

Mass Intentions for the Octave of Easter

Monday, March 28th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Francine Conanan (Living - Birthday)
Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Confessions 7:00 to 8:00 PM
Benediction 8:00 PM

Tuesday, March 29th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Dorothy Oleru

Wednesday, March 30th

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

Thursday March 31th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: James Willis

Friday, April 1st (First Friday)

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Lloyd Roberts (Deceased—Birthday)

Second Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday, April 2nd

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Sylvester and Charity Ezeani
(Living—Anniversary)
Vigil 5:00 PM: Bill Schermerhorn
Spanish Mass: 7:00 PM: Beatriz Mayoral

Sunday, April 3rd

8:00 AM: L. Oyelese (Living—Birthday)
10:30 AM: Benjamin Udejiofor
6:00 PM: George H. Johnson

Readings for Third Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43
2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel: John 20:1-9

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

Margie Baker; Muriel Brown; Ronnie Davis; Eugene Diggs; William Halbe; Jack Jordan; Bong Juanitez; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Joe Makowski; Dick O'Connor; Celestine Scindian; Phyllis Sczuka; Marian Thomas; Crystal VanBuren; Madeline White; Joseph Young; Sister Giustina Zanin; Eugene Zehner, Mick Zehner

*-For our military, protect them from all harm.
-For all the faithful departed, 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

Stewardship Report: Revenue

March 20 th	10,771.00
Faith Direct	2,801.00
Total Offertory	13,572.00
Last Year:	11,391.00

We are grateful for your generosity

Looking Ahead

Healing Mass: Saint Matthias will hold healing prayers after the 6:00 pm Mass on Sunday, April 17th. Come to Mass and stay for the healing prayers. Confessions will be offered at the same time. All are welcome.

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.

The Parish Library is usually open when the Hughes Center is open. Please call ahead, 301-459-4814, to make sure the room is not reserved for other activities.

School News

The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle: 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.

School Raffle: Congratulations to Andre Butler, winner of \$300, and Gary Gaskins, seller (\$50), in the March 21st drawing.



- ♦ When attending Church services, please park in a designated parking space. The lane in front of the Church is a fire lane to be used by emergency vehicles only. Your car will be towed if you park in the fire lane.
- ♦ In the event of a personal emergency, an automated external defibrillator (AED) is located in front of the school library. Remember to call 911 for all emergencies.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Family Connection - Easter



In the Easter Gospel we hear about how the disciples found the tomb empty three days after Jesus' death. We are also told that they do not yet understand the Scriptures or that Jesus had been raised from the dead. That

understanding gradually unfolded for the disciples as they began to experience the risen Lord. Similarly, our understanding of Jesus' Resurrection unfolds for us throughout our lives. In the weeks ahead, we will hear how the first disciples moved from confusion, doubt, and skepticism to faith. Their experience can teach us how we too, might receive this gift of faith from God.

Gather your family members and ask them to share what they know about the events that happened in the days after Jesus' crucifixion. Invite your family to imagine that they are among Jesus' first disciples. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:1-9. Reflect together on the Gospel with questions such as these: If you had been among the first disciples who heard that the stone had been removed from Jesus' tomb and that Jesus' body was no longer there, what would you think? What did Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved think had happened? Recall that this experience is the first indication Jesus' disciples have that he is risen. Throughout the Easter season, we will learn more about how the disciples came to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

Pray together using today's psalm, Psalm 118: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

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Items of Note

Live Differently! Love Boldly! Serve Others! Each month, Hope Corps members lead volunteers in short projects that make a big difference in a few hours: cleaning-up a shelter, packing breakfast bags for people who stay in shelters, helping load food packages, and more. Do one, do them all. Most are appropriate for families and high school students. Visit www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/volunteer for information and sign-up.



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 19th 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 submitted to the parish office by Monday, April 11th.**

Year of Mercy Lecture Series at the National Shrine:

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will host a lecture and event series focusing on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The next event is April 19th at 5:15 pm For information about this series, visit www.nationalshrine.com/mercy.

The Basilica is located at 400 Michigan Ave., NE, Washington, D.C. If you have questions, please call 202-526-8300. All are welcome!

2016 Catholic High School Fair : The Archdiocese of Washington will host a Catholic High School Fair on Saturday, April 30th from 11:00 am—2:00 pm at the College Park Marriott Hotel (3501 University Blvd., Hyattsville, MD Registration is free. For more information and to reserve a space, email Wendi Williams at wwilliams@adw.org with the student's name, current school, and current grade level.

Young Adult (20s - 30s) Events:

● **Ignatian "Jesus Retreat":** The Young Adult Community at Holy Trinity Church invites you to attend the upcoming Ignatian "Jesus Retreat". Young adults will journey together to explore who Jesus is for each of us and what kind of relationship we have with Him. The retreat will be held April 15th - April 17th at Bellarmine Retreat Center in the Blue Ridge Mountains, PA. For more information: <http://trinity.org/yac-retreat/> or yacs+retreat@trinity.org.

● **Young Adults of Saint Matthias:** Calling all young adults of Saint Matthias, ages 21 - 30s! Saint Matthias Parish is interested in hearing from you about events and activities you'd like to attend here at the parish. Contact Le-Marie Thompson at lemarie.thompson@gmail.com.

Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, & Altar Servers April 2 & 3

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
5:00 pm	TBD	TBD	J. Onyewu, E. Buan
7:00 pm	TBD	TBD	TBD
8:00 am	TBD	TBD	J. Adekoya, E. Adekoya, D. Adekoya
10:30 am	TBD	TBD	H. Taylor, D. Morfaw, C. Morfaw
6:00 pm	TBD	TBD	D. Osuji, J. Onuoha

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of April 2/3



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