Mass Intentions for the Fourth Week of Easter

Monday, April 18th
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: David Faass
Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Confessions 7:00 to 8:00 PM
Benediction 8:00 PM

Tuesday, April 19th
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Grace Felix

Wednesday, April 20th
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Sylvester Ugoh (Birthday - Living)

Thursday, April 21st: Saint Anselm
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Rev. Monsignor Richard W. Burton

Friday, April 22nd
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Nkiru Lwugo (Living)

Saturday, April 23rd: Saints George and Adalbert
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Rev. Paul Liston

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 24th
Vigil 5:00 PM: Anthonia N. Ndika (Birthday - Living)
Spanish Mass 7:00 PM: Clayton Felipe Lopez

Sunday, April 25th
8:00 AM: Dennis A George
10:30 AM: Adamma Ugoh
6:00 PM: Intentions of Parishioners

Readings for Fifth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 14: 21-27
2nd Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a
Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

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

Margie Baker; Muriel Brown; Ronnie Davis; Eugene Diggs; William Downey; William Halbe; Jack Jordan; Bong Juanitez; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Joe Makowski; Dick O'Connor; Celestine Scindian; Phyllis Sczuka; Marian Thomas; Kay Villemi; 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 pford@stmatthias.org

Stewardship Report: Revenue

April 10th	12,785.00
Faith Direct	2,441.00
Total Offertory	15,226.00
Last Year:	**9,786.00**

We are grateful for your generosity

Looking Ahead

Healing Mass: Saint Matthias will hold healing prayers after the 6:00 pm Mass today, 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.

Office of Family Life: Couples who are dealing with infertility or who have suffered a miscarriage are invited to attend a Day for Hope & Healing, Saturday, April 23rd at the St. John Paul II Shrine in Washington, D.C. The day begins at 10:00 AM with the celebration of Mass, followed by lunch and a talk. The event is free of charge, and will be translated into Spanish.

School News

Best Wishes to Principal Abigail Greer: It was announced recently that our school Principal, Mrs. Abigail Greer will not return to Saint Matthias for the 2016-2017 school year. A search committee for a new principal has been formed and will interview candidates for the position. We are grateful for all that Mrs. Greer has done for our school, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

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 301-577-9412 x 212, or mblackburn@stmatthias.org

School Raffle: Congratulations to Mrs. Carol Ann. New winner of $300, and Ms. Vicky New, seller ($50), in the April 11th drawing.

Fish Fry: Thursday, April 21st from 3:00-7:00 pm in Friendship Hall. Dinner $8.00; Sandwich $6.00

Family Connection

Not only can we recognize family members' voices, we can also read the tone of their voices and know something about how they are feeling. In our relationship with Jesus, we know Jesus' voice and are called to follow. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. Knowing Jesus means knowing the Father.

Read with your family today's Gospel, John 10:27-30. Ask your family members to talk about some ways that Jesus brings them closer to God and closer to one another. Pray together the Acts of Faith, Hope, and Love.

Items of Note

2016 Run for Vocations: Run for Vocations registration is coming! The Marine Corps Marathon 10k registration opens on April 27th. For more information, visit www.dcpriest.org, or search *"Run for Vocations"* on Facebook.

Year of Mercy Lecture Series at the National Shrine: The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will host a lecture series focusing on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The next event is April 19th at 5:15 pm. For information, visit www.nationalshrine.com/mercy. The Basilica is located at 400 Michigan Ave., NE, Washington, D.C. Please call 202-526-8300 with any questions. 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) 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.

Graduating Seniors: The parish would like to recognize all parish seniors graduating high school in 2016. Parents are asked to email lemarie.thompson@gmail.com by May 15th with your child's name, high school, and future endeavor (e.g. college/university/technical school, armed services and/or next life step) for a special recognition. For more information, contact Le-Marie Thompson at 301-452-2258 or Arlene Taylor at 301-459 - 5549.

Marian Pilgrimage for Asian and Pacific Catholics: The Asian and Pacific Catholic Network, in collaboration with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat of Culture Diversity, is holding the 14th annual Marian Pilgrimage at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Immaculate Conception on Saturday, May 7th. Following confession at 12:00 pm, more than 20 unique Catholic Asian Pacific communities will gather at 1:00 pm to pray and celebrate with traditional music and sacred movements reminiscent of faith practices in their homelands. Everyone is welcome to participate in this multi-lingual, multi-cultural celebration of faith and heritage. Please contact Dr. Fred Semendy at 703-472-2032 or Sr. Myrna Tordillo at 202-541-3384 for further information.

Pilgrimage for World Apostolate of Fatima: On Saturday, May 7th, the Archdiocese of Washington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima will have a bus pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Washington, D.C. This location is a retreat center and headquarters of the World Apostolate of Fatima USA. The bus boarding will be at 6 am in the parking lot of Saint Catherine Laboure Parish in Wheaton, MD (11801 Claridge Rd.) Return time is 8:30-9:00pm. For more information, contact Muriel Hanson at momarsh52@hotmail.com

Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, & Altar Servers
April 23 & 24

	Lectors	EMCH	Altar Servers
5:00 pm	L. Sibblies	R. Galicinao, C. Kosko, D. Self, P. Stevenson	X. Cherisca, S. Cherisca
7:00 pm	TBD	TBD	TBD
8:00 am	C. Johnson	M. Adams, B. Falls, M. Grayson, S. Keleti	S. DeMaio D. DeMaio
10:30 am	S. Curran	B. Herring, M. Hoke, R. Ihegbe, S. Ugoh, B. Chappell	J. Onuoha, H. Ntitebem, C. Onyeiwu
6:00 pm	K. Holmes-Johnson	D. Self, S. Wilson	S. Sykes C. Johnson

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of April 23/24

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