

Third Week of Lent

Monday, March 5th

Mass 8:30AM: Carl Levock (D)

Tuesday, March 6th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Linda Burgess (D)

Wednesday, March 7th

Saint Perpetua and St. Felicity

Joseph Makowski (D)

Daily Mass 8:30 AM:

Thursday, March 8th

Saint John of God

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Don Gritz (L)

Friday, March 9th

Saint Frances of Rome

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Diana Gritz (L)

Saturday, March 10th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Brian Savoy (D)

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 10th

5:00 PM: Mark Stinnett (D)

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

Sunday, March 11th

8:00 AM: Maria Torchia (D)

9:30 AM: Alexander Nkemasong (D)

11:30 AM: Michael Ezeani (L)

6:00 PM: People of the Parish (D)

Readings:

2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23

2nd Reading: Eph 2: 4-10

Gospel: John 3: 14-21

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

Muriel Brown; Al Craig; Janice Ereme; Norma Florimbio; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Brenda Jackson; John and Joan Kodak; 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 25

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| Offertory | 7,444 |
| Faith Direct | 2,902 |
| Total | 10,346 |
| Last Year | 10,926 |

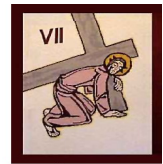
Second Collection 1,875

Church in the Developing World

We Are Grateful for Your Generosity

Items of Note at St. Matthias

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



The Teen Youth Group will meet next Sunday, March 11th, from 12:00—2:30 PM in the Hughes Center.

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.

This Sunday is nationally recognized as **Girl Scout Sunday**. We welcome all scouts, past and present, to our Masses this weekend. Girl Scouts will be selling cookies after all Masses. Please support their organization by purchasing Girl Scout cookies.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



2018 Annual Jubilarian Mass

Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 40, 50, and 51+ years on Sunday, June 17, 2018 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 the jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by Monday, April 16, 2018.

2017 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.



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.



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 Nickita & Jason Smith, winners and sellers (\$350), in the February 26th 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 School Reunion page to accept your invitation.

Around the Archdiocese

Defend Life Lecture Tour begins Thursday, March 15th, at 7:30 PM at Ascension Catholic Church, Bowie MD. Zachary King is the guest lecturer. This event is sponsored by **DefendLife.org**. Visit their website for additional tour dates.

Give the Gift of Service: Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information or to register to volunteer, visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer.

Family Connection

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect upon our worship of God. For Jesus and his Jewish contemporaries, the Temple was an important, holy place where they gathered to worship God. The Christian understanding of worship was transformed in light of Jesus' Resurrection. In the Christian understanding, God is worshiped in a person, the person of Jesus Christ. As we read in today's Gospel, Jesus is himself the Temple that will be destroyed, but in three days God will raise him up again.

As you gather as a family, talk about places and times when you have experienced God's presence. After his Resurrection, Jesus' disciples understood that Jesus was present with them as they gathered to pray and especially when they gathered to share a meal. Read together today's Gospel, John 2:13-25. Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that he is God's presence with us. Thank God for Jesus' presence with us, especially in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for March 10/11

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