

## The Octave of Easter

### Monday, April 22nd

Daily Mass 8:30AM: Engracia Felix (D)

### Tuesday, April 23rd

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Jack Kneopple (D)

### Wednesday, April 24th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Brian Johnson (D)

### Thursday, April 25th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Dharmesh Naik (L)

### Friday, April 26th

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

### Saturday, April 27th

Mass 5:00 PM: Panchita Caraang (D)

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

## Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

8:00 AM: Dr. Dennis A. George (D)

9:30 AM: Fisayo Adeniyi (L)

11:30 AM: Anthonia Ndika (L)

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

### 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 Dgiduch; Ferris "Bo" George; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Siobhan Hughes; Judy Jenkins, George Johnson, Jr.; 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

Due to the early printing of this bulletin, the Stewardship Reports for April 14th and 21st will be published next week.

*We are grateful for your generosity.*

## Items of Note at St. Matthias

**Little Bethlehem Christian Group** represents 200 Christian families who live in Bethlehem and make their living as wood carvers. After next weekend's Masses, there will be a display of hand carved olivewood religious items for sale. Proceeds support Christianity in the Holy Land.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**The Parish Office Will Be Closed  
Easter Monday, April 22nd  
The office will reopen Tuesday,  
April 23rd, at 8:00 AM**

**There will be NO Faith Formation  
Classes Easter Monday**

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Dear Parishioners and Staff,

Thank you for your many hours of service, prayers, and gifts during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. I am grateful for your commitment to the life of our parish and for your generous support of our church. May God continue to bless you during Easter time and throughout the year.

*Father Jack*

### Around the Archdiocese

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception invites you to attend the annual **Easter Octave Organ Recital** on Sunday, April 28th at 6:00 PM in the Great Upper church. The organist will be Clay Christiansen of Salt Lake City, Utah. This event is free and open to the public and no tickets or reservations are required. The Shrine is located at 400 Michigan Ave. NE, Washington, D.C.

### Family Connection

In the Easter Gospel, we hear about how the disciples found the tomb empty three days after Jesus' death. We are also told that they do not yet understand the Scriptures or that Jesus had been raised from the dead. That understanding gradually unfolded for the disciples as they began to experience the risen Lord. Similarly, our understanding of Jesus' Resurrection unfolds for us throughout our lives. In the weeks ahead, we will hear how the first disciples moved from confusion, doubt, and skepticism to faith. Their experience can teach us how we too might receive this gift of faith from God.

Gather your family members and ask them to share what they know about the events that happened in the days after Jesus' crucifixion. Invite your family to imagine that they are among Jesus' first disciples. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:1-9. Reflect together on the Gospel with questions such as these: If you had been among the first disciples who heard that the stone had been removed from Jesus' tomb and that Jesus' body was no longer there, what would you think? What did Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved think had happened? Recall that this experience is the first indication Jesus' disciples have that he is risen. Throughout the Easter season, we will learn more about how the disciples came to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

Pray together using today's psalm, Psalm 118: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."



## The Academy of Saint Matthias

**We Are Now Enrolling Students For The 2019-2020 School Year.** New for the coming year! A pre-kindergarten **three-year-old** program will be added to our current class offerings and will help prepare children for our pre-kindergarten four-year-old program and kindergarten. Please also note that openings in our middle school (grades 6,7, 8) are filling quickly. For more information, please contact Mrs. Ann O'Hare, Director of Admissions, at 301-577-9412.

**Full S.T.E.A.M Ahead!** Join the students, teachers and friends of St. Matthias as we prepare to run on May 3rd in our third annual **Fun-d Run!** You can help by sponsoring a child in our efforts to raise money for the purchase of new technology for classrooms/computer lab and to enhance our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) curriculum and related activities for students in Pre-K to 8th grade. To become a sponsor or participant, please call Ms. Blackburn in the school office at 301-577-9412. Your tax deductible donations are payable by cash or check. Checks may be mailed to ASMA, 9473 Annapolis Rd., Lanham, MD 20706. You may also use the Fun-d Run envelope found in the back of the church. Thank you in advance for your support!

**School Raffle Fundraiser:** Congratulations to Angel Noe Perez, winner of \$ 500, and to the seller, Roxanna Rivera (\$ 50), in the April 15th drawing.

**Easter Vacation:** School is closed 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 27/28**

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