

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

Monday, January 1st

Mass 8:30AM: **Ruperta Borja**
Bilingual Mass 10:00 AM: **Pedro Nagales**

Christmas Weekdays

Tuesday, January 2nd

Saints Basil and Gregory
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Macauley Nzefili**

Wednesday, January 3rd

The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Richard Middleton**

Thursday, January 4th

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Key Kaderabek**

Friday, January 5th

Saint John Neumann
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Ruperta Borja**

Saturday, January 6th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Pedro Nagales**

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 6th

5:00 PM: **Richard Kosko**
7:00 PM: **Intentions of Parishioners**

Sunday, January 7th

8:00 AM: **Richard Kosko**
9:30 AM: **Njomani J.P. Boyoung** (Living)
11:30 AM: **Florence & Jude Nwoko** (Living)
6:00 PM: **Mary Soh** (Living-Birthday)

Readings:

Is 60:1-6
2nd Reading: Eph: 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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

Elaine and Melvin Brooks; Muriel Brown; Al Craig; Ronnie Davis; Norma Florimbio; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; John and Joan Kodak; Abanda William Ndinu; Lucy Nguyen; L. Oyelese; Kay Villemi; Mae Young; 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

December 17, 2017

Offertory	9,024.
Faith Direct	3,758.
Total Offertory	12,782.
Last Year	11,524.

Due to the early publication of this bulletin, the Stewardship Report for December 24th will appear in next week's bulletin.

We Are Grateful For Your Generosity

Items of Note at St. Matthias

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

During this holiday season, reserve a Memorial Candle to honor your loved ones. For information, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or tereme@stmatthias.org.

The St. Matthias Prayer Group meets in the church every Sunday immediately after the 11:30 AM Mass. All are welcome.

The Saint Matthias Teen Youth Ministry will meet in the Hughes Center on Sunday, January 14th, from 12:00-2:30 PM. Teens in grades 9-12 are welcome to attend.

2018 Offertory

Envelopes: If you are a registered parishioner who currently uses offertory envelopes, you should have received your envelopes for January and February, 2018. Please contact Pat the office (301-459-4814 x 201 or pford@stmatthias.org) if you have not received your envelopes. Be sure to provide your current mailing address.



Our wishes to you for a happy and blessed new year !

Father Jack, Father Canice, and the Parish Staff

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Family Connection

Today's celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family highlights the importance of family in our religious life. We know that Mary and Joseph's faithfulness to God enabled them to cooperate in God's plan for our salvation by accepting the responsibility to raise God's Son, Jesus. From his parents, Jesus learned how to be a faithful believer in his Jewish tradition. Simeon's prophecy about Mary's sorrow alerts us to the importance of a family's commitment to one another, a commitment that is expressed in both good times and bad.

Gather as a family and recall times when your family showed its commitment to one another in good times and in bad. Recall times when your immediate family was supported by members of your extended family. Note that today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, and we see in the family of Jesus an example for our own family life. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 2:22-40. Joseph and Mary expressed their faithfulness to God through their observance of the Law of Moses. Simeon prophesied the grief that Mary would experience at the foot of Jesus' cross. One of the blessings of family life is our commitment to one another, sharing good times and supporting one another through difficult times. Conclude in prayer together thanking God for the grace expressed in your family's commitment to another. Write a prayer together, thanking God for your family life and asking God to strengthen your family's commitment to one another. Pray this prayer together.

A New Year's Prayer

Dear Lord, please give me...

A few friends who understand me and remain my friends

A work to do which has real value, without which the world would be poorer

A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed

An understanding heart

A sense of humor

Time for quiet, silent meditation

A feeling of the presence of God

The patience to wait for the coming of these things, with the wisdom to recognize them when they come

Amen



The Academy of Saint Matthias

Open House Dates:

Wednesday, Jan. 24th, 7:00—8:00 PM

Sunday, Jan. 28th, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM

Please stop by for a tour and enrollment information.

Applications for Financial Aid for 2018-19 are available at www.TADS.com. The filing deadline for new families whose children will attend school in the 2018-2019 school year is **February 4, 2018**. Please check the website for details.

School tours are offered every Monday from 8:30-10:00 AM. Please call the school office at 301-577-9412 to arrange a tour.

School Raffle Fundraiser
Please support our school by purchasing raffle tickets for \$10 each. The weekly drawing begins in January and ends in August. Each winner receives \$ 300 and the seller receives \$ 50. Tickets may be purchased in the school office or in the Hughes Center parish office.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of January 6/7

5:00 PM	Father Khumbah
7:00 PM	Father Jacek
8:00 AM	Father Jack
9:30 AM	Father Khumbah
11:30 AM	Father Jack
6:00 PM	Father Albert

Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 31, 2017

8:00 AM Mass

9:30 AM Mass

11:30 AM Mass

6:00 PM Mass

11:00 PM "Crossover" Mass

Monday, January 1, 2018
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

8:30 AM Daily Mass

10:00 AM Bilingual Mass

Adoration 6:00—8:00 PM