

## Fourth Week of Easter

### **Monday, April 23rd**

*Saint George & Saint Adalbert*

Daily Mass 8:30AM: Kathleen Ikpi (L)

### **Tuesday, April 24th**

*Saint Fidelis*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Eleanor & Joseph DeMarco (D)

### **Wednesday, April 25th**

*Saint Mark*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Dharmesh Naik (L)

### **Thursday, April 26th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Rev. Joseph Pagone (D)

### **Friday, April 27th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Rev. Joseph Pagone (D)

### **Saturday, April 28th**

*Saint Peter Chanel & Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort*

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

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### **Saturday, April 28th**

5:00 PM: Marcia R. Cauley (D)

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

### **Sunday, April 29th**

8:00 AM: Dr. Dennis A. George (D)

9:30 AM: Collin Fletcher (D)

11:30 AM: Ibe Family (L)

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

#### **Readings:**

Acts 9: 26-31

1 Jn 3: 18-24

John 15: 1-8

### **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.*

## Stewardship Report

### **April 15**

Offertory	<b>\$ 8,740</b>
Faith Direct	<b>2,833</b>
Total	<b>11,573</b>
Last Year (Easter Sunday)	<b>14,174</b>

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

## Items of Note at St. Matthias

**Congratulations** to our recently commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Rosario Andres, Lucia Bonilla, Marcelo Bonilla, Lilliam Del Valle, Martha Del Valle, Oscar Del Valle, Carmela Diaz, Erik Enriquez, Sandra Garcia, Blanca Garcia, Monica Grayson, Maria Del Carmen Henriquez, Zulma Hernandez, Magdalene Ibebuchi, Miguel Leiva, Jessica Mejia, Taurina Morales de Martinez, Manuel Orlando Serano, Olivia Santos, Brigid Wiredu. Thank you for your service to this ministry.

**April is Ladies of Charity Month:** LOC members will be on hand at each Mass this weekend to share highlights about the organization and to invite interested women to join. Parishioners will have the opportunity to make contributions after each Mass.

**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** meets after the 11:30 AM Mass on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

**Friendship Hall** is available for rent. For information, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207

### **Celebrant Mass Schedule for April 28/29**

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



## 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](http://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 some tuition assistance. 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. Please note that the Father Hughes collection is down by 20% this year which will limit our ability to help parish students with tuition aid. **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](http://www.educationmaryland.org/boost). The application deadline is May 21, 2018.

**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. We currently have openings in our Pre-K and Kindergarten classes, and limited openings in grades 2-7 for the 2018-2019 school year.

**The Application for Admission** to The Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle School for the 2018-2019 school year is now open. Please go to [www.TADS.com](http://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.

**School Raffle Winners:** Congratulations to Sebastian Francois, winner of \$ 300 and to the seller, Regine Brutus, winner of \$ 50 in the April 16th 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.

**Second Annual Fun-D Run:** Please sponsor our fundraising run that will take place Friday, April 27th. Proceeds will support the purchase of e-textbooks, science equipment, and additional technology resources. To become a sponsor or participant, please call Ms. Blackburn in the school office at 301-577-9412 or donate online at <https://99pledges.com/fund/2018FundRun>.

**Mini Mustang Round-Up:** New kindergarten students are invited to attend school on Wednesday, April 25th, from 9:00 Am-12:00 PM. Bring a snack and participate in morning activities.

## 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](mailto:liturgy@adw.org). A \$ 5.00 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](mailto:liturgy@adw.org) or call Maria Hamm at 301-853-4594. Cost is \$ 5.00.

**Catholic Charities**, the social service arm of the Church, encourages you to share mercy by serving people in need. Come make a difference in someone's life—and your own! Some of the opportunities waiting for you: be a mentor to someone returning to the community from incarceration, be a financial literacy instructor or coach, lead other volunteers once a month, welcome people into our emergency shelters, take on a behind-the-scenes special project. For information and to apply, go to <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer>.

**Visit the Museum of the Bible:** On Saturday, May 19th, women are invited to join the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women to visit the Museum of the Bible. For tickets, go to [www.museumofthebible.org/ticket](http://www.museumofthebible.org/ticket). Suggested donation is \$ 15.00. Choose the 1:15 PM entry time. The museum is located at 400 4th St., SW, Washington, DC. Contact 301-651-8190 or [archdioceseCCW@gmail.com](mailto:archdioceseCCW@gmail.com) for more information.

## Family Connection

The Good Shepherd makes sacrifices for the sheep not because it is required, but because it is a choice. That sounds a lot like parenting and the dynamics of a healthy family life. Parents choose to make sacrifices for their children out of love, not obligation. Christian parents model and invite their children to choose to make sacrifices for other family members and for other people, acting out of love rather than obligation. When you gather as a family, invite each family member to consider the attitude that permeates their participation in family life. Read a common *examen*, such as any of the following: *Do we do family chores cheerfully and without having to be asked multiple times? Do we gladly share with others? Do we willingly contribute to the family good when asked?* Read aloud today's Gospel, John 10:11-18. Discuss together how the example of the Good Shepherd might inspire your family life. Invite each family member to make a renewed commitment to one action/attitude to focus on in the upcoming week that show that we will choose to follow the example of the Good Shepherd. Pray together that we will be able to honor our commitment. Pray together *Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer for Generosity*.