

## First Week of Lent

### Monday, February 19th

Mass 8:30AM: Bert Calaquian (Living)

### Tuesday, February 20th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Mary Cangey

### Wednesday, February 21st

*Saint Peter Damian*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Teodario Sarino

### Thursday, February 22nd

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Mary and Paul Gallo

### Friday, February 23rd

*Saint Polycarp*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: John P. Huber

### Saturday, February 24th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: People of the Parish

## Second Sunday of Lent

### Saturday, February 24th

*Saint Katharine Drexel*

5:00 PM: Cesareo de Dios

7:00 PM: People of the Parish

### Sunday, February 25th

8:00 AM: Intentions of Father Canice

9:30 AM: Knights of Columbus

11:30 AM: George Johnson

6:00 PM: Intentions of Father Jack

#### Readings:

Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rom 8: 31b-34

Gospel: Mark 9: 2-10

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

Elaine and Melvin Brooks; Muriel Brown; Yvette Butler; Al Craig; Robert Decolin; Nancy Femrite; Norma Florimbio; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Brenda Jackson; Velouse Jules; 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.*

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 at pford@stmatthias.org.

## Stewardship Report

### February 11

Offertory	8,410
Faith Direct	2,417
Total	10,827
Last Year	11,745

### *We Are Grateful for Your Generosity*

Next weekend's second collection is the Archdiocesan Collection for the Church in the Developing World

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

**Memorial Candle:** Honor the memory of your loved one with a memorial candle that will be lit for one year. For information, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or [tereme@stmatthias.org](mailto: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 Catholic Women's Association** will meet after the 11:30 AM Mass on the second and last Sundays of the month.

**Ministry Schedules** may be found on the parish website at [www.stmatthias.org](http://www.stmatthias.org).

**Don't Give Up Chocolate for Lent!** Do something life-changing. Sign up for FREE at [BestLentEver.com](http://BestLentEver.com).

### The Parish Office and School will be Closed

Monday, February 19th, in observance of Presidents' Day. The office and school will reopen Tuesday, February 20th, at 8:00 AM.



## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### Parish Social Life Committee News

Join us for a *Meet & Greet* this weekend after all Masses. Parishioners attending the 5:00 PM Mass are invited to meet in the church vestibule. Those attending all other Masses will meet in the Hughes Center. This is an opportunity to reconnect with friends and to welcome our new parishioners!



**Knights of Columbus Summer Camp:** Registration has begun for our eighteenth summer camp in College Park, MD. We offer swim lessons, arts and crafts, games, sports, and free swim at our extensive facility. Download the registration form at <http://kofccamp.blogspot.com>. Questions? Contact Anne Irwin at 240-393-2468.

**The Council of Catholic Women** is hosting a 9:00 AM Mass on Saturday, February 24th, followed by a presentation by Sandra Coles-Bell, Program Director of the Archdiocese's Office of Cultural Diversity and Awareness. Sandra will review the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter, *Challenge of Racism Today* and highlight what we can each do to help end racism. The event is open to all, and will be held at the Pastoral Center, 5001 Eastern Ave., Hyattsville, MD. The event is free but you need to register by contacting Ellen-Jane Pairo at 301-933-3546 or [CCW@gmail.com](mailto:CCW@gmail.com).



### The Academy of Saint Matthias

**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.

**The Application for Admissions** to The Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle School for the 2018-2019 school year is now available. Please go to [www.TADS.com](http://www.TADS.com) and click on *Application for Admission*. Current school families are encouraged to re-enroll by April 1, 2018. After April 1st, the enrollment fee will increase from \$ 200 to \$350. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Mrs. Ann O'Hare at 301-577-9412.

#### **School Raffle Winners**

Congratulations to Frederick Henry, winner of \$ 300 and to the seller, Paula Henry (\$50), in the February 12th drawing.

**Attention, All Former St. Matthias Students, Parents, Faculty & Staff:** An **All Classes Alumni Reunion** will be held May 19th, 2018. Go to Facebook's St. Matthias Reunion page to accept your invitation. There will be a planning meeting Tuesday, Feb. 20th, at 6:30 PM in the school library for anyone interested in helping with the reunion.

**8th Grade Fish Fry:** Friday, February 23rd, from 11:00 AM—7:00 PM in Friendship Hall. See the enclosed flyer for details and ordering information.

### Around the Archdiocese

**The 40 Days for Life** team invites you to attend a *Sanctity of Life Service* 12:00—1:00 PM Wednesday, February 21st, at 5915 Greenbelt Rd., College Park, MD. Reverend Thomas LaHood will lead us in prayer at the sidewalk in front of Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic. The Spring Campaign strives for continuous prayer from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily from February 14th-March 25th. Volunteers are needed to pray one hour at the sidewalk. To volunteer, contact Tom Trunk at 240-593-6982 or [40daysforlifeMD@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifeMD@gmail.com).

### Family Connection

The announcement that Jesus makes as he begins his preaching in today's Gospel is recalled on Ash Wednesday at the signing with ashes: "Repent and believe in the Gospel." This is our challenge for Lent; indeed, it is the challenge of our entire life. During Lent, we are invited to strengthen and to renew the promises that we made at our Baptism, to reject Satan and sin so as to live as children of God. Through the grace of God that we received at Baptism, we follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit and know that with Jesus' help, we will be victorious over sin.

As you gather as a family, talk about the importance of Baptism. At our Baptism, our sins were forgiven, and we promised to live as children of God. As part of the Rite of Baptism, we rejected sin and Satan. Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:12-15. During Lent, we renew the promises of our Baptism, turning again from sin and promising to follow God. Light a candle, perhaps a candle used at one of your family member's Baptisms, and pray together the [Act of Contrition](#).

#### Celebrant Mass Schedule for February 24/25

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