

The Second Week of Advent

Monday, December 10th

Daily Mass 8:30AM: Kay Villemi (D)

Tuesday, December 11th

Saint Damasus I.

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Paredes & Manlapaz Family (D)

Wednesday, December 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Ernest Jorgensen (D)

Thursday, December 13th

Saint Lucy

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Ladies of Charity (L)

Friday, December 14th

Saint John of the Cross

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Rev. Joseph Kleinstuber (D)

Saturday, December 15th

Mass 8:30: Sandra Dugan (D)

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 15th

5:00 PM: Rev. Joseph Ranieri (L)

7:00 PM: Hispanic ACLA (L)

Sunday, December 16th

8:00 AM: Jeff George (L)

9:30 AM: Albert Ihegbe (D)

11:30 AM: Fidelis, Florence, & Alice Mepha (D)

6:00 PM: Dr. Rita Robinson (L)

Readings:

Zep 3:14-18a

Phil 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

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, especially Bonnie Ellen Kennealy, may they rest in peace.

Stewardship Report

December 2

Offertory \$ 12,975

Faith Direct \$ 3,153

Total \$ 16,128

Last Year \$ 13,831

Our second collection this weekend is the Archdiocesan Collection for retired sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

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. Parishioners are invited to the CWA's first dedication of new members on Sunday, December 16th, at the 11:30 AM Mass. A reception will follow in Friendship Hall.

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.



Celebration of the Virgin of Guadalupe:

An overnight celebration with prayers, singing, and dancing will be held Tuesday, Dec. 11th, through Wednesday, Dec. 12th. Parishioners are asked to meet at Friendship Hall at 10:30 PM to prepare for the procession of Our Lady of Guadalupe. On Dec. 12th, Mass will be celebrated in Spanish at

7:00 PM. Please join us for this special celebration to honor our Blessed Mother.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Giving Tree: The Parish Giving Tree will be in the church vestibule through this Sunday, Dec. 9th. Please take a gift tag labeled with a requested item. Unwrapped and tagged gifts may be dropped off at the church or parish office. Gifts will be donated to area charities. Thank you for making Christmas brighter for someone in need.

The Saint Matthias Teen Youth Ministry will meet this Sunday, Dec. 9th, from 12:00-2:30 PM, in the Hughes Center. This month's meeting topic is *JOY*. Lunch is provided.

Around the Archdiocese

Christmas Carol Night: Please join us for a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Saturday, Dec. 15th, from 7:00-9:00 PM, at St. Joseph Catholic Church located at 2020 St. Joseph Dr., Largo, MD.

Save the Date: World Youth Day in DC: Join thousands of college students and young adults on Saturday, January 26th, for a one-day Catholic festival at the Catholic University of America. For more information, visit www.wyddc.org.

Family Connection

During the season of Advent, we choose to add many activities to our family's schedule to prepare for our celebration of Christmas. John the Baptist reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas. Parish communities often offer a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent season. Your family might choose to participate in the communal celebration of the sacrament, or you might seek out this sacrament on an individual basis.



Read together today's Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Talk about how John the Baptist called upon the people to prepare the way of the Lord through repentance. Together as a family, prepare a simple reconciliation service in preparation for Christmas. Gather in a prayerful space, perhaps around the family Advent wreath. Read again from today's Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Invite each family member to pray silently, asking God to forgive his or her sins. Pray together the Act of Contrition. Then celebrate God's forgiveness by sharing the sign of peace with one another.

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.



Advent

TIS THE SEASON: Join our parish for **BEST ADVENT EVER**, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, you'll receive an email with:

- Short inspirational videos
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey

To sign-up, visit BestAdventEver.com/Christmas

Celebrant Mass Schedule for December 15/16

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. Christopher