

Second Week of Easter

Monday, April 29th

Saint Catherine of Siena

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Paul D. Mawo Nkeng (D)

Tuesday, April 30th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Foli (L)

Wednesday, May 1st

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Marcia Flagg (L)

Thursday, May 2nd

Saint Athanasius

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

Friday, May 3rd

Saints Philip and James

First Friday Mass 8:30 AM: Maria Einolf (D)

Saturday, May 4th

Marian Devotion 7:30 AM

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Chioke Conner (L)

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 4th

Mass 5:00 PM: Gordon Clark & George Kosko (D)

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

Sunday, May 5th

8:00 AM: Kaitlyn DeMaio (L)

9:30 AM: Jude Nwoko (L)

11:30 AM: Benedict Udejiofor (D)

6:00 PM: Stanley Aitcheson (D)

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, George Johnson, Jr.; John and Joan Kodak; Pauline Mason; Mary McGarvey; Cathy Pielmier; Tiffany Prout; 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.*

*Names will remain on our sick list for four weeks. To add or
remove a name, please contact Pat at 301-459-4814 x 201.*

Stewardship Report

April 14

Offertory	11,428
Faith Direct	3,179
Total	14,607
Last Year	11,573

April 21

Easter Sunday	
Offertory	20,058
Faith Direct	3,179
Total	23,237

We are grateful for your generosity.

Items of Note at St. Matthias

Little Bethlehem Christian Group: After this weekend's Masses, there will be a display of hand-carved olivewood religious items for sale. Proceeds support Christianity in the Holy Land.

Community Café: A special "Thank You" goes out to the twenty-three Saint Matthias parishioners, staff, and friends for their generosity in providing the April luncheon for our homeless neighbors in Prince George's County. For more than 27 years, our St. Matthias members have shopped, cooked, baked, and served 60 or more people at the café. The Community Place Café is located at the United Methodist Church in Hyattsville. Thank you also to the Confirmation candidates who donated toiletries and socks for the needy. Parishioners and school parents are invited to participate in this very worthy interfaith ministry of love and care. We serve lunches six (6) times a year. Please contact Peg Chappell (301-262-8724), Debbie Self (301-577-4201), or Erusa Onukwubiri (240-503-4048) if you would like to volunteer.

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. Upcoming events include a graduation celebration for Fr. Canice, and Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day receptions.

Around the Archdiocese

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate conception invites you to attend the annual **Easter Octave Organ Recital** this 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. No tickets or reservations are required. The Shrine is located at 400 Michigan Ave. NE, Washington, D.C.

Family Connection

Our family life would no doubt be enhanced if we were able to transform Jesus' greeting into a central feature in our family's interactions. After his Resurrection, "Peace be with you" is the first thing that Jesus says to his disciples. This could be our daily family prayer for one another. In today's Gospel, we also hear that Jesus next breathed on his disciples and gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, each of us has received the gift of the Holy Spirit as well as the forgiveness of sins. Peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Our Baptism, then, invites us to share in the peace that Christ gave to his disciples and commissions us to share that peace of Christ by generously forgiving others as Jesus taught.

As you gather as a family, think about gifts that you might receive together such as a coloring book and crayons, a book and bookmark, or an electronic item and batteries. Observe that Jesus also paired two gifts together in today's Gospel. Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, John 20:19-31. Discuss the two gifts Jesus gave to his disciples: peace and the Holy Spirit. Ask: What were the disciples to do with these gifts? (They were sent as Jesus was sent by the Father to forgive sins.) Recall that we have each received Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit at our Baptism and that peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Observe that since we also have received these gifts from Christ, we are also sent to be people who forgive others as Jesus taught. Determine an action that your family can do to share peace and forgiveness with one another. Pray together the *Prayer to the Holy Spirit* or the *Peace Prayer of St. Francis*.

Join Us at St. Matthias Church

**Monday, April 29th: Adoration, Confessions, Benediction
6:00-8:00 PM**
Friday, May 3rd First Friday Mass 8:30 AM
Saturday, May 4th: Marian Devotion 7:30 AM



The Academy of Saint Matthias

We Are 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 which 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 Patricia Ford, winner and seller (\$ 550), in the April 22nd drawing.



Shop the St. Matthias Parish Indoor Yard Sale in the Hughes Center. The sale begins Wednesday, May 1st, and runs through Friday, May 24th, on weekdays during regular business hours. Proceeds will benefit the Parish Social Life Committee, Youth Ministry, and the Academy of St. Matthias.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for May 4/5

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