

Fourth Week of Advent**Monday, December 23rd**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Ed Densmore (D)

Christmas Eve**Tuesday, December 24th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Priest's Intentions
Vigil Mass 5:00 PM: Priest's Intentions
Night Mass 10:00 PM: Priest's Intentions**The Nativity of the Lord****Wednesday, December 25th**Mass 8:00 AM: Priest's Intentions
Mass 11:30 AM: Priest's Intentions
Mass 1:30 PM: Priest's Intentions**Thursday, December 26th**

8:30 AM: Carleigh Paolino (L)

Friday, December 27th

Mass 8:30 AM: Sylvester Ezeani, Jr. (L)

Saturday, December 28th

8:30 AM: Lekelefac Leke Fonge (D)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**Saturday, December 28th**Mass 5:00 PM: Rev. Julio Alvarez-Garcia (D)
Mass 7:00 PM: Isaura Garcia (D)**Sunday, December 29th**8:00 AM: Jose C. Manlapaz (D)
9:30 AM: Martine Elizabeth Hoba (L)
11:30 AM: Emmanuel Foli (L)
6:00 PM: Priscilla Egbe (D)**Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish,
our neighbors, family, and friends:**Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Rose Chisefsky; Chunyere Duru;
Helen Dgiduch; 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 15	Offertory	9,951
	Faith Direct	3,117
	Total	13,068
	Last Year	12,920

We Are Grateful For Your Generosity**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 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**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.**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 this month. **Check your mail carefully!** Please notify the parish office of any change in address.**Teen Youth Ministry:** On Saturday, Dec. 14th, members of our parish youth ministry participated in a service project and prepared more than 2000 breakfast bags to be distributed to the homeless in Washington, DC. We are grateful to Ms. Le-Marie Thompson, adult volunteers, and our teens who gave of their time for this worthy cause.

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Father Canice and our visiting clergy, I offer you best wishes for a blessed and happy Christmas. We look forward to the coming year as we continue to grow in faith.

Sincerely,
Father Jack Kennealy



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. Raffle tickets make great Christmas gifts! 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.

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

Joseph and Mary are our models for family life and for service of God. Even when the circumstances seemed unclear, Joseph trusted God. Healthy family life is built upon trust, trust in God and trust of one another.

Spend some time talking as a family about the importance of trust in your family life, including the ways in which the children trust the adults in the family as well as the ways in which the adults trust the children. Then read today's Gospel. Talk about Joseph's trust of God and reflect together on how your family trusts in God.

Pray together that your family life will be built on trust, as was the family life of Joseph and Mary. Pray and sing together an Advent song, such as "O Come, O Come,

The Parish Office Christmas Schedule

Tuesday, December 24: 8:00 AM—2:00 PM
December 25—27th: Closed

Tuesday, December 31: 8:00 AM—2:00 PM
Wednesday, January 1: Closed

Christmas Schedule Saint Matthias the Apostle Church

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



Celebrant Mass Schedule for Dec. 28/29

5:00 PM Fr. Casimir
7:00 PM Fr. Jacek
8:00 AM Fr. Jack
9:30 AM Fr. Casimir
11:30 AM Fr. Jack
6:00 PM Fr. Casimir