

Third Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 27th

Saint Angela Merici

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Tim Retumban** (D)

Tuesday, January 28th

Saint Thomas Aquinas

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Ferris "Bo" George** (D)

Wednesday, January 29th

Mass 8:30 AM: **Edward Densmore, Jr.** (D)

Thursday, January 30th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Jeffrey Defayette** (L)

Friday, January 31st

Saint John Bosco

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Felisa Felix** (D)

Saturday, February 1st

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Velma Mayfield** (L)

The Presentation of the Lord

Saturday, February 1st

Mass 5:00 PM: **Mona Cruz** (D)

Mass 7:00 PM: **Joseph Halbe** (L)

Sunday, February 2nd

8:00 AM: **Maryanne DeMaio** (L)

9:30 AM: **People of the Parish** (L)

11:30 AM: **Lekelefac Leke Fonge** (D)

6:00 PM: **Desmond Ewang Netege** (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; Michele Feaster; 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.

Stewardship Report

January 19	Offertory	7,466
	Faith Direct	2,973
	Total	10,439
	Last Year	14,105

We Are Grateful For Your Generosity

Items of Note at St. Matthias

Volunteer Luncheon: The Parish Social Life Committee is proud to assist Father Jack again this year in recognizing the many parishioners who regularly give their time, talent, and treasure to our church.



Thanks to Our Volunteers!

A Volunteer Luncheon will be held on Sunday, March 22nd, from 2:00-4:00 PM, to honor those who assist with Masses and/or offer services to others in the parish and community. If you are a registered volunteer, please pick up a registration form in the church vestibule. Your completed form may be placed in the *Volunteer Luncheon* box, collection basket, or dropped off at the parish office. We look forward to seeing you at the luncheon celebration.

The St. Matthias Prayer Group meets in the church every Sunday immediately after the 11:30 AM Mass. On the last Friday of each month, there is a special service, *Miracle Night*, from 8:00-10:00 PM. *Children of participants must be supervised by designated adults.*

Holy Land Tour: Are you interested in traveling to the Holy Land? In order to determine the level of interest in arranging for a tour, please contact Don Aitcheson at 240-481-0622.



Ladies, We Need Your Help with our many acts of charity in the parish and beyond! You are invited to join us the 2nd Thursday of every month at 9:00 AM in the Hughes Center for our monthly meeting. For more information, please contact Arlene Taylor at

atay1459@comcast.net.



The Academy of Saint Matthias

Raffle Ticket Fundraiser: Tickets may be purchased at the school office and parish office for \$ 20 each. Congratulations to Shannon Ingram, winner and seller (\$ 1050), in the January 15th drawing. The next drawing is February 3rd.

Open House: You're invited to our Open House on Tuesday, January 28th, from 8:30 –11:30 AM, and from 6:30-7:30 PM. We welcome prospective parents for the 2020-2021 school year to visit our school, meet our teachers and staff, and to learn about our academic programs. Please call the school office (301-577-9412) if you plan to attend.

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.

Archdiocese of Washington

The Archdiocese of Washington's Child Protection & Safe Environment Policy requires volunteers who work with children to be fingerprinted. If you began your volunteer service before September of 2013, records of your fingerprints and background check are on file. Volunteers who registered after September of 2013 must be fingerprinted. For information and to arrange for fingerprinting, please call the parish office at 301-459-4814 x 201 or the school at 301-577-9412.

Men's Discernment Retreat: Archbishop Gregory invites men in their 20's-40's, who are interested in learning more about the priesthood, to attend a discernment retreat led by priests and seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington. The retreat will be held next weekend, Jan. 31st—Feb. 2nd, at Saint John Paul II Seminary in Washington, DC. Registration is now open at www.DCPriest.org. For more information, contact Rev. Mark Ivany at 202-636-9020.

The Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation will begin a new cycle of recruitment and preparation of men for the diaconate. "Come and See" events will be held at various locations through March. Dates and locations are posted in the church vestibule. Interested persons may contact Deacon Charles Huber at 301-853-4582 or HuberC@adw.org.

Family Connection

Today's Gospel tells us little about the background of these fishermen, their work, and their families. In today's Gospel, we are simply told that James and John left their father, Zebedee, in the boat and followed Jesus.

Some details about the families of these first followers of Jesus are found later in Matthew's Gospel, however. In [Matthew 8:14-15](#) for example, Jesus goes to the home of Peter and heals his mother-in-law of a fever. [Matthew 20:20-28](#) relates how the mother of the sons of Zebedee (James and John) approaches Jesus with the request that her sons be given places of honor in Jesus' kingdom. These brief references suggest that the first disciples' separation from their families may not have been as complete as the verses in today's Gospel might lead us to believe. Matthew points out the separation because he wants to show that Christian discipleship can require a change in our lives and even our family relationships.

Perhaps the message for us today is to balance the radical call to be a follower of Jesus with the challenge to be "fishers of men" even within our own families. Creating this balance may require that we change some of the priorities of our own family life.

As a family, detail the activities of a typical day. Discuss together what priorities are reflected in this daily schedule. How does your family respond when your daily plans are interrupted or must be changed? Together read today's Gospel, Matthew 4:12-23. Reflect together on the example of the first disciples who dropped everything to follow Jesus. Ask: Does our family schedule give evidence that we put God first in our family life? What might we do to better reflect that God is our priority? Pray together that your family will always give evidence that God comes first in your family life.



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-schoolscholarships/>.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for Feb. 1/2

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