Stewardship Report

January 13 (SNOW)
- Offertory: 2,914
- Faith Direct: 3,210
- Total: 6,124
- Last Year: 11,767

We are grateful for your generosity.

Items of Note at St. Matthias

We extend our thoughts and prayers to Deacon Davis and his family on the recent passing of his mother, Mildred F. Davis. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Tyree AME Church, 3800 Hamilton St., Philadelphia, PA 19104, where a memorial service will be held next Saturday, January 26th, at 11:00 AM. If you would like to send a condolence card to Deacon Alton and Mrs. Jeannette Davis, their address is 804 Congressional Court, Bowie, MD 20721.

Mass Intentions: Remember a loved one’s birthday, anniversary, or special occasion by having a Mass offered for him or her. Please stop by the parish office or call 301-459-4814 to request a Mass intention. Suggested offering is $10.

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.

The Parish Office
Will Be Closed
Monday, January 21, 2019
In Observance Of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

The office will re-open Tuesday, January 22nd, at 8:00 AM.

There will be NO Faith Formation Classes Monday, January 21st.
**Ministry of Lectors**

Are you called to be a servant of the Living Word of God? In proclaiming the Word of the Lord, the lector does more than simply read the scriptures aloud—a lector allows the community to sense the presence of the living Jesus through the reader’s spiritual and physical preparation of the scriptural passages. St. Matthias Parish will accept applications for the lector Ministry at all Masses this weekend, January 19th and 20th. Please see us after Mass!

**Family Connection**

Weddings are wonderful family celebrations. We go out of our way to make the occasion festive and extraordinary. People work hard to please one another. What better image of the Kingdom of God! Not every day is a wedding celebration, but we can anticipate the Kingdom of God each day in our attentiveness to one another's needs.

If your family has attended a wedding celebration together, talk about the experience and the planning and cooperation that made the celebration memorable. Talk about how weddings and feasts are images in Scripture for the Kingdom of God. Consider how these festive occasions are images of God's tremendous love for us and examples of how we can show our love for one another. Then read together today's Gospel, John 2:1-11. Talk about Mary's attentiveness to the needs of the hosts and about Jesus' response. What could your family learn from this story? Consider ways that you might show these values in your family's daily life. Pray together Saint Ignatius' Prayer for Generosity.

Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous;
teach me to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to seek reward,
except that of knowing that I do your will. Amen.

**Around the Archdiocese**

**Help Our Marriage:** Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on February 1-3, 2019, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com, or call 443-400-7017.

**Respect Life Training:** Are you called to promote the sanctity of human life? Please attend the Respect Life Training Seminar sponsored by the 40 Days for Life local chapter. The seminar will be held on Saturday, February 23rd, from 10:00 AM—3:00 PM at St. Hugh Church (Grenoble Hall), 135 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. Register at https://www.justRSVP.me/40daysclass. A donation of $10 is requested at the door. Lunch and refreshments are included. For more information, contact Tom at 240-593-6982.

**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**

**Catholic Schools Week** begins Sunday, January 27th. We invite parishioners for coffee and doughnuts in the school library after the 9:30 AM Mass.

**On Monday, January 28th,** the school will host an Open House for current school families and all those who are interested in visiting our school. Please visit us from 8:30 – 11:30 AM.

**Our School Mass** will be held Wednesday, Jan. 30th, at 10:30 AM. The theme of our Mass is gratitude—for our families, volunteers, members of the military, and first responders. Please plan to attend this special Mass.

**On Wednesday, Jan. 30th,** from 6:00-7:30 PM, there will be a meeting for Latino families who are interested in having their children attend our school for the 2019-2020 school year. Assistance will be available to help complete an application for admission as well as an application for financial assistance, if needed. Please bring your 2017 tax return and two pay stubs.

**Tuition Assistance for the 2019-2020 School Year:** Only families who will be new to the Academy of St. Matthias have until February 4, 2019, to apply for Archdiocesan financial aid at www.Tads.com. 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.

**School Raffle Fundraiser:** Congratulations to Juliet Lucero, winner of $500, and to the seller, Carmela Diaz ($50), in the January 14th drawing.

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**Celebrant Mass Schedule for January 26/27**

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