

Masses for the Third Week of Advent

Monday, December 18th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Jack Keightley** (Living-Birthday)

Tuesday, December 19th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Richard Kosko**

Wednesday, December 20th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Mary Nzefili** (Living-Birthday)

Thursday, December 21st

Saint Peter Canisius

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Basil Eze** (Living-Birthday)

Friday, December 22nd

Daily Mass 7:00 AM: **Ed Densmore**

Saturday, December 23rd

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **AdammaUgoh**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd

5:00 PM: **Richard Kosko**

7:00 PM: **Intentions of Parishioners**

Sunday, December 24th

8:00 AM: **Intentions of Father Jack**

9:30 AM: **Intentions of Father Canice**

11:30 AM: **Priests' Intentions**

6:00 PM: **Priests' Intentions**

10:00 PM: **Priests' Intentions**

Readings:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

2nd Reading: Rom 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

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

Elaine and Melvin Brooks; Muriel Brown; Al Craig; Ronnie Davis; Norma Florimbio; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; John and Joan Kodak; Abanda William Ndinu; Lucy Nguyen; L. Oyelese; Kay Villemi; Mae Young; Sister Giustina Zanin; Zaria Zanin; Eugene Zehner

***For our military, protect them from all harm.
For 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 at pford@stmatthias.org.

Stewardship Report

December 10, 2017

Offertory \$ 12,247

Faith Direct \$ 3,274

Total Offertory \$ 15,521

Last Year \$ 11,392

We Are Grateful For Your Generosity

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.

During this holiday season, reserve a **Memorial Candle** to honor your loved ones. For information, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or tereme@stmatthias.org.

Christmas Schedule

Confessions Monday, December 18, 2017
7:00 –7:45 PM

Sunday, December 24, 2017 Christmas Eve

8:00 AM Mass

9:30 AM Mass

11:30 AM Mass

6:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass

10:00 PM (Midnight) Mass

(Carols at 9:45 PM)

Monday, December 25, 2017 Christmas Day

8:00 AM Mass

11:30 AM Mass

1:30 PM Spanish Mass

Sunday, December 31, 2017

8:00 AM Mass

9:30 AM Mass

11:30 AM Mass

6:00 PM Mass

11:00 PM "Crossover" Mass

Monday, January 1, 2018
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

8:30 AM Daily Mass

10:00 AM Bilingual Mass

Adoration 6:00—8:00 PM



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Family Connection

As you gather as a family, recall that during the Advent season we are invited to pay particular attention to the signs of Jesus' presence in our world. Consider some of the signs of Jesus' presence that you have experienced. During Advent, we remember how John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. Read together today's Gospel, John 1:6-8,19-28. Discuss the signs of Jesus' presence in our world that you named and explain what these signs tell us about God and God's love for us. Pray together that your family will be led to recognize that Jesus is present among us. Read and pray together the psalm for today's Mass, the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55).



The Academy of Saint Matthias

Open House Dates:

Wednesday, Jan. 24th, 7:00—8:00 PM

Sunday, Jan. 28th, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM

Please stop by for a tour and enrollment information.

Applications for Financial Aid for 2018-19 are available at www.TADS.com. The deadline for new families whose children will attend school in the 2018-2019 school year is **February 4, 2018**. Please check the website for details.

School tours are offered every Monday from 8:30-10:00 AM. Please call the school office at 301-577-9412 to arrange a tour.

School Christmas Concert: You are invited to attend our Christmas program on Wednesday, December 20th at 6:00 PM in the church.

Attention, Last Minute Shoppers! Amazon will contribute a portion of your online purchase to a charitable organization. go to smile.Amazon.com and designate St. Matthias as the recipient of .5% of your purchase.

Thank you, Dick Hageman of *Art at Work* in Beltsville, for the beautiful new sign in front of the church.

Our school will close on Thursday, December 21st at 12:00 PM and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd. Our faculty and staff wish you a joyous Christmas and God's blessings in the New Year.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of December 23/24

5:00 PM	Monsignor Balbago
7:00 PM	Father Desiano
8:00 AM	Father Jack
9:30 AM	Father Canice
11:30 AM	Father Canice
6:00 PM	Father Jack
10:00 PM	Father Canice

The St. Matthias Prayer Group meets in the church every Sunday immediately after 11:30 AM Mass. All are welcome.

Dance Ministry: The St. Matthias Liturgical Dance Ministry will dance to *Joy to the World* during the 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM Masses on Sunday, December 24th. We pray that you will enjoy this spiritually uplifting hymn.

Parish Volunteers will sponsor lunch at the Community Café in Hyattsville, MD, on Wednesday, December 20th. Volunteers and donors are asked to help feed the needy. For information, please call Erusa Onukwubiri at 240-593-4048 or Debbie Self at 301-577-4201.

Ushers' Closet: Are you missing you glasses, keys, hat, scarf, umbrella, jacket? Please ask an usher for assistance in locating your lost item(s). Unclaimed items will be donated before the end of the year.



Ministry Schedules December 23/24

<u>Time</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
5:00 PM	G. Marshall, A. Marshall, J. Onyewu	J. & M. Oratokhai
7:00 PM	F. Garcia, L. Martinez, B. Barahona	TBD
8:00 AM	X. Cherisca	L. Adekoya, M. Prout
9:30 AM	TBD	P. Okongwu, V. Neke
11:30 AM	H. Ntitebem, C. Onyeiwu, C. Onyeiwu	TBD
6:00 PM	R. Birun, J. Onuoha	B. Burnett
10:00 PM	D. Osuji	
<u>Time</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
5:00 PM	B. Falls, C. Green, C. Kosko	TBD
7:00 PM	D. Ortiz, S. Resau	A. Bonilla, Z. Fuentes
8:00 AM	J. George, M. Grayson, S. Keleti, S. Midgley, Z. Juanitez	J. Davis
9:30 AM	P. Chappell, B. Chappell, A. Hayling, R. Ihegbe, S. Ikpi	R. Aitcheson
11:30 AM	R. Atemkeng, L. Egbulem, B. Herring, M. Hoke, M. Ibebuchi	R. Ihegbe
6:00 PM	D. Aitcheson, P. Makowski	TBD
10:00 PM	TBD	K. Holmes-Johnson