

LENT ✠ 2016

LENTEN WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday through Saturday at 8:30 AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 7:30 PM

CONFESSIONS

Mondays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM
Good Friday 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Holy Saturday 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Grocery bags will be distributed after Mass today. Please take a bag home, fill it with nonperishable food items, and return the filled bag next weekend. All donations will be used to restock our parish food pantry so that we can meet the needs of the area's hungry.



Family Connection



We may be unfamiliar with fig trees, but we might know about the growth of spring flowers. Perhaps we have looked at a dry, brown flower bulb and wondered how this produces the colorful tulip or daffodil blossom that we expect to bloom in the spring. Perhaps we've even thought about the patience and hope that are required to plant flower bulbs in October. We don't have to be gardeners, however, to know about patience and hopefulness. As parents, we practice these virtues each day with our children. We may become frustrated and even angered by their willfulness and lack of cooperation. Yet we continue to offer our attention and guidance in hope that one day our efforts will bear fruit. Today's parable suggests that God is like that with us, working with us in patience and in hope that one day we will show evidence that such work is not in vain. As parents, we know God's kindness when we find evidence for our hope for our children. Does God find such glimmers of hope as he works with us?

Gather your family and show a spring flower in bloom. Recall that in the fall this flower was a dry bulb. Talk about the hopefulness and patience shown by those who plant flower bulbs in the fall in the hope that they will bloom in the spring. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 13:1-9. Compare the parable of the barren fig tree to your discussion about spring flowers. Consider the patience and hopefulness that God has with us as he works with us, calling us to return to him when we sin. Offer prayers of thanks and praise to God for his patience and hopefulness towards us. Conclude by praying together today's Psalm, Psalm 103.

-Taken from www.loyolapress.com

Stewardship Report: Revenue

February 21 st	9,296.00
Faith Direct	2,440.00
Total Offertory	11,736.00
Last Year:	8,644.00

Church in the Developing World: Our second collection **this weekend** is for the Church in the Developing World.

Looking Ahead

The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle

Please 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.

Academy Fundraisers:

- Fish Fry, Friday, March 4th, from 3:00—8:00 PM in Friendship Hall. Flyers are available in the Church vestibule.
- Join us on Saturday, March 19th for a Saint Patty's themed Dinner & Auction! The event includes a silent auction and dinner, wine, beer, raffle, and will be held at DeMatha High School, 4313 Madison St., Hyattsville, MD. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Please contact Vivian Richards at 301-577-9412 x 215 for more information.



Do you enjoy quilting and other fiber arts? If you do, then we're the quilt guild for you. Uhuru Quilters Guild is a community of kindred souls who enjoy each other's fiber art. We are a haven for creative spirits—a circle of friends who treasure each other as precious gifts and provide support and encouragement in whatever life brings. Our guild has found a home at St. Matthias! We meet the 3rd Saturday of every month, 10 am—2 pm in Friendship Hall. We extend an invitation to you to visit, enjoy a variety of quilting techniques, socialize, and join our guild. Please visit our website for more information: www.uhuruquiltersguild.org.



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.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Items of Note

Get Saint Matthias News: Visit our parish website at www.stmatthias.org. Also, sign up to receive MOBILE ALERTS. To receive text messages from us, text your name & "enroll" to: (301)-859-4752. Mobile Alerts will **NOT** be used for fundraising. Only important parish news will be texted.

Misa en Español (Mass in Spanish): Comenzando el sábado, 5 de marzo a 19:00, se celebrará una misa semanal en español. Todos son Bienvenidos a asistir.

Beginning next Saturday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m., a weekly Mass will be celebrated in Spanish. All are welcome to attend.

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.

Holy Angels Church Dinner: On Sunday, March 20, 2016, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Holy Angels Church in Avenue, MD, will be serving a delicious Seafood Dinner, served buffet style -- all you can eat! Adults - \$27.00; Children (6-12) - \$8.00; and Children (5 & under) - Free. Holy Angels address is 21340 Colton Point Road, Avenue, Maryland 20609. For more information, or to purchase advance tickets, please call the rectory at 301-769-3332, or email holy01angels@aol.com.

School Raffle: Congratulations to Maggie Yeagley, winner of \$300, and Annette Hawkins, seller (\$50) in the February 22nd drawing.

The St. Matthias Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Sunday in the Church after the 10:30 am Mass. All are welcome.

Driver Needed to provide transportation to a parishioner who lives in Lanham to attend a weekend Mass. If you can assist, please contact the parish office.

Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, & Altar Servers March 4, 5 & 6

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
7:30 pm Fri. (Stations)		TBA	TBA
5:00 pm	P. Stevenson	TBA	TBA
7:00 pm	M. Perez		
8:00 am	M. Taylor	TBA	TBA
10:30 am	C. Nwokeafor	TBA	TBA
6:00 pm	A. M'Carthy	TBA	TBA

Mass Intentions Third Week of Lent

Monday, February 29:

8:30 am Intentions of Parishioners
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration & Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Benediction

Tuesday, March 1:

8:30 am Bernard Campbell, Jr.

Wednesday, March 2:

8:30 am Estanislao Canonizado

Thursday, March 3: Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

8:30 am Donald Wilson Jr. (Living - Birthday)

Friday, March 4: (First Friday)

8:30 am Florence Nwonye-Nwoko (Living)

Saturday, March 5:

8:30 am Intentions of Parishioners
5:00 pm Louis Stinnett
7:00 pm Maria Toro

Fourth Week of Lent

Sunday, March 6:

8:00 am Intentions of Parishioners
10:30 pm George Oleru (Living)
6:00 pm Olin Dovel, Jr.

Readings for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 1—12

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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

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

-For our military, protect them from all harm.

-For all the faithful departed, especially Olin Dovel, 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

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of March 5/6



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