

Third Week of Advent**Monday, December 16th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Don & Diana Gritz (L)

Tuesday, December 17th

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

Wednesday, December 18th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Rev. Julio Alvarez-Garcia (D)

Thursday, December 19th

8:30 AM: Okpalannaka Family (L)

Friday, December 20th

Mass 8:30 AM: Stefan Fernandes (L)

Saturday, December 21st*Saint Peter Canisius*

8:30 AM: Amanda Beragan (L)

Fourth Sunday of Advent**Saturday, December 21st**

Mass 5:00 PM: Richard J. Kosko (D)

Mass 7:00 PM: Asuncion Espinoza-Herrera (D)

Sunday, December 22nd

8:00 AM: Claude Cumberbatch (D)

9:30 AM: Jonah & Christine Ukaibe (L)

11:30 AM: Adejumoke Olaniyi (L)

6:00 PM: Okpalannaka Family (L)

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

Jacqueline Bhola; 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; Rod Oaks; Cathy Pielmeier; 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 8	Offertory	9,290
	Faith Direct	3,321
	Total	12,611
	Last Year	14,748

Last Week's Second Collection 2,312
-Retirement for Religious

Items of Note at St. Matthias

Altar Server Training: Mandatory training for new altar servers for youth in grades 4-12 will be held on Thursdays, beginning January 16th, 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

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 Ladies of Charity wish to thank everyone who participated in the *Giving Tree* project by purchasing requested items for those in need. We are grateful to you for your generous support.

Offertory Envelopes for 2020: If you are a registered parishioner who currently uses weekly offertory envelopes, please note that your 2020 envelopes for January and February will be mailed to you later this month. **Check your mail carefully!** Please notify the parish office of your new address if you have moved recently.





The Academy of Saint Matthias

Raffle Ticket Fundraiser: Our annual raffle ticket fundraiser begins January 13th. There will be two drawings per month through August of 2020, and each winner will receive \$1000. Raffle tickets make great Christmas gifts! Tickets may be purchased at the school office and parish office for \$ 20 each.

Online Shopping? As Christmas approaches and you are shopping online, please use smile.amazon.com/ch/52-0780162. When you buy gifts using Amazon Smile, a portion of your purchases goes to support our school.



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) robotics program.

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.

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/>.

Family Connection

It is easy to look at our world and become discouraged by the apparent absence of God and signs of God's salvation. Advent, however, is a season of hope, in which we acknowledge that salvation is both mysteriously present, even in our world, and yet to be fulfilled.

Read together today's Gospel. Think about John's question to Jesus: Are you the One? Jesus does not answer directly, but points to the signs of the kingdom present in his midst. Together as a family, look through the newspaper for signs of hope that God is at work in our world. Pray that the world will know God's salvation by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

Christmas Schedule Saint Matthias the Apostle Church

Monday, December 16, 2019
Confessions 7:00-7:45 PM
(Adoration 6:00-8:00 PM)

Saturday, December 21, 2019
Confessions 9:00-10:30 AM

Tuesday, December 24, 2019
Daily Mass 8:30 AM
Christmas Vigil Mass 5:00 PM
Night Mass 10:00 PM
(Christmas Carols begin at 9:30 PM)

Wednesday, December 25, 2019
Christmas Day
Masses 8:00 AM, 11:30 AM
1:30 PM (Spanish)

Tuesday, December 31, 2019
Daily Mass 8:30 AM
"Crossover" Mass 11:00 PM

Wednesday, January 1, 2020
Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God
(A Holy Day of Obligation)
Mass 8:30 AM
Bilingual Mass 10:30 AM



Around the Archdiocese

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will provide meals for hundreds of poor, homeless, elderly, and needy individuals on Christmas Day. Volunteers are always needed to fill many different positions. If you would like to sign up to help, please visit www.nationalshrine.com/christmasdinner.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for Dec. 21/22

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