

Third Week of Easter

Monday, May 6th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Guadie M. Montesa (L)

Tuesday, May 7th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Luisa Compas (D)

Wednesday, May 8th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Chinyere Grace Dum (D)

Thursday, May 9th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Adamma Ugoh (D)

Friday, May 10th

Saint Damien Joseph de Vuester of Moloka'i
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: People of the Parish (L)

Saturday, May 11th

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 11th

Mass 5:00 PM: Mother's Day Novena
Mass 7:00 PM: Mother's Day Novena
Francisca Barahona (D)

Sunday, May 12th

8:00 AM: Mother's Day Novena
9:30 AM: Mother's Day Novena
11:30 AM: Mother's Day Novena
6:00 PM: Mother's Day Novena

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; 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 28

Offertory	\$ 8,367
Faith Direct	3,179
Total	11,546
Last Year	11,304

Next weekend's second collection is the Archdiocesan collection for Catholic Relief Services which works with organizations around the world to help poor and vulnerable people overcome emergencies, earn a living through agriculture, and access affordable health care.

We are grateful for your generosity.

Items of Note at St. Matthias

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.

The Bonnie Kennealy Scholarship, in memory of Father Jack's mother, is designed to assist a St. Matthias school family who needs the support of caring individuals. This year's recipient is the Bush-Amaya family whose father died last month after a long illness. If you would like to contribute to this scholarship fund which will be used to defray school tuition costs for the family, envelopes are available in the church vestibule. Thank you.

Congratulations to our Jubilarian Couples who will be honored at a special Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on June 16th:

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Achankeng
Harold and Delores Adams
Donahue and Rozanna Aitcheson
Joseph and Jacqueline Bates
Sylvester and Charity Ezeani
Patrick and Christina Fobah
Ferris E. (Bo) and Joan E. George
Francis and Genevieve Greenfield
Emmanuel and Bridget Madagu
John and Joy Murray

Faith Formation at St. Matthias

Adult Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, June 5th, in the Hughes Center from 7:00-8:30 PM. Our study will focus on the Gospel of Matthew. We welcome all adults. Please come and bring a friend!

Aides and Substitutes are Needed to help educate our youth in Faith Formation on Monday evenings beginning in September. Please ask the Holy Spirit if He is calling you to serve this great need. Training and support are available. Please call Catherine Tolnay at 301-459-4814 x 205 to learn more.

Family Connection

Today's Gospel describes what we can easily imagine as a picnic on the beach. Just as Jesus' miracle at the wedding feast at Cana blesses the love between man and woman celebrated in the sacrament of marriage, Jesus' attentiveness to food and mealtimes raises the possibility that our meal gatherings can be sacred times. In families, the domestic church, our meals together are everyday opportunities to gather and recall Jesus' presence with us. As in the Eucharist, we bring the gifts that God has given us, which have been prepared especially for our Mass, and at our family meals we share gifts that God has given to us and that we have worked together to prepare. This includes the food on the table and also the people who gather around the table. We ask God to bless these gifts and to be present among us in all of our interactions.

The Wedding at Cana



Consider a recent family meal: What food was served? Where did the food come from? Who prepared the food? Who served the food? Was mealtime a happy time? Why or why not? Observe that today's Gospel tells about a meal that Jesus shared with his disciples after his Resurrection. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 21:1-14. Reflect on the Gospel reading using the questions above. Talk about ways in which this meal that Jesus shared with his disciples might remind us of the meal we share at the Eucharist. You might choose to plan a special meal together as a family, encouraging each person to participate in the meal preparation. Pray together that Jesus will make his loving presence known in your family life. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.



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.

Around the Archdiocese

Quo Vadis Camp: The Office of Priest Vocations annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school aged young men will be held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary July 28th-31st. For four days, high school aged young men who desire to grow in holiness will have an opportunity for Mass, prayer, and Eucharistic adoration, as well as time for fraternity, sports, and reflection. Bus transportation is available. More information is available and registration is open at www.DCpriest.org Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations (vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020) with any questions.

The Academy of St. Matthias vs. Bowie High School in the *Battle of the Schools* fundraiser night for Mod Pizza: In a recent fund raiser at Mod Pizza in Bowie, our school generated more sales than Bowie High School. As a result, the Academy of St. Matthias received an additional 10% in funds for a total of \$173.00 Thanks to all who participated and helped us win *The Battle of the Schools*..



Shop the St. Matthias Parish Indoor Yard Sale in the Hughes Center. The sale 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 11/12

5:00 PM	Fr. Jack
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