



Mass Intentions for the Second Week of Easter

Monday, April 4th: The Annunciation of the Lord

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Lena Roberts
Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Confessions 7:00 to 8:00 PM
Benediction 8:00 PM

Tuesday, April 5th: Saint Vincent Ferrer

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Gertrude M'Carthy

Wednesday, April 6th

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Thursday, April 7th: Saint John Baptist de la Salle

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Michael & Brittany Paolino
(Living—Anniversary)

Friday, April 8th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Scott Paolino (Living—Birthday)

Saturday, April 9th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Kenneth Kodak

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 9th

Vigil 5:00 PM: Pepi Manlapaz (Living— Birthday)
Spanish Mass 7:00 PM: Intentions of Parishioners

Sunday, April 10th

8:00 AM: Greg George (Living—Birthday)
10:30 AM: Elizabeth Ajengangnyi Fondu
6:00 PM: Dorothy Oleru

Readings for Third Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5: 27-32, 40b-41
2nd Reading: Revelation 5: 11-14
Gospel: John 21: 1-19

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

Margie Baker; Muriel Brown; Ronnie Davis; Eugene Digs; William Halbe; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Joe Makowski; Dick O'Connor; Celestine Scindian; Phyllis Sczuka; Marian Thomas; Kay Villemi; Crystal VanBuren; Madeline White; Joseph Young; Sister Giustina Zanin; Eugene Zehner; Mick 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

Stewardship Report: Revenue

March 27 th	9,574.00
Faith Direct	2,832.00
Total Offertory	12,406.00
Last Year:	10,138.00
Easter Collection (to date)	14,982.00
Easter Collection (2015)	18,844.00

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We are grateful for your generosity

Looking Ahead

Commissioning of New Altar Servers will take place at next Sunday's 10:30 am Mass, April 10th.

Healing Mass: Saint Matthias will hold healing prayers after the 6:00 pm Mass on Sunday, April 17th. Come to Mass and stay for the healing prayers. Confessions will be offered at the same time. All are welcome.

The St. Matthias Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Sunday in the Church after the 10:30 am Mass. All are welcome.

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

The Parish Library is usually open when the Hughes Center is open. Please call ahead, 301-459-4814, to make sure the room is not reserved for other activities.

School News

The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle: Spread the good news and encourage your friends and neighbors to consider enrolling their children for the 2016-2017 school year. For more information, contact Vivian Richards, Dir. of Admissions and Development, at 301-577-9412 x 215, or vrichards@stmatthias.org.

School Raffle: Congratulations to Patricia McQuillan, winner of \$300, and Shannon Norris, seller (\$50), in the March 28th drawing.



Cars in the Fire Lane Will be Towed!

When attending Church services, please park in a designated parking space. The lane in front of the Church is a fire lane to be used by emergency vehicles only.



Family Connection

Our family life would no doubt be enhanced if we were able to transform Jesus' greeting into a central feature in our family's interactions. After his Resurrection, "Peace be with you" is the first thing that Jesus says to his disciples. This could be our daily family prayer for one another. In today's Gospel, we also hear that Jesus next breathed on his disciples and gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, each of us has received the gift of the Holy Spirit as well as the forgiveness of sins. Peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Our Baptism, then, invites us to share in the peace that Christ gave to his disciples and commissions us to share that peace of Christ by generously forgiving others as Jesus taught.

As you gather as a family, think about gifts that you might receive together such as a coloring book and crayons, a book and bookmark, or an electronic item and batteries. Observe that Jesus also paired two gifts together in today's Gospel. Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, John 20:19-31. Discuss the two gifts Jesus gave to his disciples: peace and the Holy Spirit. Ask: *What were the disciples to do with these gifts?* (They were sent as Jesus was sent by the Father to forgive sins.) Recall that we have each received Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit at our Baptism and that peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Observe that since we also have received these gifts from Christ, we are also sent to be people who forgive others as Jesus taught. Determine an action that your family can do to share peace and forgiveness with one another. Pray together the *Prayer to the Holy Spirit* or the *Peace Prayer of St. Francis*.

Items of Note

Live Differently! Love Boldly! Serve Others! Each month, Hope Corps members lead volunteers in short projects that make a big difference in a few hours: cleaning-up a shelter, packing breakfast bags for people who stay in shelters, helping load food packages, and more. Do one, do them all. Most are appropriate for families and high school students. Visit www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/volunteer for information and sign-up.



2016 Annual Jubilarian Mass: Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sunday, June 19th at 2:00 PM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office or use the sign-up forms in the back of church to register. **Names of Jubilarians need to be submitted to the parish office by Monday, April 11th.**

Year of Mercy Lecture Series at the National Shrine:

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will host a lecture series focusing on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The next event is April 19th at 5:15 pm. For information, visit www.nationalshrine.com/mercy. The Basilica is located at 400 Michigan Ave., NE, Washington, D.C. Please call 202-526-8300 with any questions. All are welcome!

2016 Catholic High School Fair : The Archdiocese of Washington will host a Catholic High School Fair on Saturday, April 30th from 11:00 am—2:00 pm at the College Park Marriott Hotel (3501 University Blvd., Hyattsville) Registration is free. For more information and to reserve a space, email Wendi Williams at wwilliams@adv.org with the student's name, current school, and current grade level.

Catholic Business Network of Prince George's County invites you to a networking breakfast that will be held on Friday, April 15th from 7:30 — 9:00 am. This meeting will be held at the Catholic Student Center at the University of Maryland, 4141 Guilford Dr., College Park. The Cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for guests. For more information, visit our website www.cbnpg.org.

Calling All Teens!

- The Saint Matthias Teen Youth Group will meet next Sunday, April 10th from 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. in the Hughes Center. Lunch will served. All parish teens grades 9-12 are welcome!
- The parish would like to recognize all parish seniors graduating high school in 2016. Parents are asked to email lemarie.thompson@gmail.com with your child's name, high school, and future endeavor (e.g. college/university/technical school, armed services and/or next life step) for a special recognition. For more information, contact Le-Marie Thompson at 301-452-2258 or Arlene Taylor at 301-459 -5549.



Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, & Altar Servers April 9 & 10

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
5:00 pm	TBD	TBD	A. Boafu, S. Zetterstrom, A. Akem
7:00 pm	TBD	TBD	TBD
8:00 am	TBD	TBD	L. Kalshoven, J. Kalshoven, J. Kalshoven
10:30 am	TBD	TBD	G. Marshall, B. Ogunlade, S. Cherisca
6:00 pm	TBD	TBD	C. Johnson, J. Ntitebem

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of April 9/10



5:00 pm	Monsignor Balbago
7:00 pm	Father Ron Beauchemin
8:00 am	Father Canice
10:30 am	Father Milt
6:00 pm	Father Canice