

Third Week of Lent

Monday, March 25th

The Annunciation of the Lord

Daily Mass 8:30AM: Walter Hiltl (D)

Tuesday, March 26th

Mass 8:30 AM: Francine Conanan (L)

Wednesday, March 27th

Mass 8:30 AM: William A. Mahoney, Sr. (D)

Thursday, March 28th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Michael Ezeani (L)

Friday, March 29th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Homebound Parishioners (L)

Stations of the Cross 7:30 PM

Saturday, March 30th

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 30th

5:00 PM: Michael Paolino (L)

7:00 PM: Maria de Saenz (D)

Sunday, March 31st

8:00 AM: George Johnson (D)

9:30 AM: Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Foli (L)

11:30 AM: Roy Ashlin, Jr. (D)

6:00 PM: People of the Parish (L)

Readings:

Jos 5: 9a, 10-12

2 Cor 5: 17-21

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

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; Judy
Jenkins, John and Joan Kodak; Brian Lizzi; 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 17

Offertory 9,448

Faith Direct 2,714

Total 12,162

Last Year 12,112

We are grateful for your generosity.

Items of Note at St. Matthias

Stations of the Cross



Every Friday During Lent

7:30 PM

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.

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.

2019 Annual Jubilarian Mass



The annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and 51+ years will be held Sunday, June 23, 2019 at 2:00 pm at the Basilica of the

National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please use the sign-up forms in the church vestibule to register. Forms are also available in the parish office. Names of Jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by Friday, April 19th.

Around the Archdiocese

“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.

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.

Family Connection

We may be unfamiliar with fig trees, but we might know about the growth of spring flowers. Perhaps we have looked at a dry, brown flower bulb and wondered how this produces the colorful tulip or daffodil blossom that we expect to bloom in the spring. Perhaps we've even thought about the patience and hope that are required to plant flower bulbs in October. We don't have to be gardeners, however, to know about patience and hopefulness. As parents, we practice these virtues each day with our children. We may become frustrated and even angered by their willfulness and lack of cooperation. Yet we continue to offer our attention and guidance in hope that one day our efforts will bear fruit. Today's parable suggests that God is like that with us, working with us in patience and in hope that one day we will show evidence that such work is not in vain. As parents, we know God's kindness when we find evidence for our hope for our children. Does God find such glimmers of hope as he works with us?

Gather your family and show a spring flower in bloom. Recall that in the fall this flower was a dry bulb (if a flower bulb is available, show this as well). Talk about the hopefulness and patience shown by those who plant flower bulbs in the fall in the hope that they will bloom in the spring. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 13:1-9. Compare the parable of the barren fig tree to your discussion about spring flowers. Consider the patience and hopefulness that God has with us as he works with us, calling us to return to him when we sin. Offer prayers of thanks and praise to God for his patience and hopefulness towards us. Conclude by praying together today's Psalm 103.



Lenten Food Drive

Grocery bags will be distributed after this weekend’s Masses to encourage you to participate in this year’s Lenten Food Drive. Please bring your filled bags to church next weekend (March 30/31). Your donations will re-stock our St. Matthias Food Pantry which serves the area’s needy. Thank you for your support.



The Academy of Saint Matthias

Would you send your child to St. Matthias School if you could afford it? Thanks to a Maryland statewide program called *Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today* (BOOST), you may qualify for substantial aid that puts a private Catholic education within your reach! More information may be found at <http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx>. **The deadline for submitting a completed application is April 17, 2019.** Questions? Contact Mrs. Ann O’Hare, Director of Admissions, at 301-577-9412.

Open House: The Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle will hold an Open House for prospective parents on Friday, March 29, 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. There are only a few seats currently available in our middle school grades for the next school year. The enrollment fee is \$ 350.

School Raffle Fundraiser: Congratulations to Cruz Garcia winner of \$ 500, and to the seller, Moises Merino (\$50), in the March 18th drawing.



Celebrant Mass Schedule for March 30/31

5:00 PM	Fr. Jack
7:00 PM	Fr. Jacek
8:00 AM	Fr. Jack
9:30 AM	Fr. Jack
11:30 AM	Fr. Canice
6:00 PM	Fr. Kenneth