

The Third Week of Advent

Monday, December 17th

Daily Mass 8:30AM: Sandra Dugan (D)

Tuesday, December 18th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Rose Chisefsky (L)

Wednesday, December 19th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Msgr. Thomas Duffy (D)

Thursday, December 20th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Mary Nzefili (L)

Friday, December 21st

Saint Peter Canisius

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Ed Densmore (D)

Saturday, December 22nd

Mass 8:30: Basil Eze (L)

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 22nd

5:00 PM: Richard Kosko (D)
7:00 PM: People of the Parish (L)

Sunday, December 23rd

8:00 AM: Claude Cumberbatch (D)
9:30 AM: Sylvester Ezeani, Jr. (L)
11:30 AM: Adamma Ugoh (D)
6:00 PM: Bonnie Ellen Kennealy (D)

Readings:

Mi 5: 1-4a
Heb 10: 5-10
Luke 1: 39-45

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

Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; John Cassidy; Rose Chisefsky; Chunyere Duru; Helen Dziduch; Barbara Falls; Ferris "Bo" George; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Helen Jacik; Janet Kinard; John and Joan Kodak; Susan Lum; Marion Prout; June Provini; Mary Soh; Mae Young; Dennis Zanin; Elda Zanin; Sister Giustina Zanin; Zaria Zanin; Rita and Eugene Zehner; Bernard Zempolich

*For our military, protect them from all
harm.*

*For the faithful departed, may they rest in
peace.*

Stewardship Report

December 9

Offertory	\$ 12,345
Faith Direct	\$ 2,403
Total	\$ 14,748
Last Year	\$ 15,521

We are grateful for your generosity.

Items of Note at St. Matthias

Sound and Sight in Church: Become a member of the Music Ministry or the "Pro-projection" team at St. Matthias. These ministries are vital to everyone's participation at Mass. Training will be provided. An information and sign up sheet may be found in the church vestibule. For more information, please contact Regina Loffredo at 301-464-9193.

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 meets after the 11:30 AM Mass on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

Volunteers Are Needed to help at the receptionist's desk in the Hughes Center. Most volunteers work a 4-hour shift once or twice per month. Please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 for more information.

The Ladies of Charity thank you for your generous response to the Parish Giving Tree. The gifts you donated were taken to Catholic Charities, the Veterans Administration, Walter Reed Medical Center, and the Community Café Winter Bags program. Thank you for your help in making Christmas brighter for someone in need.



Offertory Envelopes for

2019: If you are a registered parishioner who currently uses weekly offertory envelopes, please note that your

2019 envelopes for January & February will be mailed to you later this month. **Check your mail carefully!** Envelopes will be mailed bi-monthly. Please notify the parish office of your new address if you have moved recently.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christmas Schedule Saint Matthias Church

Monday, December 17, 2018

Confessions 7:00-7:45 PM (Adoration 6:00-8:00 PM)

Saturday, December 22, 2018

Confessions 9:00-10:30 AM

Monday, December 24, 2018

Daily Mass at 8:30 AM

Christmas Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM

**Christmas Vigil Mass at 10:00 PM
(Christmas Carols begin at 9:30 PM)**

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Christmas Day

Masses: 8:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM (Spanish)

Monday, December 31, 2018

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

“Crossover” Mass at 11:00 PM

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

**Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God
(A Holy Day of Obligation)**

Daily Mass at 8:30 AM

Mass at 10:30 AM (Bilingual)

Family Connection

The theme of the season of Advent is sometimes described as a period of waiting for the birth of Jesus. However, today's Gospel reading suggests something different. John the Baptist did not tell the crowds to wait for the Messiah. He told them to prepare for the Messiah through acts of repentance. If Advent is a time of waiting, it is not the sitting in the doctor's office kind of waiting. It is a busy time of preparation, more like the waiting we might do when preparing for dinner guests. Our challenge is to not make this season a frenzied time, but rather a time of joyful anticipation and making ready for God who comes to dwell among us and changes our lives with the gift of salvation.

As you gather as a family, talk about the preparations your family is making during the season of Advent. Reflect together on these activities, not only on what you are doing but why you are choosing to do these things. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 3:10-18. Consider how Advent is a time for making ourselves ready to receive Jesus in our lives. Could your family make some changes in your Advent activities so that each person is well prepared to celebrate the gift of salvation at Christmas? Conclude in prayer together that your family will be able to live the spirit of Advent. Sing together an Advent song, such as “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” or pray together today's second reading, Philippians 4:4-7, as you light the third candle on your Advent wreath.

Knights of Columbus



High School Scholarships: Each year the MD State Council of the K of C awards scholarships to Catholic high school students. For information and application forms, go to www.kofc-md.org. All applications must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than February 1, 2019.



The Academy of Saint Matthias

You Are Invited to the school program, *Come to the Manger*, and band concert on Tuesday, December 18th, at 6:30 PM in the church.

Tuition Assistance for the 2019-2020 School Year: The application for Archdiocesan financial aid is available at www.TADS.com. Families who will be new to the Academy of Saint Matthias have until **February 4, 2019**, to apply. *You must have a completed financial aid application on file to be considered for financial aid from any source.* Questions? Please contact the school Admissions Director, Mrs. Ann O'Hare, at 301-577-9412.

Shop Online and Support our School: The holidays are fast approaching. When shopping online, you can use your amazon.com account information to help raise funds for our school. By going to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-0780162> to place your order, .5% of your purchases from Amazon will be donated to our school. *Happy Shopping* and thank you for your support.



Celebrant Mass Schedule for December 22/23

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