

Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 4th

Daily Mass 8:30AM: John Kennealy, IV (D)

Tuesday, February 5th

Saint Agatha

Mass 8:30: Rev. Henry Januszkiewicz (D)

Wednesday, February 6th

Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Claire Morris (D)

Thursday, February 7th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Giuseppe Torchia (D)

Friday, February 8th

Saint Jerome Emiliani & Saint Josephine Bakhita

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Nneka Christiana Emeagwali (D)

Saturday, February 9th

8:30 AM: Naomi Erika J. Naik (L)

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 9th

5:00 PM: Carmen Kosko (L)

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

Sunday, February 10th

8:00 AM: Ann Florimbio (L)

9:30 AM: Adamma Ugoh (D)

11:30 AM: Veronica Ike (L)

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

Readings:

Is 6: 1-2a, 3-8

1 Cor 15: 1-11

Luke 5: 1-11

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

Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Kevin Butler; John Cassidy; Rose Chisefsky; Chunyere Duru; Helen Dzdich; Ferris "Bo" George; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Helen Jacik; Janet Kinard; John and Joan Kodak; Susan Lum; Nancy & John Matais; June Provini; Debbie Self; Mary Soh; Mae Young; Dennis Zanin; Elda Zanin; 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

January 27

Offertory 8,847

Faith Direct 3,811

Total 12,658

Last Year 11,180

We are grateful for your generosity.

Items of Note at St. Matthias

Mass Intentions: Remember a loved one's birthday, anniversary, or special occasion by having a Mass offered for him or her. Please stop by the parish 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 Sundays of the month.

Volunteers Are Needed at the receptionist's desk in the parish office. Most volunteers work a 4 hour shift once or twice per month. Please contact Thad Ereme at 301-458-4814 x 207 for details.

Youth Ministry: Our next meeting for students in grades 9-12 will be held next Sunday, February 10th, from 12:00 -2:30 PM, in the Hughes Center. Lunch is provided.

Parish Social Life Committee News

On behalf of Father Jack, the Parish Social Life Committee will host the Annual Volunteer Luncheon on Sunday, March 10th, from 2:00-4:00 PM in Friendship Hall. If you are an active member of a parish organization or ministry that provides services to the church or community, please submit the RSVP form no later than Sunday, February 17th. Forms are available in the parish office, church vestibule, or on the parish website at www.stmatthias.org.

Faith Formation

Adult Bible Study: St. Matthias is offering an adult Bible Study on St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians on Tuesday mornings beginning at 9:15 AM in the Hughes Center. Please joins us and bring a friend!

Family Connection

Jesus' statement that no prophet is accepted in his home town reminds us that it is often difficult to hear a challenging message from those who know us best, even if it is true. Perhaps we remember and even regret this aspect of our childhood and adolescence. We may have overlooked the wisdom and guidance of our parents, while allowing the voices of others—teachers, friends, and counselors—to carry more weight, even when these people were telling us the same thing. Perhaps this developmental stage is unavoidable. Perhaps as we have matured, we have come to a new appreciation for our parents and others whose perspective and experience we once rejected. Today's Gospel provides an opportunity to talk about and to learn from such experiences.

As you gather as a family, consider proverbs or other wise sayings that are familiar to your family ("Blood is thicker than water;" "All that glitters is not gold."). Consider what these proverbs mean and whether you believe them to be true. Why or why not? Jesus challenges the people of Nazareth by reminding them of old sayings that seem to have a lot of truth in them. Let's listen to this Gospel and consider what these proverbs mean. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 4:21-30. Ask: **What were the proverbs that Jesus quoted?** (Physician, cure yourself; No prophet is accepted in his native place.) Consider the meaning of these proverbs and look for examples from your own family life that show their truth. Consider how your family might accept one another's wisdom and guidance and not reject the prophets in your midst. Conclude by praying together the [Prayer to the Holy Spirit](#).

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord,
by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit
help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A decorative graphic featuring the text "BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT" in a stylized, colorful font. The words "BE" and "FILLED" are in a smaller, decorative font, while "WITH THE" is in a simple font, and "HOLY SPIRIT" is in a large, bold, yellow font with a green outline. The text is surrounded by ornate, swirling flourishes.

Around the Archdiocese

Give the Gift of Service: Catholic Charities encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC, and Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer.

Respect Life Training: Are you called to promote the sanctity of human life? Please attend the Respect Life Training Seminar sponsored by the *40 Days for Life* local chapter. The seminar will be held on Saturday, February 23rd, from 10:00 AM—3:00 PM at St. Hugh Church (Grenoble Hall), 135 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. Register at <https://www.justRSVP.me/40daysclass>. A donation of \$ 10 is requested at the door. Lunch and refreshments are included. For more information, contact Tom at 240-593-6982.

The Archdiocese of Washington Secretariat for Pastoral Ministry and Social Concerns presents *Engaging the Mission*, a process for reflection and to discern ways to revitalize parish life and evangelization. The workshop will be held Saturday, March 16th, from 8:30 AM -3:00 PM, at the Edward J. Pryzbyla Center on the campus of The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.



The Academy of Saint Matthias

Tuition Assistance for the 2019-2020 School

Year: Only families who will be new to the Academy of St. Matthias have until this coming **Monday, February 4, 2019**, to apply for Archdiocesan financial aid at www.Tads.com. **You must have a completed financial aid application on file to be considered for financial aid from any source.** Questions? Please contact the Director of Admissions, Mrs. Ann O'Hare, at 301-577-9412.

School Raffle Fundraiser: Congratulations to Melanie Barner, winner and seller (\$ 550), in the January 28th drawing.

The State-of-the-School Meeting is re-scheduled for Tuesday, February 12th, beginning at 6:30 PM in Friendship Hall. Last week's meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for February 9/10

5:00 PM	Msgr. Balbago
7:00 PM	Fr. Russo
8:00 AM	Fr. Fr. Jack
9:30 AM	Fr. Jack
11:30 AM	Fr. Canice
6:00 PM	Fr. Canice