### Stewardship Report

**March 18**

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

We Are Grateful for Your Generosity

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### 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)*

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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.

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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