Stewardship Report

February 16 Offertory 7,765
Faith Direct 2,578
Total 10,343
Last Year 10,923

We Are Grateful For Your Generosity

Items of Note at St. Matthias

The Marian Devotion will be held Saturday, March 7th, at 7:30 AM in the church. Please join us!

First Friday/First Saturday Two Hearts Vigil will be held on March 6th & 7th, beginning at 8:00 PM Friday and concluding with Mass at 12:30 AM on Saturday.

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. Please join us this coming Friday, February 28th.

Knights of Columbus Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Join us in Friendship Hall on February 25th, from 6:00-8:30 PM, for the annual pancake and sausage supper.

The Ladies of Charity invite you to join them the 2nd Thursday of every month at 9:00 AM in the Hughes Center for their monthly meeting. For more information, please contact Arlene Taylor at atay1459@comcast.net.
**Family Connection**

Family life teaches us many things. It is often at home that we learn practical skills such as cooking, riding a bike, and making repairs. Talk about some of the things that the members of your family have learned to do at home. We also learn about caring at home. Talk about times when you have learned a lesson about sharing, forgiving, or loving through an experience that happened at home.

Talk about how love is the most important thing a family can share with one another. Explain that it is the same in God’s family. Read aloud this Sunday’s Gospel, Matthew 5:38–48. Talk about how Jesus tried to teach his disciples how to love others beyond those who are closest to them. Jesus tells them to love even their enemies. As members of God’s family, we are called to do the same thing. Talk about some concrete ways you can “love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

Remind your children that Jesus does not expect us to be perfect. Jesus knows that we are human and will not always do everything correctly. Explain that what Jesus wants us to do is to love others as if they were Jesus himself. If we reach out in love to others, we are doing exactly what Jesus did. That is what perfection looks like. End this time together by praying the **Act of Love**.

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**The Academy of Saint Matthias**

**Attention, Parents of Currently Enrolled Students:**
Please re-register your child(ren) before March 1st. The current re-enrollment fee is $200 per family. Beginning March 1st, the fee will increase to $350 per family. We are currently accepting applications for all grades (Pre-K through Grade 8) for the 2020-2021 school year. Seating is very limited in grades 7 and 8.

**School Tours** are offered on Mondays from 8:30-10:00 AM, or by appointment. Please contact the school office to plan your tour.

**Raffle Ticket Fundraiser:** Tickets may be purchased at the school office and parish office for $20 per ticket. You could be the next $1,000 winner!

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**Archdiocese of Washington**

**2020 Annual Appeal:** Thank you to all parishioners who made a gift to the Annual Appeal last weekend. We appreciate your support. If you did not have a chance to make your gift last weekend, or you need more time to consider your gift, pledge envelopes are available in the church vestibule. No gift is too small, and each gift will support more than 60 ministries and programs that benefit countless women, men, children, and families in the Church of Washington, including our own parish and local community. As in every year, 100% of your contribution to the Annual Appeal will be designated to the ministries and programs supported by the Appeal. Thank you for your generous response.

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**Volunteers are needed to staff the St. Matthias Parish front office for 4 hour shifts, mornings or afternoons, once or twice per month. Duties include answering the phone, greeting visitors, and completing light clerical tasks. Please call Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 for more information.**

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**Celebrant Mass Schedule for Feb. 29/Mar. 1**

1. **5:00 PM** Fr. Jack
2. **7:00 PM** Fr. Jacek
3. **8:00 AM** Fr. Jack
4. **9:30 AM** Fr. Jack
5. **11:30 AM** Fr. Canice
6. **6:00 PM** Fr. Canice

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**Stations of the Cross**
Fridays in Lent at 7:00 PM

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**Ash Wednesday**
February 26, 2020
Schedule of Masses

- **8:30 AM**
- **10:30 AM** (School Mass)
- **12:00 PM**
- **5:00 PM**
- **7:00 PM**
- **8:15 PM** (Spanish)