

Fourth Week of Lent

Monday, March 12th

Mass 8:30AM: Katherine Bernstein (D)

Tuesday, March 13th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Mr. Patchel (D)

Wednesday, March 14th

People of the Parish (L)

Daily Mass 8:30 AM:

Thursday, March 15th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Teachers & Staff (L)

Friday, March 16th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Joan Okigbo (L)

Saturday, March 17th

Saint Patrick

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Sonny Lasick (D)

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 17th

5:00 PM: Christine P. Prieto (D)

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

Sunday, March 18th

8:00 AM: Basilia Ayrán (D)

9:30 AM: Rev. Mahony (D)

11:30 AM: Jeannette Mambo Ade (D)

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

Readings:

Jer 31: 31-34

2nd Reading: Heb 5: 7-9

Gospel: John 12: 20-33

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

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

March 4

Offertory	10,481
Faith Direct	2,902
Total	13,383
Last Year	16,802

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 this Sunday, March 11th, from 12:00—2:30 PM in the Hughes Center.

Thank you, Parish Social Life Committee

Parishioners wish to thank the PSLC for the volunteer reception held on February 18th. It was a most enjoyable gathering!

Marian Devotion is held the first Saturday of the month at 12:00 PM in the church. Please join us.

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.

The St. Matthias Liturgical Dance Ministry is recruiting young ladies in grades 8-12. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in the church, with the first meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 13th. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Zita Givens at (301) 577-1853.



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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



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.

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.

Lenten Retreat: Join us for a Lenten Retreat Tuesday and Wednesday, March 13th & 14th from 7:00-8:00 PM at St. Hugh Grenoble Church, 135 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. Father Michael Berry of the Heart of Jesus, O.C.D., is conducting the retreat. Confessions will be offered both evenings after the retreat.



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 Sharletta Dansby, winner of \$ 300, and to the seller, Renee Johnson (\$ 50), in the March 5th 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.



Community Yard Sale at St. Matthias April 21st, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM: If you would like to reserve space, please contact Chanel Wiseman at chanel1286@gmail.com.

Around the Archdiocese

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.

The 40 Days for Life team invites you to attend Vespers Prayers, 6:30-7:00 PM, Wednesday, March 14th, and a Living Rosary 3:00-3:30 PM on Sunday, March 18th, on the sidewalk in front of Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic at 5915 Greenbelt Rd., College Park, MD. For more information, contact Tom Trunk at 240-593-6982 or 40daysforlifeMD@gmail.com.

Family Connection

Parents whose children are afraid of the dark are struck by John's observation that darkness is preferred to light. Perhaps this is as it should be. God made us to live in the light of his love. But this original friendship with God was corrupted by sin. Our sin causes us to shy away from Christ, the light that has come into the world. During the season of Lent, we try to fight this tendency by remembering God's great mercy and the salvation that we have received through Jesus. We do not fear confessing our sins, knowing that God forgives us, and so, during Lent, we seek out opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

After your family gathers, sit for a time in darkness, then light a candle. Invite people to talk about what it felt like to be in the darkness and to compare that to their feelings when the candle was lit. What are we able to see by the limited glow of the candlelight that we couldn't see when we were sitting in darkness? Read today's Gospel, John 3:14-21. John's Gospel teaches us that Jesus was the light that came into the world. In this light we know ourselves to be sinners, but we are not condemned. Instead we have been saved because we have been forgiven through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Conclude in prayer together, thanking God for the great gift of forgiveness we have received through Jesus. Pray together the *Act of Contrition*.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for March 17/18

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