

Fourth Week of Lent

Monday, April 1st

Daily Mass 8:30AM: Sylvester & Charity Ezeani (L)

Tuesday, April 2nd

Saint Francis of Paola

Mass 8:30 AM: Tiffany Lainez (L)

Wednesday, April 3rd

Mass 8:30 AM: Bill Schermerhorm (D)

Thursday, April 4th

Saint Isidore

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Danny Pfarr (D)

Friday, April 5th

First Friday of the Month

Saint Vincent Ferrer

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Donald Boothman (D)

Stations of the Cross 7:30 PM

Saturday, April 6th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Obiora Ogbu (L)

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, April 6th

5:00 PM: Michael & Brittany Paolino (L)

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

Sunday, April 7th

8:00 AM: Mildred F. Davis (D)

9:30 AM: Osuji Family (L)

11:30 AM: Benjamin Udejiofor (D)

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

Readings:

Is 43: 16-21

Phil 3: 8-14

John 8: 1-11

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

Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Kevin 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 McGarvey; Cathy Pielmier; 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 24

Offertory 8,770

Faith Direct 2,715

Total 11,485

Last Year 11,915

We are grateful for your generosity.

Items of Note at St. Matthias

Stations of the Cross

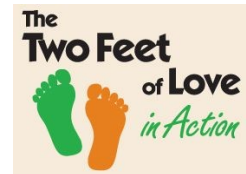


Every Friday During Lent

7:30 PM

Parish Lenten Retreat: Catholic Charities invites

you to a bilingual Lenten retreat on Saturday, April 13th, from 2:00-6:00 PM in the Hughes Center. Our prayerful journey will help you to be an instrument of God's mercy, justice, and healing for our world. The presenter is Father Jacek Orzechowski, OFM, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington. To confirm your participation, please contact Sister Judith Rojas at srjudr5221@yahoo.com or 202-740-1540.



First Friday Mass & Reception: Our next First Friday Mass is April 5th, at 8:30 AM, followed by a reception and fellowship in the church vestibule. Please join us!

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.



Girl Scout Cookies: Our troop still has cookies for sale. Please email Michelle Hayling at 226girlscouts@gmail.com or call 301-792-8491.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Toby's Dinner Theater presents *The Bodyguard* on Sunday, October 6th. The bus will leave St. Matthias at 9:30 AM and return by 3:30 PM. Cost of the trip is \$79.00. To reserve your seat, please mail a deposit of \$ 29.00 (or the full amount) to Rita Kitchings, 2426 Hyannis Lane, Crofton, MD 21114. Questions? Rita may be reached at 301-254-1038.

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

"Hey, that's not fair!" How many times have we heard this spoken in our family? Family members challenge one another's generosity, operating from the perspective of limited resources. If we have given to one, perhaps there won't be enough for the other. Jesus wants us to understand that this is not how it is with God's mercy and forgiveness. God offers his love to all of us in abundance. The forgiveness of the father in the parable is an image of God's love for us, generous beyond measure in his love for both of his sons. Can we truly believe that God acts this way towards us and accept his mercy without jealousy, knowing that God's love for another does not diminish his love for us?

As you gather as a family, talk about the words and phrases you speak to one another when angry. Identify words or phrases that reflect jealousy towards one another. Talk about why we sometimes feel jealousy towards one another. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 15:1-3,11-32. Talk about why the older brother is jealous of the younger brother. Identify words that the family members in the parable might say to one another to begin to heal their broken relationships. Make a family commitment to say these types of words and phrases to one another with greater frequency. Pray together the Lord's Prayer. (loyolapress.com)



Lenten Food Drive

Thank you for responding so generously to the Annual Lenten Food Drive. Your donations will re-stock our St. Matthias Food Pantry which serves the area's needy. We couldn't do it without you!



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: There will be a **Pre-K** (3 & 4 year old) and **Kindergarten Open House** this Sunday, March 31st, from 11:00 PM. -12:00 PM, and on Monday, April 1st, from 8:30-11:30 AM. We look forward to meeting you!

School Raffle Fundraiser: Congratulations to Theresa Green, winner and seller (\$ 550), in the March 25th drawing.

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 16, 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 Monday April 22nd.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for April 6/7

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. Kenneth