Family Connection

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Old Palm Branches Needed

Parishioners are invited to return the dried palm branches that were blessed at the beginning of previous Holy Week celebrations on Palm/Sunday. The palm branches will be burned and reduced to ash for distribution of ashes here in our parish at Ash Wednesday Masses on February 10th. There will be a designated receptacle at the entryway to the church for you to deposit your palm branches.

Items of Note

Do you want Saint Matthias News? Visit our parish website at www.stmatthias.org. Also, sign up to receive MOBILE ALERTS. To receive text messages from us, text your name & “enroll” to: (301)-859-4752. Mobile Alerts will NOT be used for fundraising. Only important parish news will be texted.

Ash Wednesday: Masses are scheduled for 7:00 am, 12 noon and 7:30 pm on Wednesday, February 10th. Ashes will be distributed after each Mass.

Daily Mass on Saturday: Have you heard? There is now a daily Mass here at Saint Matthias on Saturdays at 8:30 am. Please attend!

The St. Matthias Library, located in the Hughes Center, will open Feb. 2nd. Parishioners are welcome to browse, sit and read, and check out books during regular office hours, Monday through Friday. Toni Webster will be available on Tuesdays to assist. Please enjoy the parish library!

Holy Water Bottles are available for purchase in the vestibule of the church and at the parish office. The cost is $3.00.

Mass Intentions

Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 1:
8:30 am Jack O’Leary
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration & Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Benediction

Tuesday, February 2: The Presentation of the Lord
8:30 am Jack O’Leary

Wednesday, February 3: Saint Blaise, Bishop
8:30 am Rev. Monsignor Richard W. Burton

Thursday, February 4:
8:30 am Rev. Mark W. Erwin

Friday, February 5: (First Friday) Saint Agatha
8:30 am Jude and Florence Nwoko (Living)

Saturday, February 6: Saint Paul Miki and Companions
8:30 am Intentions of the People of the Parish
5:00 pm Intentions of the People of the Parish

Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 7:
8:00 am Mary Anne DeMaio (Birthday - Living)
5:00 pm Giuseppe Torchia
6:00 pm Intentions of the People of the Parish

Readings for the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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

Margie Baker; Carly Bastianson; Muriel Brown; Ronnie Davis; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Joe Makowski; Rocco Martino; Dick O’Connor; Ester Oleru; Marion Prout; Marian Thomas; Madeline White, Eugene Zehner

-For our military, protect them from all harm.

-For all the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.

Names will be placed on our prayer list for 4 weeks. To place a name on the list, please contact Pat Ford at 301-459-4814 x 201 or email pford@stmatthias.org