

Third Week of Easter

Monday, April 16th

Daily Mass 8:30AM: Lina Manlapaz (D)

Tuesday, April 17th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Chioke Conner (L)

Wednesday, April 18th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Patricia Eze (L)

Thursday, April 19th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Engracia Felix (D)

Friday, April 20th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Sylvester Ugoh (L)

Saturday, April 21st

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Raymond Dubois (D)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 21st

5:00 PM: Okigbo Family (L)

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

Sunday, April 22nd

8:00 AM: Dr. Francis P. Griffith, Jr. (D)

9:30 AM: Theophilus Oleru (D)

11:30 AM: Anthonia Ndika (L)

6:00 PM: Sunday & Regina Umude (L)

Readings:

Acts 4: 8-12

1 Jn 3: 1-2

John 10: 11-18

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

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

*For our military, protect them from all harm.
For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.*

Celebrant Mass Schedule for April 21/22

5:00 PM Monsignor Balbago

7:00 PM Father Jacek

8:00 AM Father Jack

9:30 AM Father Canice

11:30 AM Father Canice

6:00 PM Father Albert

Stewardship Report

April 8

Offertory	\$ 8,722
Faith Direct	2,895
Total	11,617
Last Year	13,112

2018 Easter Offering 13,163

*Thank you for your continued support
of our parish.*

Items of Note at St. Matthias

Congratulations to our newly installed altar servers: Princess Nwadije, Sandy Nappi, Michelle Akem, Arianna Garcia, Munachiso Okongwu, Muma Makefor Ndi, Kennedy Uwadia, Ryan Akem, Jason Sotelo, Franklin Morfaw, Osita Eke. The installation took place at last Sunday's 9:30 AM Mass. We are grateful to our servers and their parents for their commitment to this ministry.

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 on Sunday, June 17, 2018 at 2:00 PM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please 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.**

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

The Community Place Café:

St. Matthias parishioners and friends will host a luncheon for the homeless at the First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville. We will shop, cook, and serve 70-100 people. If you would like to participate, please contact Bill or Peg Chappell at 301-262-8724. We are proud to announce that our parish hosts the luncheon 6 times a year.





The Academy of Saint Matthias

The Father E. Albert Hughes Scholarship Application Forms for the 2018-2019 academic year are available in the school office, parish office, and are also on the parish website at www.stmatthias.org. If you are a parishioner and your child attends the Academy of St. Matthias or an accredited Archdiocesan Catholic high school, you may be eligible for a scholarship. Additional details and information may be found on the application form. This scholarship program is funded through the generosity of parishioners and friends of St. Matthias Church.

The application deadline is Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

BOOST Scholarship Program: The State of Maryland is now accepting applications for its BOOST scholarship program for the 2018-2019 school year. This program awards scholarships to income-eligible K-12 students to be used for attendance at any eligible nonpublic school. For more information and to apply, go to www.educationmaryland.org/boost.

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 Admission 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*. The enrollment fee is \$ 350. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Mrs. Ann O'Hare at 301-577-9412.

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.

School Raffle Winners: Congratulations to Gabby Okenyi, winner of \$ 300 and to the seller, Augustine Obode, winner of \$ 50 in the April 9th drawing.

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.

There's A Monster In My Closet: Join us for our middle school production on Friday, April 20th and Saturday, April 21st at 7:00 PM. Tickets are on sale in the school office. Admission for adults is \$ 10 and children is \$ 6.



Chick-fil-A Dinner Fundraiser: Join us at the Vista Gardens *Chick-fil-A* for our next fundraiser on Thursday, April 19th. Mention St. Matthias and a portion of the proceeds will benefit our school.

Around the Archdiocese

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.

An Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Liturgical Workshop will be held Saturday, April 28th, from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 917 Montrose Rd., Rockville, MD 20852. To register, go to liturgy@adw.org or call Maria Hamm at 301-853-4594. Cost is \$ 5.00.

Quo Vadis Camp: The Office of Priest Vocation's annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school-aged young men will be held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD, from July 15th-18th. The four-day camp includes daily Mass, prayer, talks, sports, and much more. More information is available and registration is open at www.DCpriest.org. Questions? Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations at vocation@adw.org or 202-636-9020.



Family Connection

Family life is strengthened through storytelling and shared meal times. In a similar way, Christian life is sustained by God's word in Scripture and by Christ's presence in the Eucharist. We are especially sustained in our faith through our weekly celebration of Mass. Today's Gospel reading reminds us that the Scripture and the Eucharist are given to us so that our acts of bearing witness to Christ might be strengthened.

As you gather as a family, ask each person to share their favorite story about your family. Talk about the importance of these memories about your family life and the importance of the meals you have shared together as a family. Recall that these stories and meals strengthen the love you share. In a similar way, our Christian life is strengthened by sharing God's Word and the Eucharist at Mass. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 24:35-48. Discuss the mission that Jesus gave to his disciples after their shared meal. The Eucharist also sends us to be Christ's witnesses in the world today. Conclude by praying together that we will be strengthened by God's word and by Jesus' presence in the Eucharist to be witnesses to Christ. Pray together *Tantum Ergo* or today's psalm, Psalm 4.