SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH  •  LANHAM, MARYLAND  •  DECEMBER 9, 2018

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 Jack; 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-jection” 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

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.

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.

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.


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

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