A Message From the Pastor

I will continue to hear confessions on an individual basis. Please give me a call at (301) 459-4814 ext. 229 and leave a message. If you know of a parishioner who would benefit from a “phone visit” from the pastor, please let me know.

Thank you for using your envelopes or Faith Direct. Feel free to mail your contribution or drop your envelopes in the mail slot in the door to the Hughes Center.

Please pray for Fr. Canice and me and be assured of our prayers for you. Our warmest wishes to all the mothers in our parish. Happy Mother’s Day!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Jack Kennealy

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Stewardship Report
Thank you for continuing your support of our parish by sending your weekly contributions and giving through Faith Direct. We appreciate all that you are able to do to contribute to the support of the church.

Offertory & Building Fund Contributions

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We Are Grateful For Your Generosity
The Academy of Saint Matthias

**Maryland BOOST Scholarship Coalition:** Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) encourages families to apply for financial aid scholarships by going to [http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/application.aspx](http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/application.aspx). Children must be enrolled in TADS in order to apply. The State of Maryland has extended the application deadline to June 1, 2020.

**Attention, Parents of Currently Enrolled Students:** We are accepting applications for all grades (Pre-K 3 through Grade 8) for the 2020-2021 school year. The registration fee is $350 per family. Families interested in applying should email Mrs. Ann O’Hare, Director of Admissions, at aohare@stmatthias.org to set up a ZOOM meeting or phone call to learn more about our school.

**Family Connection**

Members of the same family often bear close resemblances to one another. Sometimes physical resemblances are shared within a family, but often the similarities are behavioral characteristics and mannerisms. We hear this observation affirmed through a number of common phrases: “He’s a chip off the old block” or “She’s her mother’s daughter.” Today’s Gospel points to a mystery of faith that might be examined in light of these familial relationships. In Jesus we see and know the Father. Likewise, the Father is known through the life and work of the Son, Jesus.

Talk together as a family about whether people outside of your family recognize common traits of your family. Are there physical resemblances that people recognize and so know each individual as a member of your family? Are there mannerisms that are shared by members of your family? What are some common interests and work that people might associate with your family? As you read today’s Gospel, John 14:1-12, keep in mind that members of the same family share many characteristics, even though each person in the family is an individual. What does Jesus tell his disciples about his relationship with the Father? The relationship between the Father and Jesus is so close that Jesus says that those who have seen and known Jesus have also seen and known the Father. Jesus promises his disciples that because of their faith in him and in the Father, they too will be able to do the work of the Father as Jesus did. End your discussion by praying together that others will recognize in your family the work of the Father. Pray together the Lord’s Prayer.

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**The Catholic Charities’ Financial Stability Network’s Outreach** helps the poor register for federal stimulus checks. For more information, please see the flyer posted on the St. Matthias website. To contact Catholic Charities, email fsn@ccdc.org or call 202-772-4300 x 153.

**Catholic Charities Helps Families Suffering From Abuse**

Parish Partners provides emergency assistance to families who suffer from domestic abuse, and connects them to agencies that offer safety planning and counseling. Emergency assistance for rent and utilities may also be available. For more information, go to [https://cathsttan.org/news/local/as-stay-at-home-orders-may-increase-domestic-abuse-catholic-charities-provides-resources-for-aid](https://cathsttan.org/news/local/as-stay-at-home-orders-may-increase-domestic-abuse-catholic-charities-provides-resources-for-aid).

**Sign Up for Flocknote**

To receive timely news, updates, and words of encouragement from our pastor, Father Jack, sign up for FlockNote. To receive email, go to: [https://app.flocknote.com/find](https://app.flocknote.com/find).
Dear Lord,

We pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry.

We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, “Do whatever He tells you” (Jn 2:5).

May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary’s most chaste spouse.

May the Blessed Mother’s own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross.

May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls.

Amen.

Saint John Vianney, Pray for Priests

Pray For Priests

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Daily Prayer Calendar

May June July August 2020

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