

Week of the Octave of the Nativity**Monday, December 30th**

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

Tuesday, December 31st*Saint Sylvester I*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Marian Huber (D)

Wednesday, January 1st**Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God***(A Holy Day of Obligation)*

Mass 8:30 AM:

Mass 10:30 AM: Samuel & Bernice Nnannah

Thursday, January 2nd*Saint Basil the Great & Saint Gregory Nazianzen*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Adolphus Chikere (L)

Friday, January 3rd*Most Holy Name of Jesus*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Patricia Lewis (D)

Saturday, January 4th*Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Barrister Oni Egboma

The Epiphany of the Lord**Saturday, January 4th**

Mass 5:00 PM: St. Matthias Catechists (L)

Mass 7:00 PM: Angelica De Leon (D)

Sunday, January 5th

8:00 AM: People of the Parish (L)

9:30 AM: St. Matthias Teachers & Students (L)

11:30 AM: Jerry Nwonye (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 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

Due to the early deadline for printing this week's bulletin, the Stewardship Report for December 22nd and Christmas will appear in next week's bulletin.

We Are Grateful For Your Generosity**Items of Note at St. Matthias****New Year's Mass Schedule****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

Mass 10:30 AM (Bilingual)

Marian Devotion: There will be NO Marian Devotion this coming Saturday, January 4th. The monthly devotion will resume the first Saturday in February.

The First Friday/First Saturday Two Hearts Vigil will be held on January 3rd & 4th, beginning at 8:00 PM Friday and concluding with Mass at 12:30 AM on Saturday.

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.

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.



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



In the midst of the Christmas season, it is quite appropriate that our liturgy asks us to pause to consider the Holy Family. In today's Gospel, we hear about how Joseph protected Jesus from danger by relocating the family to Egypt in obedience to God. Following the model of the Holy Family, we might use this feast to recall the responsibility that each family member has to contribute to the good of the family and recommit ourselves to one another.

Gather together as a family to work on a common project. You might prepare a meal together, prepare a special dessert, or perhaps do a craft together. When you finish, talk about how each family member contributed to the common project. Remind one another that each member of the family contributes to the good of the whole family. Recall that Jesus was also part of a family and that this Sunday we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23. Pray together that your family will continue to protect and care for one another as Mary and Joseph protected and cared for Jesus.

Happy New Year!

The Parish Office will close at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, December 31st and will re-open on Thursday, January 2nd, at 8:00 AM

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. 4/5

5:00 PM Fr. Jack
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