

The Octave of Easter

Monday, April 2nd

Daily Mass 8:30AM: **Michael Paolino** (L)

Tuesday, April 3rd

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

Wednesday, April 4th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Sylvester & Charity Ezeani** (L)

Thursday, April 5th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Don Falls** (D)

Friday, April 6th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM **Greg George** (L)

Saturday, April 7th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Martin Nzefili** (D)

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Saturday, April 7th

5:00 PM: **Michael & Brittany Paolino** (L)

7:00 PM: **Elizabeth Dikibo** (D)

Sunday, April 8th

8:00 AM: **Scott Paolino** (L)

9:30 AM: **Pepi Manlapaz** (L)

11:30 AM : **Louise Oyelese** (L)

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

Readings:

Acts 4: 32-35

1 Jn 5:1-6

John 20: 19-31

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

Elaine and Melvin Brooks; Muriel Brown; Yvette Butler; Patricia Castellano; Al Craig; Anne Dorsch; Nancy Femrite; Norma Florimbio; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Brenda Jackson; John and Joan Kodak; Carole Anne New; Kay Villemi; Mae Young; Sister Giustina Zanin; Sam Zanin; Zaria Zanin; Rita and Eugene Zehner

Celebrant Mass Schedule for April 7/8

5:00 PM Father Canice

7:00 PM Father Russo

8:00 AM Father Jack

9:30 AM Father Canice

11:30 AM Father Jack

6:00 PM Father Albert

Stewardship Report

March 25

Offertory	\$ 9,020.
Faith Direct	2,895.
Total	11,915.
Last Year	12,642.

We Are Grateful for Your Generosity

Items of Note at St. Matthias

Adult Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, April 10th, at 9:15 AM in the Hughes Center. We are studying the book of *Acts* and we will pick up on Chapter 17. Please come and bring a friend!

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.

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 jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by **Monday, April 16, 2018**.

Volunteers are needed to staff the front office in the Hughes Center for 4 hour shifts once or twice a month. Please call Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 for more information.

Members of the African Community are reminded to pay their annual contribution for the Mothers Day and Fathers Day celebrations. Emmanuel Amanyeiwe and Veronica Ike are collecting your contributions.

Teen Youth Ministry April Meeting: All parish teens are welcome to attend our next meeting on Sunday, April 8th, from 12:00 –2:30 PM in the Hughes Center.

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

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Dear Parishioners and Staff,
Thank you for your many hours of service and prayer during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. I am grateful for your commitment to the life of our parish and for your generous support of our church. May God continue to bless you during Easter time and throughout the year. *Father Jack*



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 9, 2018. **After April 9th, 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 Zorayda Bello, winner of \$ 300 and to the seller, Diana Merino-Ruiz, winner of \$ 50 in the March 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.

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

A Day of Hope and Healing for those struggling with infertility or have suffered a miscarriage will be held Saturday, April 14th, from 10:00 AM-3:30 PM at St. Joseph Parish, 11007 Montgomery Rd., Beltsville, MD. To register, go to <https://dayofhopeandhealing2018.eventbrite.com>.

An Advanced Lector Workshop with Fr. Conrad Murphy, Director of the Office of Worship, will be held Saturday, April 28th, from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center. Please RSVP by emailing liturgy@adw.org. A \$ 5 registration fee may be paid at the door.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Liturgical Workshop will be held Saturday, April 28th, from 9:30 AM -12:30 PM at St. Elizabeth Church located at 917 Montrose Rd., Rockville, MD. To register, contact Maria Hamm at 301-853-4594 or liturgy@adw.org.

A Spring Dinner Dance will be held at Holy Family Parish, Mitchellville, on Saturday, April 21st, from 6:00 PM -12:00 AM. The dance is open to those who are 18 years of age or older. Cost is \$ 35.00 per person. Ticket price includes dinner, dessert, beverage, and dancing. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Monette Roxas Tharp at monetteroxastharp@gmail.com.



The Ladies of Charity wish to thank you for your generous response to the annual Lenten Food Drive. More than 170 grocery bags of nonperishable food were donated by our students and parishioners. Food collected will be distributed to the needy in our community.

Family Connection

In the Easter Gospel we hear about how the disciples found the tomb empty three days after Jesus' death. We are also told that they do not yet understand the Scriptures or that Jesus had been raised from the dead. That understanding gradually unfolded for the disciples as they began to experience the risen Lord. Similarly, our understanding of Jesus' Resurrection unfolds for us throughout our lives. In the weeks ahead, we will hear how the first disciples moved from confusion, doubt, and skepticism to faith. Their experience can teach us how we too might receive this gift of faith from God.

Gather your family members and ask them to share what they know about the events that happened in the days after Jesus' crucifixion. Invite your family to imagine that they are among Jesus' first disciples. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:1-9. Reflect together on the Gospel with questions such as these: If you had been among the first disciples who heard that the stone had been removed from Jesus' tomb and that Jesus' body was no longer there, what would you think? What did Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved think had happened? Recall that this experience is the first indication Jesus' disciples have that he is risen. Throughout the Easter season, we will learn more about how the disciples came to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

Pray together using today's psalm, Psalm 118: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

The Parish Office will be closed Easter Monday, April 2nd, and will reopen Tuesday, April 3rd, at 8:00 AM

The School will be closed April 2nd through April 6th, and will reopen Monday April 9th, at 8:00 AM