

Christmas Weekdays**Monday, January 6th***Saint Andre Bessette*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Jeannie Metcalf (D)

Tuesday, January 7th*Saint Raymond of Penafort*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Mildred F. Davis (D)

Wednesday, January 8thMass 8:30 AM: Harumi Scavella (D)
Mass 10:30 AM: People of the Parish (L)**Thursday, January 9th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Homebound Parishioners (L)

Friday, January 10th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Ladies of Charity (L)

Saturday, January 11th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Lekelefac Leke Fonge (D)

The Baptism of the Lord**Saturday, January 11th**Mass 5:00 PM: Joseph Flint (D)
Mass 7:00 PM: Members of the Music Ministry (L)**Sunday, January 12th**8:00 AM: People of the Parish (L)
9:30 AM: St. Matthias Catechists (L)
11:30 AM: Homebound Parishioners (L)
6:00 PM: Members of the Military (L)

Remember someone special, living or deceased, by having a Mass offered in 2020. Stop by the parish office or call 301-459-4814 x 201 to request a Mass intention. Suggested stipend is \$ 10.

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

Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Rose Chisefsky; Chunyere Duru; Helen Dziduch; Patricia Farland; Ferris "Bo" George; Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Jan Jarus; George Johnson; John and Joan Kodak; Cathy Pielmeier; Adelino "Babe" Pereira; Evelyn Turley; 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.

Please call the parish office at 301-459-4818 x 201 to request a name to be placed on the sick list.

Stewardship Report**December 22**

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| Offertory | 8,742 |
| Faith Direct | 3,212 |
| Total | 11,954 |
| Last Year | 11,967 |

Due to the early deadline for printing this week's bulletin, the Stewardship Report for Christmas & December 29th will appear in next week's bulletin.

We Are Grateful For Your Generosity**Items of Note at St. Matthias**

Thank You! My thanks to everyone who helped prepare for the Christmas Masses, and those who participated: decorators, members of the altar society, altar servers, musicians, lectors, ushers, cantors, Eucharistic ministers, and those who contributed to the Flower Fund and offered special Christmas Gifts. May God bless you for your faithful service and generosity.

-Father Jack

Altar Server Training: Mandatory training for new altar servers for youth in grades 4-12 will be held on Thursdays, beginning January 16th and continuing into February. We prayerfully ask parents to encourage their children to join us for this training. For more information, please contact Cynthia Faust at 301-464-1799 or cfaust@atelierarchitects.com.

Calling All Teens! The St. Matthias Teen Youth Ministry will hold its next meeting on Sunday, January 12th, from 12:00-2:30 PM in the Hughes Center. The topic for our meeting is *Divine Mercy*.

Saint Joseph Sunday Missal Sale: If you missed the Ladies of Charity sale, the 2020 Missals are available in the church vestibule and at the parish office. Cost is \$ 5.00.

The St. Matthias Prayer Group meets in the church every Sunday immediately after the 11:30 AM Mass. The last Friday of each month is a special service, *Miracle Night*, from 8:00-10:00 PM. All are welcome.





The Academy of Saint Matthias

Raffle Ticket Fundraiser: Our annual raffle ticket fundraiser begins January 6th. There will be two drawings per month through August of 2020, and each winner will receive \$1000. Tickets may be purchased at the school office and parish office for \$ 20 each.

To Make an Online Donation to the School, go to www.stmatthias.org and click the School link. Your donation supports the Science, Technology, Arts, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEAM), including a new robotics initiative.

The Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program for 2020-2021 is available for families enrolling their children for the first time in a Catholic elementary or high school. The deadline to apply for tuition assistance is **February 14, 2020**. All families who apply for financial assistance must complete the TADS application (<https://secure.tads.com>) to be considered for aid from any source. Please apply early, and contact the school if you have any questions.

Family Connection



The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say. Conclude by singing together "We Three Kings."

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Classes will resume Monday, January 6th, at 6:30 PM.

Adult Bible Study will resume Tuesday, January 7th, at 9:15 AM in the Hughes Center.

Contribution Statements for 2019 will be mailed later this month. Please notify the office of your correct mailing address if you have move recently (301-459-4814 x 201 or pford@stmatthias.org).

Faith Direct: Winter is here and snow and ice may affect your weekly Mass attendance. Consider electronic giving through Faith direct. Go to www.faithdirect.net to enroll or call the toll free number 866-507-8757 for more information.

Around the Archdiocese

The Archdiocese of Washington Office of Cultural Diversity is proud to announce the Rev. *Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration* is being held at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church on Saturday, January 18th. All are invited to attend! Praise and worship will begin at 3:30 PM featuring the Archdiocese of Washington's Gospel Mass Choir. Mass celebrated by Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory will begin at 4:00 PM. Our Lady Queen of Peace Church is located at 300 Ely Place, SE, Washington, DC.



Knights of Columbus

Catholic High School Scholarships: The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus sponsors several high school scholarships. The application deadline is February 1, 2020. Scholarship information and application forms are available at <https://kofc-md.org/high-school-scholarships/>.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for Jan. 11/12

5:00 PM Msgr. Balbago
7:00 PM TBD
8:00 AM Fr. Jack
9:30 AM Fr. Milt
11:30 AM Fr. Jack
6:00 PM Fr. Jack