

## Holy Week

### Monday, April 15th

Daily Mass 8:30AM: Rose Gillespie (D)  
 Eucharistic Adoration: 6:00-8:00 PM  
 Confessions 7:00 PM  
 Benediction 8:00 PM

### Tuesday, April 16th

Mass 8:30 AM: Lina Manlapaz (D)

### Wednesday, April 17th

Mass 8:30 AM: Sylvester Ugoh (L)  
 Student Presentation of The Last Supper 2:00 PM

### Holy Thursday, April 18th

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 PM  
 Adoration Following the Mass

### Good Friday, April 19th

Confessions 9:00 –11:00 AM  
 Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM  
 Commemoration of the Lord's Passion with  
 Veneration of the Cross 7:30 PM

### Holy Saturday, April 20th

Blessing of Easter Food & Baskets 12:00 PM  
 Easter Vigil 8:00 PM  
 (No 5:00 PM or 7:00 PM Masses)

## Easter Sunday, April 21st

8:00 AM: Priest Intentions  
 9:30 AM: Priest Intentions  
 11:30 AM: Priest Intentions  
 1:30 PM (Spanish): Priest Intentions  
 (No 6:00 PM Mass)

### 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; Siobhan Hughes;  
 Judy Jenkins, John and Joan Kodak; Brian Lizzi; Mary  
 McGarvey; Cathy Pielmier; Shirley Singleton; Mary Soh; Mae  
 Young; Sister Giustina Zanin; Ziara Zanin; Rita and Eugene  
 Zehner

*For our military, protect them from all  
 harm.*

*For the faithful departed, may they rest in  
 peace.*

## Stewardship Report

April 7

Offertory	11,403
Faith Direct	2,715
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,118</b>
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>11,617</b>

*We are grateful for your generosity.*

**Our next Archdiocesan Collection is Good  
 Friday, April 19th, to support the Church in  
 the Holy Land.**

## Items of Note at St. Matthias

**Teen Youth Ministry:** Our next meeting is this  
 Sunday, April 14th, from 12:00-2:30 PM, in the  
 Hughes Center. This month's topic is *Goodness*.  
 Registered teens in grades 9-12 are encouraged to  
 attend. Lunch is provided.

**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 Sun-  
 days of the month.

**African Parishioners** who are interested in joining  
 the Saint Matthias African Community are asked to  
 contact Rosemarie Sesay-Osuji at 240-304-6890 or  
[tinamarie6808@gmail.com](mailto:tinamarie6808@gmail.com). Upcoming events  
 include a graduation celebration for Fr. Canice, and  
 Mothers Day and Fathers Day receptions.



## **The Parish Office Will Be Closed**

**Holy Thursday April 18th**  
**Good Friday April 19th**  
**Easter Monday April 22nd**

The office will reopen Tuesday,  
 April 23rd, at 8:00 AM

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

**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

**"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, through April 14th.

### Family Connection

Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week. During this week, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerful reflection upon the events of Jesus' passion and death. During this week, your family might display a crucifix in a prominent place as reminder of salvation Christ won for us. This can also serve as the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week.

Because of the length and complexity of the passion narrative, it is difficult for children to remain attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can make it a tradition to read a portion of this Sunday's Gospel each day of Holy Week, providing ample opportunity for children to ask questions and respond to the events described there. In this way, the entire week can become a "way of the cross."

Each day during Holy Week, the family can gather in a prayerful space with a crucifix as its focal point. The passion as found in Luke's Gospel might be read as follows throughout the week:

**Sunday:** Luke 19:28-40 (Gospel at the Procession with Palms); **Monday:** Luke 22:14-23; **Tuesday:** Luke 22:24-38; **Wednesday:** Luke 22:39-71; **Thursday:** Luke 23:1-25; **Friday:** Luke 23:26-49; **Saturday:** Luke 23:50-56.

After reading from the Gospel each day, the family might reflect on the reading together. Conclude your prayer time together by praying the Lord's Prayer and/or singing an appropriate hymn, e.g., "Jesus, Jesus," "Were You There?" or "What Wondrous Love is This."



## 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.

**School Raffle Fundraiser:** Congratulations to Desiree Grillo, winner and seller (\$ 550), in the April 7th drawing.

**Catholic High School Fair:** The Archdiocese of Washington invites parents and their middle school aged children to plan for the future by attending the annual Catholic High School Fair. This event features exhibits from all of the Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese. Come and learn about the admissions process, scholarships, and financial aid. The Fair will be held Saturday, April 27th at The Catholic University of America, from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM. Visit [www.adwcatholicsschools.org](http://www.adwcatholicsschools.org) for more information and to reserve your space. Registration is free.

**Easter Vacation:** The school will be closed Thursday, April 18th, through Friday, April 26th. Classes will resume Monday, April 29th.



### 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. **Please turn in your form to the parish office by Monday, April 22nd.**

### Celebrant Mass Schedule for April 21

8:00 AM	Fr. Jack
9:30 AM	Fr. Jack
11:30 AM	Fr. Canice
1:30 PM	Fr. Jacek