

The Second Sunday of Easter

(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

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

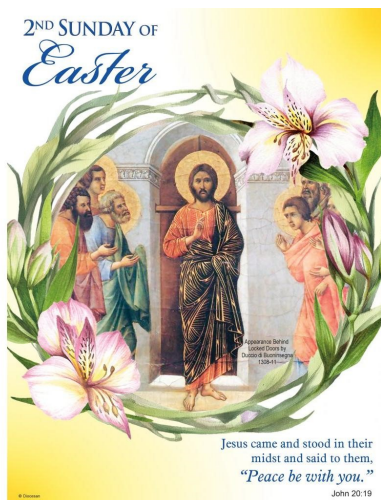
Follow Father Jack (Jack Kennealy) on Facebook
and on The Church of St. Matthias Facebook Page.

Join us for the live-stream 11:30 AM Sunday Mass
by going to the St. Matthias Church Facebook page.

**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
Dziduch; Patricia Farland; John Graham; Genevieve Greenfield;
William Halbe; Jan Jarus; George Johnson; Joseph Johnson;
John and Joan Kodak; Cathy Pielmeier; 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.***



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

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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.

Contributions	2020	2019
March	\$ 44,230.	\$ 60,649.

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>. 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

Many of us can relate to Thomas's response to the news that the disciples had seen Jesus. We want to see for ourselves too, but we grow in faith, trusting the experience and knowledge of others.

Many of us have heard the saying "Seeing is believing." As your family gathers, take some time to consider what that saying means. What are some things we believe because we see them? Is there anything we believe without seeing? Today's Gospel reminds us that faith sometimes asks us to believe things we cannot see with our eyes. Read today's Gospel, John 19:19-31, with your family. Think about Thomas's response to the reports about the risen Lord. Is Thomas's doubt reasonable? How does Jesus respond to Thomas? Jesus grants Thomas the evidence that Thomas needs to believe, but Jesus also affirms the faith of those who will be called upon to believe without first-hand experience. We are among those whom Jesus calls blessed. Discuss with your family the basis of each member's faith in Jesus—the witness of the first disciples, the Gospels, the continuing activity of the Holy Spirit, the community of the Church.

Pray together that your faith in Jesus will be strong. Pray an act of faith together.

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>.

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

Catholic Charities Helps Families Suffering From Abuse

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



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 offer 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.