

Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 3rd

Saint Blaise

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Deacon John Briscoe (D)**

Tuesday, February 4th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **John Kennealy, IV (D)**

Wednesday, February 5th

Saint Agatha

Mass 8:30 AM: **Priscilla Egbe (D)**

Thursday, February 6th

Saint Paul Miki & Companions

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Udoma Chikere (L)**

Friday, February 7th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Giuseppe Torchia (D)**

Saturday, February 8th

Saint Jerome Emiliani & Saint Josephine Bakhita

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **School Staff & Students (L)**

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 8th

Mass 5:00 PM: **Carmen Kosko (L)**

Mass 7:00 PM: **People of the Parish (L)**

Sunday, February 9th

8:00 AM: **Naomi Juanitez Naik (L)**

9:30 AM: **Adamma Ugoh (D)**

11:30 AM: **Veronica Ike (L)**

6:00 PM: **Lekelefac Leke Fonge (D)**

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; Yvette Butler; 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, especially Alexander Nnana Agiliga and Henry Baird, may they rest in peace.

Stewardship Report

January 26	Offertory	8,677
	Faith Direct	2,947
	Total	11,624
	Last Year	12,658

We Are Grateful For Your Generosity

Items of Note at St. Matthias



Thanks to Our Volunteers!

Volunteer Luncheon: 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 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.

We Are Grateful to the following students who participated in last Sunday's 9:30 AM Mass to celebrate *Catholic Schools Week*: Chinwendu Akunwafor, Lucia Alemnji, John Ted Almenji, Thelma Almenji, Chelsea Anosike, Elsie Anosike, Roosevelt Anosike, Zion Anosike, Hayden Hernly, Elaiwe Ikpi.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



The Academy of Saint Matthias

Raffle Ticket Fundraiser: Tickets may be purchased at the school office and parish office for \$ 20 each. The next drawing is February 3rd. You could be the next \$ 1,000 winner!

Family Dinner Night Fundraiser: Join us and support our school by participating in the next dinner fundraiser at Mod Pizza on Monday, February 3rd, 15511 Annapolis Rd., Bowie, MD. Twenty percent of the proceeds will be donated to our school.

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 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.

Retreat for Music Ministry Members: Rev. Jacek Orzechowski, OFM, will offer a retreat on Saturday, February 22nd, from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM, at St. Camillus Church in Silver Spring, MD. Register by February 14th at <https://www.npmdc.org/events-1/pre-lenten-retreat>.

40 Days for Life College Park invites you to an inspired Prayer Service Rally from 2:00-4:00 PM on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, in the Keesler Parish Center, 800 Main St., Laurel, MD. Join us for prayers and songs in English and Spanish, an informative video, and legislative updates.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for Feb. 8/9

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

Faith Formation

Do you wish you had more peace of mind? Could you use more wisdom in your decision-making? Do you ever wonder how to grow in wisdom? You may not realize that Scripture offers us wisdom that actually relates to our daily lives. Through the wisdom literature of the Bible, God shows us how to walk in his vision for our happiness and well-being, as he created us to do. The wisdom literature—Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, and Ecclesiastes—shows us that God has showered us in livable wisdom. *Wisdom: God’s Vision for Life* is your guide to learning how to gather, gain, and grow in wisdom in your daily life. I invite you to join us for *Wisdom*, beginning Tuesday, February 4th, at 9:15 AM in the Hughes Center. You will benefit personally from being part of this study, and you will help us to grow in fellowship as a parish. *Wisdom* invites you to experience the transforming power of taking time to apply God’s wisdom to your own life. For more information, please contact Catherine Tolnay at 301-459-4814 x 205 or ctolnay@stmatthias.org.

Family Connection



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Discuss with the family the persons of Simeon and Anna as they meet Jesus. (Luke 2: 25–40)

Because Simeon and Anna lived lives of prayer and fasting in the Temple, they were filled with the Spirit of God. That is why they were able to identify Jesus as the Savior even though Jesus was only a baby.

To these two holy people, he was recognizable as the Redeemer who had been promised. Simeon described Jesus as “a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

We too are called to recognize Jesus as Lord. Together as a family discuss ways to recognize Jesus as Lord by praying and attending Mass, fasting, and serving others. As a family, decide on one specific sacrifice you can make in order to alleviate the suffering or need of someone you know.