

Second Week of Lent

Monday, February 26th

Mass 8:30AM: **Guadalupe Manlapaz (D)**

Tuesday, February 27th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Bill Cooper (D)**

Wednesday, February 28th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Hazel Campbell (D)**

Thursday, March 1st

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Gabrielle Gigliotti (D)**

Friday, March 2nd

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Rev. Joseph Slattery, S.J. (D)**

Saturday, March 3rd

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Donald Wilson (L)**

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 3rd

Saint Katherine Drexel

5:00 PM: **Elmer Atchison (D)**

7:00 PM: **People of the Parish (L)**

Sunday, March 4th

8:00 AM: **Naim Eldelos (D)**

9:30 AM: **Adamma Ugoh (D)**

11:30 AM: **Szebo Family (D)**

6:00 PM: **Louis Stinnett (D)**

Readings:

Ex 20: 1-17

2nd Reading: 1 Cor: 1: 22-25

Gospel: John 2: 13-25

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

Elaine and Melvin Brooks; Muriel Brown; Yvette Butler; Al Craig; Robert Decolin; Nancy Femrite; Norma Florimbio; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Brenda Jackson; Velouse Jules; 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

February 18

Offertory	8,506
Faith Direct	2,417
Total	10,923
Last Year	11,886

We Are Grateful for Your Generosity

This weekend's second collection is the Archdiocesan Collection for the Church in the Developing World

Items of Note at St. Matthias



Operation Rice Bowl: Your Lenten gifts change lives. One dollar a day for 40 days of Lent helps provide 1 month of food for a family, 2 years of seed for a farmer, and 1 emergency kit for refugees.

* 75% of your Rice Bowl donation supports Catholic Relief Services programs around the world.

*25% helps alleviate hunger and poverty in the Archdiocese of Washington.

This is a wonderful family Lenten project! Rice Bowl banks are available in the church vestibule.

Hosting An Event? Friendship Hall is available for rent. Please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or tereme@stmatthias.org.

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

The Catholic Women's Association will meet after the 11:30 AM Mass on the second and last Sundays of the month.

Don't Give Up Chocolate for Lent! Do something life-changing. Sign up for FREE at BestLentEver.com.



Jesus Falls a second time.

The Stations of the Cross are held every Friday at 7:30 PM during Lent. Please join us for this weekly devotion.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Parish Social Life Committee

We were so pleased to have such a wonderful turnout for last week's volunteer reception. Your commitment and dedication help make St. Matthias a vibrant community. There is still much to do! If you are not already a volunteer, please join one of our many ministries, or consider volunteering in the school or parish office. We welcome your assistance!



Knights of Columbus Summer Camp: Registration has begun for our eighteenth summer camp in College Park, MD. We offer swim lessons, arts and crafts, games, sports, and free swim at our extensive facility. Download the registration form at <http://kofccamp.blogspot.com>. Questions? Contact Anne Irwin at 240-393-2468.

The Light is on For You

Are you having difficulty forgiving an acquaintance or a loved one? Have you considered seeking God's healing first in the Sacrament of Reconciliation? To help you do this, we are happy to announce *The Light is ON for you!* This Lent, every Catholic parish across the Archdiocese of Washington and diocese of Arlington, will offer times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year you can view all the confession times across the region by using the new confession finder may online at theLightisON.org. Confessions at St. Matthias are on Mondays, beginning at 7:00 PM.



The Academy of Saint Matthias

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.

The Application for Admissions to The Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle School for the 2018-2019 school year is now available. Please go to www.TADS.com and click on *Application for Admission*. Current school families are encouraged to re-enroll by April 1, 2018. After April 1st, the enrollment fee will increase from \$ 200 to \$350. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Mrs. Ann O'Hare at 301-577-9412.

School Raffle Winners

Congratulations to Alicia Moody, winner of \$ 300 and to the seller, Renee Johnson (\$50), in the February 20th drawing.



Attention, All Former St. Matthias Students, Parents, Faculty & Staff: An All Classes Alumni Reunion will be held May 19th, 2018. Go to Facebook's St. Matthias Reunion page to accept your invitation.

Around the Archdiocese

The 40 Days for Life: The Spring Campaign strives for continuous prayer from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily from February 14th-March 25th. Volunteers are needed to pray one hour at the sidewalk. To volunteer, contact Tom Trunk at 240-593-6982 or 40daysforlifeMD@gmail.com.

Bingo: Please join us Saturday, March 10th, at Resurrection of Our Lord Church Hall, 9402 Brock Bridge Rd., Laurel, MD. Doors open at 5:00 PM.



Family Connection

Every family has special moments that they remember and share again and again. In sharing these stories, the meaning and importance of these events develop and deepen over time. This is how it was with the disciples' remembrance of Jesus' Transfiguration. The full significance of what they had seen and experienced could only be understood after Jesus' death and Resurrection. As they told other believers about this event and recorded the story for us in the Bible, our understanding of what it means to call Jesus God's own Son has also deepened.

As you gather as a family, think about some special family memories that your family tells over and over again. Talk about why these memories are important to you. Recall that in the Bible we find many important memories about Jesus that have been recorded for us so that we can believe that Jesus is God's Son. Read today's Gospel, Mark 9:2-10. What do we learn about Jesus from this Gospel? (He fulfills the promises God made to Israel through the Law and the prophets. God glorified Jesus in his Resurrection. Jesus is God's Son.) Conclude in prayer together that as we continue to read the Bible, we will deepen our understanding of and our love for Jesus. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for March 3/4

5:00 PM	Father Jack
7:00 PM	Father Ford
8:00 AM	Father Jack
9:30 AM	Father Jack
11:30 AM	Father Canice
6:00 PM	Father Canice