

Seventh Day Within the Octave of the Nativity

Monday, December 31st

Saint Sylvester

Daily Mass 8:30AM: Marian Huber (D)

“Crossover” Mass 11:00 PM: People of the Parish (L)

Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, January 1st

Mass 8:30: Priest’s Intentions

Mass 10:30 AM: Priest’s Intentions

Masses for the Weekdays of Christmas Time

Wednesday, January 2nd

Saint Basil the Great and Saint Gregory Nazianzen

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Ladies of Charity (L)

Thursday, January 3rd

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Knights of Columbus (L)

Friday, January 4th

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Members of our Parish Ministries

Saturday, January 5th

Saint John Neumann

Mass 8:30: School Faculty & Staff (L)

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 5th

5:00 PM: People of the Parish (L)

7:00 PM: Angelica De Leon (D)

Sunday, January 6th

8:00 AM: Jim McDade (D)

9:30 AM: Jeannie Metcalf (D)

11:30 AM: Innocent Ihegbe (D)

6:00 PM: John Wright (L)

Readings:

Is 60: 1-6

Eph 3: 2-31

Matthew 2: 1-12

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

Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; John Cassidy; Rose Chisefsky;
Chunyere Duru; Helen Dzdulich; Barbara Falls; Ferris “Bo” George;
Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Helen Jacik; Janet
Kinard; John and Joan Kodak; Susan Lum; Nancy & John Matais;
Marion Prout; June Provini; Debbie Self; Mary Soh; Mae Young;
Dennis Zanin; Elda Zanin; Sister Giustina Zanin; Zaria Zanin; Rita and
Eugene Zehner; Bernard Zempolich

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

Happy New Year!

The Parish Office will be Closed

Monday, December 31st

and

Tuesday, January 1st

The office will re-open Wednesday, January
2nd at 8:00 AM

Stewardship Report

Due to the early publication of this bulletin,
the Stewardship Report for December 23rd and
Christmas will appear in next week’s bulletin.

We are grateful for your generosity.

Items of Note at St. Matthias

Mass Intentions: Remember a loved one’s birth-
day, anniversary or special occasion by having a
Mass offered for him or her. Please stop by the par-
ish office or call 301-459-4814 to request a Mass
intention. Suggested offering is \$10.

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 Sun-
days of the month.

Offertory Envelopes for 2019: If you are a regis-
tered parishioner who currently uses weekly offer-
tory envelopes, please note that your 2019 January
& February envelopes were mailed last week.

Check your mail carefully! Envelopes will be
mailed bi-monthly. Please notify the parish office
of your new address if you have moved recently, or
if you would like to receive contribution envelopes.



*New Year's Mass Schedule
Saint Matthias Church*

Monday, December 31, 2018

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

"Crossover" Mass at 11:00 PM

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God

(A Holy Day of Obligation)

Daily Mass at 8:30 AM

Mass at 10:30 AM (Bilingual)

**Reminder: Monday Adoration, Confessions, and
Benediction will resume on January 7th.**



Family Connection

Today's Gospel describes a time of anxiety in the life of Jesus' family. We can imagine their panic and worry as they discovered that Jesus was not with the caravan returning to Nazareth. The Holy Family journeyed with family members and friends because traveling alone was dangerous. When they found Jesus at the Temple, Jesus spoke like a typical adolescent, unsympathetic to his parents' concern. Yet his words teach an important lesson about reducing anxiety in our family life. In essence, Jesus says, "If you had remembered who I am, you would have known where to find me." In their panic, Mary and Joseph had forgotten what had been told to them before Jesus' birth, that their son was the Son of God. Knowing a person well helps reduce our anxieties for them because we can better predict how they will behave, and we know their capacity to handle the challenges life might present to them.

As you gather as a family, have fun playing the game "How well do you know me?" Take turns trying to stump one another by asking family members questions about yourself, such as "What is my favorite memory of a family vacation?" "Given a choice, what dinner menu would I pick?" "If I could travel anywhere in the world, where would I go?" One member of the family might prepare and read the questions aloud as each person writes down the answers. Family members then take turns guessing the answers, playing this game as a quiz show. Observe that one thing about families is that we learn to know each other well.



Faith Formation

Faith Formation Classes will resume Monday, January 7th, at 6:30 PM.

Knights of Columbus

High School Scholarships: Each year the MD State Council of the K of C awards scholarships to Catholic high school students. For information and application forms, go to www.kofc-md.org. All applications must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than February 1, 2019.



The Academy of Saint Matthias

School is Closed through Tuesday, January 1st, for the Christmas Holiday. Classes will resume Wednesday, January 2nd.

School Raffle Fundraiser: Please support our school by purchasing raffle tickets for \$ 20 each. The weekly drawing begins January 2nd and ends August 26, 2019. Each winner receives \$ 500 and the seller receives \$ 50. Tickets may be purchased in the school office, the parish office, and after the weekend Masses.



Around the Archdiocese

Men's Discernment Retreat: St. John Paul II Seminary invites men in their 20's – 40's who are interested in learning more about the priesthood to attend a discernment retreat led by priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. The retreat will be held the weekend of February 1 – 3, 2019, at Saint John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. The weekend will be an opportunity to pray and reflect on God's call, meet priests and seminarians, hear their stories, and learn more about the seminary and priesthood. Registration is now open at www.DCPriest.org. For more information, contact the Office of Priest Vocations 202-636-9020 vocations@adw.org.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for January 5/6

5:00 PM	Fr. Fr. Khumbah
7:00 PM	Fr. Jacek
8:00 AM	Fr. Jack
9:30 AM	Fr. Khumbah
11:30 AM	Fr. Jack
6:00 PM	Fr. Jack