Masses for the Third Week of Easter

**Monday, May 1st**: Saint Joseph the Worker  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Helen Bates

**Tuesday, May 2nd**: Saint Athanasius  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Jude Nwoko (Living)

**Wednesday, May 3rd**: Saints Philip and James  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Joseph Opalski

**Thursday, May 4th**  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Daniel McGattigan

**Friday, May 5th**  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Gordon Clark and George Kosko

**Saturday, May 6th**  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Guadie M. Montesa (Living)

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Saturday, May 6th**  
5:00 PM: Rosalinda Shifflett  
7:00 PM: People of the Parish

**Sunday, May 7th**  
8:00 AM: Kaitlyn DeMaio (Living—Birthday)  
10:30 AM: Benedict Udejiofor  
6:00 PM: Adamma Ugoh

Readings:  
1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22, 23  
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21  
Gospel: John 10:1-10

Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends:  
Lisa Allison; Elaine and Melvin Brooks; Muriel Brown; Claudia Clayton; Al Craig; Darlene Crawford; Nina Curtis; Ronnie Davis; Mary Diamiano; Norma Florimbio; Paula Gambrill; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Bonnie Hess; Eugenia Ikpi; Kay Kaderabek; Marjorie Keys; John and Joan Kodak; Richard Kosko; Trudy Lewis; Linda Moore; Shirley Singleton; Mary Soh; Beulah Stewart; 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, especially Pablo Alano, 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

| April 23, 2017 | 8,451.00 |
| Faith Direct | 2,428.00 |
| **Total Offertory** | **10,879.00** |
| Last Year | 11,162.00 |

**Easter Collection, 2017**  
$14,821.00

**Easter Collection, 2016**  
$16,739.00

**Easter Collection, 2015**  
$19,109.00

*Thank you for your continued support of our parish.*

### Items of Note at St. Matthias

- **Bible Study** class will resume Tuesday, May 2nd at 9:15 AM in the Hughes Center. Please join us.

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

- **Remember your loved ones** with a memorial candle that is lit for one year. Please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 for pricing and information.

- **Volunteer Opportunity:**  
  We are looking for an adult to assist with weekly floor buffing in the church. Please contact Thad Ereme for more information. He may be reached at 301-459-4814 x 207 or tereme@stmatthias.org.

### Around the Archdiocese

**Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
- May 13, 2017: Sacred Heart, Bowie 10:00 AM–1:00 PM  
- June 3, 2017: Nativity Catholic Church 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

**Workshop for Lectors**  
- May 6, 2017: Mount Calvary Church 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

A $5.00 registration fee can be paid at the door. RSVP by emailing liturgy@adw.org. Questions? Please call the Worship Office at 301-853-4594.

**Human Trafficking Information Session:**  
Maryland’s Catholic bishops are urging all to attend a free regional informational session called “Proclaiming Liberty to Captives.” Sessions will be held in both English and Spanish at Saint Camillus Parish, Silver Spring, on May 21st (Spanish) and May 24th (English.) Visit www.mdcathcon.org/humantrafficking.

**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**

Families, as the domestic church, have the opportunity to make the family meal a time of prayerful encounter with one another and with Jesus. At a family meal we share our experiences of the day and connect them with the experiences of others in the family. We can also enjoy the meal as an opportunity to reflect upon our family life in light of Scripture. At their best, our family meals can connect us to Jesus, too.

Choose a family meal this week to share one another’s experiences of the week in a special way. Perhaps invite family members to plan and prepare the meal together. Begin the meal by reading today’s Gospel, Luke 24:13-35. As you eat, talk together about how the disciples discussed their experiences in Jerusalem and how they came to understand them differently when Jesus interpreted those events in the light of Scripture. Then invite each family member to share the things that are going on in his or her life. Consider what Jesus might say to each person if he were sitting at your dinner table. Conclude with a special prayer after your dinner. Pray a prayer of blessing for each family member, asking that Jesus continue to be present in each person’s life, helping each one to be a better follower of Jesus. Conclude with a Sign of Peace.

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**Mother’s Day Novena**

What is a novena? “Nine days of public or private prayer for some special occasion or intention.” Its origin goes back to the nine days that the disciples and Mary spent together in prayer between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday. Our novena will focus on asking God to bless our living mothers with good health, peace, and blessings throughout the coming months and to grant eternal rest to our deceased mothers.

The novena of Masses for our mothers will be held beginning with the Vigil Mass on May 14th through May 21st with a Mass offered each day for the intentions received.

You may pick up your Mother’s Day Novena Cards and remembrance envelopes at the parish office during regular business hours. Cards will also be available after Masses this weekend and next weekend. A $5.00 offering is suggested for each name submitted to the novena.

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**The Academy of Saint Matthias**

**STEAM Summer Camp:** The Academy is offering a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) summer camp from June 13th through June 16th from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM for incoming K-8th graders. The cost for this four day camp is $160. Academy students and parish children are eligible to enroll. For more information and to register, contact the school office 301-577-9412.

**Raffle Winners:** Congratulations to our winners and sellers!

April 17th Drawing: Ray Marrow, winner of $300, and the Freeman Family, seller ($50)

April 24th Drawing: Cynthia Obidike, winner and seller, $350.

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**Ministry Schedule For May 6/7**

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**Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of May 6/7**

5:00 pm Father Milt
7:00 pm Father Ford
8:00 am Father Canice
10:30 am Father Milt
6:00 pm Father Albert