Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

**Monday, March 4th**
*Saint Casimir*
Daily Mass 8:30AM: Louis Stinnett (D)

**Tuesday, March 5th**
Mass 8:30AM: Carl Levock (D)

**Wednesday, March 6th**
*Ash Wednesday*
Mass 7:00AM: Catherine Tolnay (L)
Mass 10:30AM: Nneka Emeagwalt (D)
Mass 12:00PM: Rev. John Kennnealy (D)
Mass 5:00PM: Rev. Kenneth Osuji (L)
Mass 7:00PM: People of the Parish (L)
Mass 8:15PM: Rev. Francis Russo (L)

**Thursday, March 7th**
Daily Mass 8:30AM: Nneka Emeagwalt (D)

**Friday, March 8th**
Daily Mass 8:30AM: Don Gritz (L)

**Saturday, March 9th**
Daily Mass 8:30AM: Homebound Parishioners (L)

First Sunday of Lent

**Saturday, March 9th**
5:00PM: People of the Parish (L)
7:00PM: Faculty & Students of St. Matthias (L)

**Sunday, March 10th**
8:00AM: Mildred F. Davis (D)
9:30AM: Adamma Ugoh (D)
11:30AM: Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Foli (L)
6:00PM: Joan Keating (D)

Readings:
- Dt 26: 4-10
- Rom 10: 8-13

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

Melba Adams, Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Kevin Butler; Rose Chiesfky; Chunyaere Duru; Helen Dziduch; Ferris “Bo” George; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; John and Joan Kodak; Mary Soh; Mae Young; Dennis Zanin; Elda Zanin; Sister Giustina Zanin; Zaria Zanin; Rita and Eugene Zehner

For our military, protect them from all harm.

For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.

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**Stewardship Report**

**February 24**
- Offertory: 8,665
- Faith Direct: 2,845
- Total: 11,510
- Last Year: 10,346

We are grateful for your generosity.

**Items of Note at St. Matthias**

**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** at the receptionist’s desk in the parish office. Most volunteers work a 4 hour shift once or twice per month. Please contact Thad Ereme at 301-458-4814 x 207 for details.

**Mass Intentions**: Remember a loved one, living or deceased, 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.

**Parish Social Life Committee News**

The Parish Annual Volunteer Luncheon will be held Sunday, March 10th, from 2:00-4:00 PM in Friendship Hall.
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Family Connection

The readings for Ash Wednesday offer a number of important images that help us understand the meaning of this experience. The first reading calls us to repentance but also emphasizes that God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in kindness (Joel 2:13). In the second reading, Paul reminds us that the world sees the presence of Christ in the way we act. So, be reconciled to God today! (2 Corinthians 5:20—6:1). We are called to be the love and change we wish to see in the world. In the third reading, Jesus reminds us that the sacrifices and prayers called for in Lent are between God and us. It is insincere for us to show off contrite actions to win the praise of others—let others only see how our sacrifices and prayers help us love them.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

This is the 50th Anniversary of the Appeal and the new theme is “Our Faith. Our Hope. Our Mission.” Contributions to the Annual appeal are 100% designated to ministries and mission of the Church. The Appeal offers each of us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services that positively affect thousands of lives.

This year, you can support the Annual Appeal many different ways. You may have received a mailing in January that you can respond to. You can also support the Appeal on line at adw.org or text “Give” to 301-231-1816. We will also provide the opportunity to support the appeal at this weekend’s Masses. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Knights of Columbus

Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Supper
March 5th in Friendship Hall
6:00-8:30 PM
$ 5.00 per Adult
$ 3.00 per Child
Family Rate is $12.00

Ash Wednesday Masses
March 6, 2019
7:00 AM
10:30 AM (School Mass)
12:00 PM
5:00 PM
7:00 PM
8:15 PM (Spanish)

Around the Archdiocese

Camp St. Charles—Boys and Girls Catholic Over-Night Summer Camp: Attend our Open House on March 10th or April 14th, from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM to learn about our camp and weekly outdoor and indoor activities. For more information, directions, and to sign up for an open house, go to www.campstcharles.org or call 301-934-8799.

The Way, a Healing Retreat for Survivors of Abuse: There will be a men’s retreat April 5th—7th and a women’s retreat April 12th-14th. The retreat is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington and is free of charge to participants. It will be facilitated by experienced counselors, pastoral theologians, and a chaplain. To learn more, go to adw.org/the-way-retreat, or to register, contact Deborah McDonald at mcdonald@adw.org or 301-853-4466.

The Academy of Saint Matthias

Student Participants: The parish is grateful to the following students who led us in song and served as readers at last Sunday’s 9:30 AM Mass: Chelsea Anosike, Lucia Alemnji, Thelma Alemnji, Chinwendi Akunwafor, Elsie Anosike, Hayden Hernly, Muma Ndi, Chijoke Akunwafor, Roosevelt Anosike, Crystal Dike, Tobenna Dike, Chidubem Nnanna, Chinasa Nnanna, Mendeleev Magauay, and Fehintola Ogunbiyi. Thank you, students, for your participation!

School Raffle Fundraiser: Congratulations to Christine Singh, winner of $ 500, and to Nadine Singh, seller ($ 50), in the February 25th drawing.

For admissions information, academics, and school events, go to http://school/stmatthias.org/.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for March 9/10
5:00 PM Fr. Jack
7:00 PM Fr. Russo
8:00 AM Fr. Jack
9:30 AM Fr. Jack
11:30 AM Fr. Canice
6:00 PM Fr. Canice