

# LENT ✠ 2016

## LENTEN WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday through Saturday at 8:30 AM

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 7:30 PM

## CONFESSIONS

Mondays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM  
Good Friday 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Holy Saturday 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## EASTER DUTY

The Easter Duty is more properly called the Paschal Precept. This states that all the faithful, after they have been initiated in to the Eucharist, are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday. Those in serious sin are also bound to go to confession at least once a year, preferably during this time (Canons 920 and 989).

## Family Connection



“Hey, that's not fair!” How many times have we heard this spoken in our family? Family members challenge one another's generosity, operating from the perspective of limited resources. If we have given to one, perhaps there won't be enough for the other. Jesus wants us to understand that this is not how it is with God's mercy and forgiveness. God offers his love to all of us in abundance. The forgiveness of the father in the

parable is an image of God's love for us, generous beyond measure in his love for both of his sons. Can we truly believe that God acts this way toward us and accept his mercy without jealousy, knowing that God's love for another does not diminish his love for us?

As you gather as a family, talk about the words and phrases you speak to one another when angry. Identify words or phrases that reflect jealousy toward one another. Talk about why we sometimes feel jealous. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 15:1-3,11-32. Talk about why the older brother is jealous of the younger brother. Identify words that the family members in the parable might say to one another to begin to heal their broken relationships. Make a family commitment to say these types of words and phrases to one another with greater frequency. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

-Taken from [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)

## Stewardship Report: Revenue

February 28 <sup>th</sup>	9,663.00
Faith Direct	2,440.00
Total Offertory	12,103.00
<b>Last Year:</b>	<b>8,644.00</b>

## Looking Ahead

### The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle

Please 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](mailto:vrichards@stmatthias.org).

### Academy Fundraisers:

- Join us on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> for a Saint Patty's themed Dinner & Auction! The event includes a silent auction and dinner, wine, beer, raffle, and will be held at DeMatha High School, 4313 Madison St., Hyattsville, MD. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Please contact Vivian Richards at 301-577-9412 x 215 for more information.



**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Man on a Mission - Men of Mercy:** On March 19<sup>th</sup> Father Joseph Rogers and Father Patrick Kilner will lead a conference for men on what it means to live lives deeply committed to Christ. The conference will be held at Saint John Paul II National Shrine, 3900 Harewood Rd., NE, Washington, DC, from 7:30 am—3:00 pm. The cost of the conference is \$20 and includes lunch and snacks. For more information please visit <http://adv.org/event/man-on-a-mission-2016/>

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

**Driver Needed** to provide transportation to a parishioner who lives in Lanham to attend a weekend Mass. If you can assist, please contact the parish office.

**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](mailto:tereme@stmatthias.org).

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### 2016 Lenten Retreat

Saint Matthias will hold a three day Lenten evening retreat this coming week. This retreat aims to provide you with an opportunity for contemplation and spiritual renewal. All adults are encouraged to attend the retreat which will be held in the Church.

**Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm**

**Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm**

**Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm**

### Items of Note

**Get Saint Matthias News:** Visit our parish website at [www.stmatthias.org](http://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.



**Calling All Teens!** The Saint Matthias Teen Youth Group will hold its next meeting on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. in the Hughes Center. Lunch & refreshments will be provided. Parish teens in grades 9 through 12 are welcome. For more information, contact Le-Marie Thompson at 301-452-2258 or Arlene Taylor at 301-459 - 5549.

**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 Raffle:** Congratulations to Arrojah Boafo, winner and seller (\$350) in the February 29<sup>th</sup> drawing!

### Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, & Altar Servers March 11, 12 & 13

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
7:30 pm Fri. (Stations)			D. Osuji, N. Agha, N. Onyima
5:00 pm	P. Stevenson	F. Adckoya, R. Galicinao, Z. Jaunitez, P. Stevenson	B. Ogunlade, A. Ogunlade, S. Zetterstrom
7:00 pm	M. Perez	TBA	TBA
8:00 am	TBD	M. Adams, D. Aitcheson, P. Buan, M. Grayson	S. DeMaio, D. DeMaio
10:30 am	TBD	B. Chappell, P. Chappell, E. Curran, L. Egbulem, R. Okereke	H. Ntitebem, R. Birun, D. Okereke
6:00 pm	TBD	C. Sykes, S. Wilson	S. Sykes, J. Onuoha

### Mass Intentions Fourth Week of Lent

**Monday, March 7: Saints Perpetua and Felicity**

8:30 am Elizabeth Miller  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration & Blessed Sacrament  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions  
8:00 pm Benediction

**Tuesday, March 8: Saint John of God**

8:30 am Don Gritz (Living - Birthday)

**Wednesday, March 9: Saint Frances of Rome**

8:30 am Rev. Msgr. Richard W. Burton

**Thursday, March 10:**

8:30 am Amanyiewe Family (Intentions)

**Friday, March 11:**

8:30 am Maria Torchia

**Saturday, March 12:**

8:30 am Michael Ezeani (Living - Birthday)  
5:00 pm Olin Dovel Jr.  
7:00 pm Intentions of Parishioners

### Fifth Week of Lent

**Sunday, March 13:**

8:00 am Pastora Vargas  
10:30 pm Samuel Jones  
6:00 pm David J. Funsch

Readings for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

1st Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

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

Margie Baker; Muriel Brown; Ronnie Davis; William Halbe; Jack Jordan; Bong Juanitez; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Joe Makowski; Dick O'Connor; Franca Onunkwo; Phyllis Sczuka; Marian Thomas; Madeline White, Joseph Young; 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](mailto:pford@stmatthias.org)

### Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of March 12/13



5:00 pm Msgr. Balbago  
7:00 pm Father Ford  
8:00 am Father Canice  
10:30 am Father Milt  
6:00 pm Father Canice