thank you for your continued support of our parish*

## Items of Note at St. Matthias

**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).

Remember your loved ones with **Perpetual Memorial Candles**. For an initial payment of \$50, and monthly installments, you can reserve a candle that remains lit for one year. For more information, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or [tereme@stmatthias.org](mailto:tereme@stmatthias.org).

**Bible Study:** Tuesday morning Bible Study will take a break beginning Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. We will resume on Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please join us then as we continue studying the Gospel of Matthew.

**Parish students** are invited to register for the CYO track and field program. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information.

## Around the Archdiocese

**Catholic Singles of Greater Washington** is organization for single Catholics, ages 21 to 65-plus, who get together in a wide variety of social, religious, and cultural settings. Please find our more about us at <http://dcsinglecatholicpro.org>, or call Tricia at 301-460-9195.

**2017 Annual Jubilarian Mass:** Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sunday, June 25, 2017, 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 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Interested in using your professional experience and education to serve the Church?** The Central Pastoral Administration of the Archdiocese of Washington is accepting applications for positions in human resources, catechesis, support staff and other areas. For a current list of job openings please go to <http://adw.org.employment-opportunities/>. For current job openings at Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington please go to <https://re11.ultipro.com/ARC1012B/JobBoard/ListJobs.aspx>.



## Family Connection

When Jesus resists the temptations presented to him by the devil, he draws on his religious upbringing and tradition. Jesus is able to quote from Scripture because he is the Son of God and because he was a human person who lived his Jewish beliefs fully. We who are responsible for raising children are also called upon to immerse them fully in our Catholic Christian tradition so that they too will be able to draw upon this tradition to resist the temptations they will face in their lives.

Use this Sunday as an opportunity to call your family's attention to the importance of Scripture in our lives. Gather your family around the family Bible and read today's Gospel, Matthew 4:1-11. Recall that Jesus rebuked the devil's temptations by quoting Scripture. Take some time as a family to talk about the words that are found in the Bible and the importance of Scripture to our faith. Perhaps the older members of the family can share a favorite Scripture passage with everyone. Younger family members can tell their favorite story from the Bible and be shown where that story can be found. In each case, encourage a deeper sharing of faith by asking each person to tell why the Scripture passage shared is important to him or her. Conclude your time together by again reading Jesus' reply to the devil found in Matthew 4:4 ("One does not live by bread alone . . .") and praying 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.

**Raffle Winners:** Congratulations to Jessica Thompson winner of \$ 300, and to Danielle Kirchue, seller, (\$ 50) in the February 27<sup>th</sup> drawing.

**Thanks** to all who supported our recent family fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse. We are grateful for your support.

## Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent at 7:30PM

### DON'T GIVE UP *chocolate* FOR LENT

We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different.

Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a free video-based email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and *New York Times* bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, Matthew will help you identify what stands between you and happiness...and what to do about it. Are you

## Parish Social Life Committee News

The PSLC thanks the volunteers who attended the special reception and commissioning last Sunday. It was a beautiful event and everyone had a great time. The parish is grateful to the PSLC for planning and hosting the event.

## Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, Altar Servers, and Greeters March 11/12

Time	Lector	EMCH
5:00 PM	P. Stevenson	Z. Juanitez, N. Richardson, J. Richardson
7:00 PM	F. Moranchel	
8:00 AM	J. Walters	M. Adams, D. Aitcheson, P. Buan, M. Grayson
10:30 AM	S. Curran	B. Chappell, P. Chappell, E. Curran, L. Ekowski-Egbulem, R. Okereke
6:00 PM	R. Johnson	D. Self, C. Sykes

Time	Altar Servers	Greeters
5:00 PM	S. Cherisca, X. Cherisca, H. Taylor	Claudia Clayton
7:00 PM	L. Martinez, E. Diaz, J. Andres	G. Castillo, M. TeoDiaz, E. Andres
8:00 AM	J. Walters, E. Buan, F. Garcia	Shirley Singleton, M. Prout
10:30 AM	C. Nnoron, O. Nnorom, H. Ntitebem	P. Okongwu, V. Neke
6:00 PM	C. Johnson, A. Akem	B. Brunett

## Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of March 11/12



5:00 pm	Monsignor Balbago
7:00 pm	Father Ron
8:00 am	Father Canice
10:30 am	Father Canice
6:00 pm	Father Milt