

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, April 10th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Martin Nzeffili
Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Confessions 7:00 to 8:00 PM
Benediction 8:00 PM

Tuesday, April 11th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Joe Makowski

Wednesday, April 12th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Onyelo Osisiogu (Birthday)
Living Stations 10:30 AM

HOLY THURSDAY, April 13th

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 PM
Adoration following the Mass

GOOD FRIDAY, April 14th:

Confessions 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Noon)
Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM (Noon)
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
With Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion
7:30 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, April 15th

Confessions 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Noon)
Blessing of Easter Food and Baskets 12:00 PM (Noon)
Easter Vigil 8:30 PM (Bilingual)

EASTER SUNDAY, April 16th

8:00 AM: Priest Intentions
9:30 AM: Priest Intentions
11:00 PM: Priest Intentions
1:00 PM—Spanish Mass: Priest Intentions

Please note the time changes for Masses. There will be NO 6:00 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.

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

Lisa Allison; Helen Bates; Muriel Brown; Rose Chisefsky; Claudia Clayton; Al Craig; Darlene Crawford; Ronnie Davis; Mary Diamiano; Antoinette Diemer; Norma Florimbio; Paula Gambrell; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Zetitia Hudson; Eugenia Ikpi; 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

For our military, protect them from all harm.

For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.

Stewardship Report

April 2, 2017	12,408.00
Faith Direct	2,687.00
Total Offertory	15,095.00
Last Year	15,226.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Items of Note at St. Matthias

Teen Youth Ministry April Meeting: All teens of the parish are welcome to attend our meeting this Sunday, April 9th from 12:00 to 2:30 PM in the Hughes Center. We will explore the *Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy* through words and deeds. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Community Cafe: Volunteers are needed for the next meal preparation at the Community Café in Hyattsville on Wednesday, April 19th. Contact Debbie Self at yourselves@aol.com.

Parish Social Life Committee News

The PSLC will distribute Easter goodie bags to young children who attend Mass on Easter Sunday.

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

2017 Archdiocese of Washington Women's Conference - Occasions of Grace, Encountering God's Grace in Day to Day Life will be held on Saturday, May 20th from 8:30 AM—4:00 PM at Catholic University of America—Pryzbyla Center (620 Michigan Ave. NE, Washington, DC). The registration fee is \$40. For more information visit www.adw.org/womensconference or contact Debbie McDonald 301-853-4466 mcdonald@adw.org.

Enjoy Baseball While Supporting Our Priests! - The DC Padres are a unique baseball team consisting entirely of Catholic priests and seminarians. This spring, the DC Padres will play DeMatha Catholic High School on Sunday, April 30th at the Baysox Stadium in Bowie, MD. The games will start immediately following the 2:05 PM Baysox game. Tickets are \$8 per person which includes admission to preceding Baysox game. Proceeds will go to the Saint John Paul II Seminary. For more information call Mary at 240-565-1680 or visit www.dcpadres.com.

Emergency Care: An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is located in the school hall at the entrance to the library. Use the side door from the church to the school to access the AED.

Family Connection



Palm, or Passion, Sunday begins the most sacred week of the Church year—Holy Week. During these days, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerful reflection upon the events of Jesus' Passion and death. You might

display a crucifix in a prominent place this week, as reminder of the salvation Christ won for us. The crucifix can also be the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week.

Because of the length and complexity of the Passion narrative, young children have difficulty remaining attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can choose to read a portion of this Sunday's Gospel each day of Holy Week, providing ample opportunity for children to ask questions and respond to the events described there. In this way, the entire week can become a "way of the cross."

Each day during Holy Week, the family can gather in a prayerful space with a crucifix as the focal point. The Passion as found in Matthew's Gospel might be read as follows throughout the week:

Sunday:

Matthew 21:1-11 (Gospel at the Procession with Palms)

Monday:

Matthew 26:14-25

Tuesday:

Matthew 26:26-35

Wednesday:

Matthew 26:36-56

Thursday:

Matthew 26:57-27:14

Friday:

Matthew 27:15-54

After reading from the Gospel each night, the family might reflect on the reading together. Conclude your prayer time together by praying the Lord's Prayer and/or singing an appropriate hymn, such as "Jesus, Jesus," "Were You There?" or "What Wondrous Love Is This."

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HUGHES CENTER & SCHOOL HOURS FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

- The Hughes Center will be closed Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Monday (April 13-17). The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 18th at 8:00 AM.
- School closes at noon on Wednesday, April 12th and reopens on Monday April 24th at 8:00 AM.



The Academy of Saint Matthias



There will be a **Primary Level Open House Information Night** on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, from 6:30-7:30 PM. Meet our teachers for Grades Pre-K (4 years old by Sept. 1, 2017) through Grade 2. Learn about

our faith-filled curriculum, programs, and facilities. **Please note that if you are applying for the 2017-2018 school year, the deadline for the Pastor's Award for Financial Aid is April 12, 2017.** To schedule a tour prior to the Information Night or for more information, please call the school (301-577-9412). Tours are offered every Monday from 8:30 - 10 AM, or by appointment.

Camp Saint Charles Raffle: The Academy will be selling chances to win two weeks at Camp Saint Charles. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$5 per ticket. Contact Marsha Blackburn at 301-577-9412 x 212 to get your tickets. For more information about Camp Saint Charles visit www.Campstcharles.org.



Raffle Winner: Congratulations to Kelly Taylor, winner and seller (\$ 350) in the April 3rd drawing.

A parishioner who is relocating has home furnishings to give away. Please call 301-464-5864 for more information.

Attention Lectors, EMCH, Altar Servers, and Greeters: Please consult the bulletin board in the Church vestibule (or your email) for upcoming assignments.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of April 15/16



8:30 pm	Fathers Milt & Joseph
8:00 am	Father Canice
9:30 am	Father Milt
11:00 am	Father Canice
1:00 pm	Father John Ford