

## First Week of Lent

### Monday, March 11th

Daily Mass 8:30AM: Maria Torchia (D)

### Tuesday, March 12th

Mass 8:30 AM: Marie Scott (D)

### Wednesday, March 13th

Mass 8:30 AM: Don Falls (D)

### Thursday, March 14th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Nneka Christiana Emeagwali (D)

### Friday, March 15th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Marilyn Madell Brune (D)

### Saturday, March 16th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: People of the Parish (L)

## Second Sunday of Lent

### Saturday, March 16th

5:00 PM: Christine P. Prieto (D)

7:00 PM: People of the Parish (L)

### Sunday, March 17th

8:00 AM: Homebound Parishioners (L)

9:30 AM: Mildred Davis (D)

11:30 AM: Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Foli (L)

6:00 PM: Brandon Becker (L)

#### Readings:

Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18

Phil 3: 17-4:1

Luke 9: 28b-36

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

Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Kevin Butler; Yvette Butler; Rose Chisefsky; Chunyere 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.*

## Stewardship Report

March 3

Offertory	10,986
Faith Direct	2,845
Total	13,831
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>13,383</b>

*We are grateful for your generosity.*

**Next weekend's second collection is the Archdiocesan Collection for the Church in the Developing world**

## 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.

**The Saint Matthias Teen Youth Ministry** provides opportunities for teens in grades 9-12 for monthly Bible study, fellowship, and community service. Teens donate their time, talent, and treasure to aid local community causes and grow in their faith through special activities and events.

Last fall, teens volunteered at a Fed Ex Field concession stand, along with the Knights of Columbus, to raise funds for parish activities. This winter two of our teens, Princess Nwadije and Gabriel Ntitebem, joined the Archdiocese of Washington pilgrimage to World Youth Day held in Panama. This was a spiritually transformative journey for our youth. Through their experiences, they learned about the importance of patience, fortitude, and the love of Jesus.

There are great things happening in our Youth Ministry. We seek caring adults who will support teens as they develop in their faith. Please consider volunteering your time, talents, and treasure with our parish Youth Ministry.

## From the Pastor

I have extended an invitation to Rev. Rick LaBrecque to come to our parish next weekend. Father LeBreque will speak to you about the work being done by *Unbound*, and how this provides a unique and trustworthy way to actively participate in the social outreach of the Church and answer the Gospel call to serve the poor. Details may be found in the flyer in today's bulletin. Please join me in welcoming Father LaBrecque to our parish.

*Father Jack*

## 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](http://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](http://adw.org/the-way-retreat), or to register, contact Deborah McDonald at [mcdonald@adw.org](mailto:mcdonald@adw.org) or 301-853-4466.

**40 Days for Life College Park** asks your participation to pray for God's favor to turn hearts and minds toward family life and away from abortion. Join us any hour between 6:00 AM and 10:00 PM on the public sidewalk at 5915 Greenbelt Rd., College Park, every day through April 14th.

### Parish Social Life Committee News

# Reminder

**The Parish Annual Volunteer Luncheon** will be held this Sunday, March 10th, from 2:00-4:00 PM in Friendship Hall.

## Family Connection

In Luke's Gospel, the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert appears just after Jesus' baptism and before Jesus begins his public ministry. We can imagine this as a time of transition, a turning point in Jesus' life. Perhaps we can liken it to one of the important turning points in our own lives: the decision to marry, the birth of a child, the acceptance of a new job, or the decision to move to a new home. After the moment of decision, having reached the point of no return, we sometimes begin to wonder if we are prepared and ready for the task before us. Turning points can be times of doubt and insecurity. Jesus' response to the temptations of the devil offers an example for responding in faith when our doubts and insecurities tempt us to distrust God's sufficiency. Jesus rebukes the devil by quoting Scripture. Each citation is an affirmation of trust in God. We learn to trust in big things by practicing trust in little things. Our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving invite us to trust God in these small ways. They remind us that God will suffice for us. They prepare us to trust in God in all things, especially in moments of doubt and uncertainty.

As a family, talk about ways in which trust has been built among members of the family. Observe how being trustworthy in small matters enables us to trust one another in more important matters. Offer specific examples if possible (e.g., children who establish their responsibility in household tasks can be granted greater independence and freedom to choose how they perform these tasks). Today's Gospel shows us how Jesus trusted God in all things.



## The Academy of Saint Matthias

The Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle will hold an Open House for prospective parents on Thursday, March 28, 2019, from 8:30 -10:30 AM. Families are invited to tour our school and learn about the educational opportunities available to our students. Please call the school office at 301-577-9412 if you plan to attend. Please note that there are only a few seats currently available in our middle school grades for the next school year.

Current school families are encouraged to re-enroll their student(s) by March 15th. The re-enrollment fee is currently \$ 200 but will increase to \$ 350 after March 15th.

**School Raffle Fundraiser:** Congratulations to Jason Anderson, winner of \$ 500, and to the seller, Camille Curvan (\$50), in the March 4th drawing.

### Celebrant Mass Schedule for March 16/17

5:00 PM	Fr. Rick
7:00 PM	Fr. Desiano
8:00 AM	Fr. Rick
9:30 AM	Fr. Rick
11:30 AM	Fr. Canice
6:00 PM	Fr. Canice