Masses for the Third Week of Lent

**Monday, March 20th:** Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Rose Provenzano

**Tuesday, March 21st**
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Vincente Compas

**Wednesday, March 22nd**
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Alfredo V. Felix

**Thur., March 23rd:** Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Barbara Zanin (Living)

**Friday, March 24th:** Blessed Oscar Romero
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Pearl Aitcheson

**Stations of the Cross:** 7:30 PM

**Sat., March 25th:** The Annunciation of the Lord
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Francine Felix (Birthday)

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Saturday, March 25th**
Family Vigil Mass 5:00 PM: Anne Eneze (Living—Birthday)
Spanish Mass 7:00 PM: Intentions of Parishioners

Sunday, March 26th
8:00 AM: Dennis and Dorothy Oleru
10:30 AM: Inocent Ihegbe
6:00 PM: George Johnson

Readings: 1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel: John 9:1-41

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

Lisa Allison; Margie Baker; Helen Bates; Muriel Brown; Rose Chisefsky; Claudia Clayton; Al Craig; Darlene Crawford; Ronnie Davis; Mary Diamiano; Antoinette Diemer; Norma Florimbio; Paula Gambrill; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Zetitia Hudson; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Richard Kosko; Trudy Lewis; Linda Moore; Shirley Singleton; Mary Soh; Kay Villemi; Mae Young; Barbara Zanin; Sister Giustina Zanin; Zaria Zanin; Eugene Zehner

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

For our military, protect them from all harm.

For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.

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Stewardship Report

March 12, 2017 9,944.00
Faith Direct 2,687.00
Total Offertory 12,631.00
Last Year 12,031.00

Your generous support of Father Noel’s ministry in South Sudan resulted in a total of $3,847. Father Noel is most grateful for your assistance.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish

Items of Note at St. Matthias

**Lenten Food Drive:** Grocery bags will be distributed after this weekend’s Masses to encourage you to participate in this year’s Lenten Food Drive. Please bring your filled bags to church next weekend, March 25/26. Your donations will re-stock our St. Matthias Food Pantry which serves the area’s needy. Thank you for your support.

Honor the Memory of Your Loved Ones with a Perpetual Memorial Candle. For an affordable monthly fee, reserve a candle by contacting Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207.

Hosting An Event? Friendship Hall is available for rent. Please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or tereme@stmatthias.org.

Around the Archdiocese

**Job Opportunities in the Archdiocese of Washington:** Visit http://adw.org.employment-opportunities/ for more information about employment in human resources, support staff, and other areas.

**Journey to Easter at the Franciscan Monastery:** On Wednesdays during Lent, at 7:30 PM, join the friars at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land (1400 Quincy St., NE, Washington, DC) for Journey to Easter — evening prayer and faith sharing that focuses on the Sunday Gospels. Free parking. For more information, call 202-526-6800 x374.
**Family Connection**

Lent is a season for repentance. It is a season during which we are called to reflect upon and to live deeply the promises of Baptism. The well and the conversation about water immediately recall for us the Sacrament of Baptism. As the Samaritan woman was converted and sent on a mission because of the conversation about water, we too are converted and sent by our Baptism to preach the good news of Jesus to others.

Take this opportunity to reflect upon the importance of Baptism with your family. If you have photos or other mementos of your family's Baptisms, bring them out and take some time to recall the day of Baptism and its importance to you and your family. Create a prayer table that includes these mementos and a bowl of holy water. After you have spent some time talking about Baptism, invite everyone to listen carefully and prayerfully to today's Gospel. Read John 4:5-42 together. Ask how Jesus' meeting with the woman at the well is like Baptism. (Jesus knows the woman's sin and forgives her. The woman comes to know Jesus as the Messiah. The woman invites others to meet Jesus.) Pray a prayer of blessing for each member of the family that God will help each one live the promises of his or her Baptism. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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**Do You Want to Fast this Lent?**

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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**Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday During Lent
7:30 PM
Following the Stations of the Cross, Father Albert Shuyaka will offer a brief Lenten Retreat.

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**Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, Altar Servers, and Greeters**

**March 25/26**

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**School tours** are offered every Monday from 8:30—10:30 AM. Please contact the school office at 301-577-9412 to schedule an appointment.

**Save the Date — Fish Fry:** On Friday, April 7th in Friendship Hall from 11:00 am — 7:00 pm the Academy’s 8th grade class will host a Fish Fry. Menu includes Fish Dinner with 2 sides for $8.00, and Fish Sandwich for $6.00. Dine In or Order to Go. Help support the 8th grade class of 2017!