

The Third Sunday 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.

Join us for the live-stream 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM
Sunday Masses 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.

As you can see in the stewardship report, our monthly expenses continue, 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

Easter 2020 \$ 9,154

A Few Current Monthly Expenses

BGE	\$ 2,218.22
Wash. Gas	\$ 3,845.74
WSSC	\$ 830.04
Property Insurance	\$ 2,227.00
Copiers/PA System	\$ 4,247.00

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. There are 106 students enrolled and 71 pending enrollments as of April 21st.

Family Connection

Families, as the domestic church, have the opportunity to make the family meal a time of prayerful encounter with one another and with Jesus. At a family meal we share our experiences of the day and connect them with the experiences of others in the family. We can also enjoy the meal as an opportunity to reflect upon our family life in light of Scripture. At their best our family meals can connect us to Jesus too.

Choose a family meal this week to share one another's experiences of the week in a special way. Perhaps invite family members to plan and prepare the meal together. Begin the meal by reading today's Gospel, Luke 24:13-35. As you eat, talk together about how the disciples discussed their experiences in Jerusalem and how they came to understand them differently when Jesus interpreted those events in the light of Scripture. Then invite each family member to share the things that are going on in his or her life. Consider what Jesus might say to each person if he were sitting at your dinner table. Conclude with a special prayer after your dinner. Pray a prayer of blessing for each family member, asking that Jesus continue to be present in each person's life, helping each one to be a better follower of Jesus. Conclude with a Sign of Peace.



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>.

Archdiocese of Washington

- The Archdiocesan website has a page with informational resources on coronavirus: <https://adw.org/coronavirus/>.



Catholic Charities & Covid-19 Volunteer Opportunities

The Covid-19 health crisis is impacting every part of our lives, and has shut down most businesses. However, our clients need help now more than ever! Catholic Charities continues to provide essential services; our food, shelter, and medical care programs are continuing. Below are some ways you can support our programs during the Covid-19 pandemic:

- Food Package Assembler & Distributor
- Sew Face Coverings
- Food Program Phone Support
- Pro Bono Attorneys
- Financial Stability Network Mentors and Educators

For more information, go to <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/covid-19-volunteer-opportunities/>. Questions? Contact Maura at maura.filoromo@cc-dc.org.

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@cc-dc.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 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>.

*God gave us
rainbows to
remind us of hope.*

