

The Fourth 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.***

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



Please notify the parish office if you have moved recently, or if your email address, phone number, etc. has changed.

301-459-4814 x 201
pford@stmatthias.org

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.

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

Parish Staff Contact Information

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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 cut costs wherever possible. We appreciate all that you are able to do to contribute to the support of the church.

Offertory & Building Fund Contributions

April 2020	\$ 28,386
April 2019	\$ 75,135

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.

Family Connection

Even though we have less experience with sheep and shepherds today in our society, we can still identify strongly



with the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and as the gate for the sheep. Psalm 23 remains a popular and favorite psalm for prayer. In the image of the Good Shepherd, we know ourselves to be protected and cared for by a loving God.

As your family gathers, ask what each person knows about sheep and shepherds. Recall that shepherds and sheep have a close relationship. Sheep will only follow their own shepherd; they recognize his voice and will not follow a stranger.

The shepherd's job is to protect his sheep. In some ways, the relationship between the shepherd and his sheep is like that of a parent and child. Read together this Sunday's Gospel, John 10:1-10. Talk about how Jesus tells us that he is the gate for the sheep. The sheep enter the protection of the sheepfold through the gate. In Jesus we find protection and abundant life. Conclude by thanking Jesus for being our Good Shepherd and by praying today's psalm, Psalm 23.



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 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>.

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>.