

The Octave of Easter

If you have a Mass intention scheduled while Masses are suspended, the Mass intention will be moved to a later date, and you will be notified of the change. If you need a Mass intention for a critical reason such as a serious illness, surgery, or a death in the family, Father Jack will offer a private Mass for your intention.

For Parish News and Updates,
Visit the Parish Website at
www.stmatthias.org
Follow Father Jack (Jack Kennealy) on Facebook
and on The Church of St. Matthias Facebook Page

How Do I Make a Spiritual Communion?

Below are recommendations to make a ‘spiritual communion’ when unable to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The recommendations can be adapted based upon personal and family needs.

- Gather with others in your household and begin a time of prayer with the sign of the cross.
- Take time to read and reflect upon the readings from Sunday Mass. The readings are available at usccb.org/bible/readings and a Sunday Gospel reflection on youtube.com/washarchdiocese.
- Share prayer intentions quietly or aloud.
- Pray the Lord’s Prayer.
- Pray one of the prayers of spiritual communion (Go to adw.org) to view prayers.
- Close with the sign of the cross.

Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends:

Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Yvette Butler; Rose Chisefsky; Cathy Chittham; Martina Coleman; Chunyere Duru; Helen Dziriduch; Patricia Farland; John Graham; Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Jan Jarus; George Johnson; Joseph Johnson; John and Joan Kodak; Cathy Pielmeier; Jean Sullenkamp; Evelyn Turley; Peggy Wills; Mae Young; Sister Giustina Zanin; Ziara Zanin; Don Zehner; Rita and Eugene Zehner

***For our military, protect them from all harm.
For the faithful departed may they rest in peace.***

To add or remove a name from the sick list, please call the parish office at 301-459-4814 x 201.

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.

The parish office is now closed and will remain so until we are directed otherwise. Our staff is working on site and from home, and will respond to phone messages and emails.

Our fixed costs remain, and I 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.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Jack Kennealy

Sign Up for FlockNote

To receive timely news, updates, and words of encouragement from our pastor, Father Jack, sign up for FlockNote. You may choose to receive texts, emails, or both. It’s easy to sign-up. Go to: <https://app.flocknote.com/find>.



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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. Our expenses continue and, as a result of income losses, we have reduced the hours of some of our staff, furloughed others, and cut costs wherever possible. We appreciate all that you are able to do to contribute to the support of the church.

March 15, 22, 29.....\$ 6745

April 1-8.....\$ 4824



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>. 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

Family Connection

In the Easter Gospel we hear about how the disciples found the tomb empty three days after Jesus' death. We are also told that they do not yet understand the Scriptures or that Jesus had been raised from the dead. That understanding gradually unfolded for the disciples as they began to experience the risen Lord. Similarly, our understanding of Jesus' Resurrection unfolds for us throughout our lives. In the weeks ahead, we will hear how the first disciples moved from confusion, doubt, and skepticism to faith. Their experience can teach us how we too might receive this gift of faith from God.

Gather your family members and ask them to share what they know about the events that happened in the days after Jesus' crucifixion. Invite your family to imagine that they are among Jesus' first disciples. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:1-9. Reflect together on the Gospel with questions such as these: If you had been among the first disciples who heard that the stone had been removed from Jesus' tomb and that Jesus' body was no longer there, what would you think? What did Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved think had happened? Recall that this experience is the first indication Jesus' disciples have that he is risen. Throughout the Easter season, we will learn more about how the disciples came to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

Pray together using today's psalm, Psalm 118: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. -Aesop

Archdiocese of Washington

Resources from the Archdiocese of Washington

- The Archdiocesan website has a page with informational resources on coronavirus: <https://adw.org/coronavirus/>.
- At the pastor's discretion, churches may remain open for personal prayer. Please follow all protocols recommended by health professionals about maintaining safe interpersonal distance.
- The Archdiocesan website has resources on how to receive spiritual communion: <https://adw.org/coronavirus-dispensation-and-prayers/>.
- Take time to read and reflect upon the readings from Sunday Mass. You can find the readings at usccb.org and a Sunday Gospel reflection on our YouTube channel.
- The Archdiocesan website has audio and written Stations of the Cross: <https://adw.org/coronavirus-dispensation-and-prayers/>.
- Our archdiocesan Sunday TV Mass is available online: <https://adw.org/parishes-masses/sunday-tv-mass/>.
- Here is a prayer by Pope Francis to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic: <https://adw.org/text-of-popes-prayer-to-mary-during-coronavirus-pandemic/>.
- Pastoral care to the sick will continue incorporating protocols recommended by health professionals.

-Rev. Daniel Carson



Community Place Café is an interfaith ministry that provides support for our homeless neighbors in Prince George's County. St. Matthias is among several churches that participate in this ministry. At this time we are not permitted to serve a warm lunch to the homeless guests at the café. Rather, we are asked to provide food assistance by providing gift cards from grocery stores that the homeless guests can use to purchase food and supplies. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Peg Chappell at 301-262-8724.

