

Holy Week Schedule

Monday, March 26th

Daily Mass 8:30AM: Francine Conanan (L)
Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-8:00 PM
Confessions 7:00 PM
Benediction 8:00 PM

Tuesday, March 27th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Don Falls (D)

Wednesday, March 28th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Sylvester & Charity Ezeani (L)
Living Stations of the Cross 10:30 AM

Holy Thursday, March 29th

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

Good Friday, March 30th

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

Holy Saturday, March 31st

Blessing of Easter Food and Baskets 12:00 PM
Easter Vigil 8:00 PM
(No 5:00 PM or 7:00 PM Masses)

Easter Sunday, April 1st

Mass 8:00 AM Priest Intentions
Mass 9:30 AM Priest Intentions
Mass 11:30 AM Priest Intentions
Mass 1:30 PM (Spanish) Priest Intentions
(No 6:00 PM Mass)

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

Elaine and Melvin Brooks; Muriel Brown; Patricia Castellano;
Al Craig; Anne Dorsch; Nancy Femrite; Norma Florimbio;
Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Brenda
Jackson; John and Joan Kodak; Carole Anne New; Kay Villemi;
Mae Young; Sister Giustina Zanin; Sam Zanin; Zaria Zanin;
Eugene Zehner

For our military, protect them from all harm.

*For the faithful departed, especially Don Falls
and Evelyn Wells, may they rest in peace.*

Stewardship Report

March 18

Offertory	\$ 9,226.
Faith Direct	2,886.
Total	12,112.
Last Year	12,417.

Our next Archdiocesan Collection is Good Friday, March 30th, to support the Church in the Holy Land

We Are Grateful for Your Generosity

Marian Devotion is held the first Saturday of the month at 12:00 PM in the church. Please join us.

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



Please check your mail! Offertory envelopes for March and April were mailed in February to registered parishioners who use contribution envelopes. Please notify the office if you have not received your envelopes.

2018 Annual Jubilarian Mass: Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 40, 50, and 51+ years on Sunday, June 17, 2018 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 turned in to the parish office by Monday, April 16, 2018.

Volunteers are needed to staff the front office in the Hughes Center for 4 hour shifts once or twice a month. Please call Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 for more information.

Members of the African Community are reminded to pay their annual dues for the Mothers Day and Fathers Day celebrations. Emmanuel Amanyeiwe and Veronica Eke are collecting your contributions.

Parish Social Life Committee News

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Mass Intention: Remember someone special, living or deceased, by having a Mass celebrated in his/her memory or to acknowledge a birthday, anniversary or special event. Please stop by the parish office or call 301-459-4814 to reserve a Mass. A stipend of \$10 is requested.



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 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 Melanie Barner, winner and seller (\$ 350), in the March 19th 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 School Reunion page to accept your invitation.



Community Yard Sale at St. Matthias
April 21st, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM: If you would like to reserve space, please contact Chanel Wiseman at chanel1286@gmail.com.



Around the Archdiocese

Give the Gift of Service: Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information or to register to volunteer, visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer.

Camp St. Charles Open Houses are March 25th and April 8th, from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM. Attend our open house to learn more about our boys and girls Catholic overnight summer camp. For more information, go to www.campstcharles.org or call 301-934-8799.



Family Connection

Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week. During this week, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerfully reflecting on the events of Jesus' passion and death. During this week, your family might display a crucifix in a prominent place as reminder of the salvation that Christ won for us. This can also serve as the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week.

Because of the length and complexity of the passion narrative, it is difficult for children to remain attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can make it a tradition 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 its focal point. The passion as found in Mark's Gospel might be read as follows throughout the week: **Sunday:** Mark 11: 1-10; **Monday:** Mark 14: 1-11; **Tuesday:** Mark 14: 12-26; **Wednesday:** Mark 14: 27-52; **Thursday:** Mark 14: 53-72; **Friday:** Mark 15: 1-41; **Saturday:** Mark 15: 42-47

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 or by singing an appropriate hymn such as "Jesus, Jesus," "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" or "What Wondrous Love is This."

The Parish Office Will Be Closed

Holy Thursday	March 29th
Good Friday	March 30th
Easter Monday	April 2nd

The office will reopen Tuesday,
April 3rd, at 8:00 AM

Celebrant Mass Schedule for Easter Sunday, April 1st

8:00 AM	Father Canice
9:30 AM	Father Jack
11:30 AM	Father Canice
1:30PM	Father Ford