

## Seventh Week of Easter

### **Monday, May 14th**

*Saint Matthias, Apostle*

Daily Mass 8:30AM: **Mother's Day Novena**

### **Tuesday, May 15th**

*Saint Isidore the Farmer*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Mother's Day Novena**

### **Wednesday, May 16th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Mother's Day Novena**

### **Thursday, May 17th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Mother's Day Novena**

### **Friday, May 18th**

*Saint John I, Pope, Martyr*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Mother's Day Novena**

### **Saturday, May 19th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Mother's Day Novena**

## Pentecost Sunday

### **Saturday, May 19th**

5:00 PM: **Mother's Day Novena**

7:00 PM: **Mother's Day Novena**

### **Sunday, May 20th**

8:00 AM: **Mother's Day Novena**

9:30 AM: **Mother's Day Novena**

11:30 AM: **Mother's Day Novena**

6:00 PM: **Mother's Day Novena**

#### **Readings:**

Acts 2: 1-11

Cor: 12: 3b-7, 12-13

John 20: 19-23

### **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; Charlotte Palm; June Provini; 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.***

Names will be placed on the Sick List for 4 weeks. Please contact Pat at the parish office to add or remove a name.  
301-459-4814 or pford@stmatthias.org.

## Stewardship Report

### **May 6**

Offertory	<b>\$ 10,971</b>
Faith Direct	<b>2,795</b>
Total	<b>13,766</b>
Last Year	<b>14,466</b>

*We Are Grateful For Your Generosity.*

## Items of Note at St. Matthias

**Parish Social Life Committee:** The next PSLC meeting will be held Friday, May 18th, at 6:30 PM in the Hughes Center.

**Faith Formation:** St. Matthias is in **great** need of Catechists to help our young people learn the faith and grow in their personal relationship with Jesus. We are looking at the real possibility of not being able to offer all the grades next school year. Is the Holy Spirit calling you to help build the kingdom of God here at St. Matthias? God will not allow you to outdo him in generosity! Faith Formation classes meet on Monday nights. Help is available to prepare for this important ministry in the Church. Please call Catherine Tolnay, Director of Faith Formation, at 301-459-4814 ext. 205 to discuss the possibility of volunteering.

**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.

**The Teen Youth Group** will meet next Sunday, May 20th, from 12:00-2:30 PM in the Hughes Center.

### **Celebrant Mass Schedule for May 19/20**

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



## The Academy of Saint Matthias

**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 Ndi Muma, winner and seller (\$ 350.) in the May 7th drawing.

**Attention, All Former St. Matthias Students, Parents, Faculty & Staff:** An All Classes Alumni Reunion will be held May 19th, 2018 at 6:00 PM at St. Matthias in Friendship Hall. Go to **Facebook's St. Matthias School Reunion page** to accept your invitation.

## Around the Archdiocese

**Celebration of the Saints of Africa:** On Saturday, June 2nd, the *Celebration of the Saints of Africa* will take place from 2:00-8:00 PM at St. Camillus Church, 1600 St. Camillus Drive, Silver Spring, MD. This year's theme is "Becoming Missionary Disciples," answering the call of Pope Francis to "Share the Journey" of migrants and refugees. The celebration will include Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Mario Dorsonville as well as a Rosary procession, youth forum, socials, and choir concert. For more information, please call the archdiocesan Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach at 301-853-4469.



A **Memorial Mass for the Military Services** will be held Sunday, May 20th, at 4:40 PM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (400 Michigan Ave., NE). For more information and to request seating, please visit [www.milarch.org/memorialmass/laity-registration](http://www.milarch.org/memorialmass/laity-registration).



**Electronic Giving:** Gearing up for summer vacation? Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct to make sure your gifts reach St. Matthias the Apostle when you cannot, and our ministries can continue uninterrupted. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: MD41. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,  
Father Jack

**The Fifty-First Annual Memorial Day Mass at Resurrection Cemetery** will be held Monday, May 28th, at 10:00 AM. The Celebrant is the Most Reverend Charles Antonicelli. The cemetery is located at 8000 Woodyard Rd., Clinton, MD.

## Family Connection

It can be very important whom we sit next to. Any family that has tried to sit down to a family dinner or packed the car for a trip has heard children argue at least once about who should sit where. To sit next to someone, especially if that person is important, is to have a place of honor. Jesus has this place of honor seated at God's right hand, but there's more to this metaphor than where Jesus sits in relation to God. To be in the place of honor is also to be in a place of power. Knowing people in powerful places can be helpful. Our children remind us of this each time we are called upon to referee a conflict. Jesus, honored at God's right hand, is a powerful ally for us.

As you gather as a family, recall a time when there was a discussion, or perhaps even an argument, about where people were going to sit. Talk about why it might be important to a person to sit in a particular place. Observe that in today's Gospel we will learn about Jesus' place in heaven. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 16:15-20. Talk about what we might learn about the relationship between God and Jesus from today's Gospel and what we learn about Jesus' relationship to us. Observe that one of the things we learn is that Jesus continues to help us from this place of honor in heaven. Pray together the Apostles' Creed.

