

**The Sixth Week of Easter**

*“Lord, open my lips,  
and my  
mouth shall declare  
your praise.”*

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

*The Ascension of the Lord*

For Parish News and Updates,  
Visit the Parish Website at  
**[www.stmatthias.org](http://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:**

Florence Asongfac; Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Yvette  
Butler; Rose Chisefsky; Cathy Chittham; Chunyere Duru; Helen  
Dziduch; Patricia Farland; John Graham; Genevieve Greenfield;  
William Halbe; Jan Jarus; George Johnson; Joseph Johnson;  
John and Joan Kodak; Cathy Pielmeier; Sorie Sankoh; Evelyn  
Turley; Mae Young; Sister Giustina Zanin; Ziara Zanin; Don  
Zehner; Rita and Eugene Zehner

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

*For our military, protect them from all harm.*



*For the faithful departed,  
especially Claudia Clayton,  
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. 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.

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 Contributions**

May 10 2020                      \$ 3,494

**May 12, 2019                      \$ 13,268**

*We Are Grateful For Your Generosity*

**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>.





## 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.**

**Enrollment for the 2020-21 School Year: in Grades Pre-K3-8:** Families interested in applying should email Mrs. Ann O'Hare at [aohare@stmatthias.org](mailto:aohare@stmatthias.org) to set up a ZOOM meeting or phone call to learn more about our school.

**Father Hughes Scholarship:** Please go to [www.stmatthias.org](http://www.stmatthias.org) to download an application. This scholarship is for registered qualifying parish families whose children attend St. Matthias or an accredited Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Washington.

### Family Connection

The mystery of the Trinity can be difficult for us to grasp. Today's Gospel invites us to consider how the three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—work together so that God's salvation is made known to us. Jesus' mission is continued through the activity of the Holy Spirit in the lives of his disciples. We have received this same Spirit through our Baptisms. The Spirit, living and working within us, reveals the mystery of God's love for us. Just as the first disciples were not left orphaned, we are not orphaned; we remain in God's embrace through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Gather your family and invite each family member to say what he or she knows about the Holy Spirit. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 14:15-21. What does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will do for the disciples? Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we come to share in the love of God made known to us in Jesus. Pray together, thanking God for this gift of the Holy Spirit by praying the [Prayer to the Holy Spirit](#).

### Knights of Columbus



Last week the Mother Seton Council 5381 prepared 100 gift bags for residents of Doctors Community Rehabilitation and Nursing Center to assure the residents that they are not forgotten and that they are in our thoughts and prayers. Bags contained puzzles, coloring books, personal care items, and other goodies. Thank, you, Knights!

## Archdiocese of Washington

The Archdiocesan website, [adw.org/coronavirus](http://adw.org/coronavirus), is updated regularly with information, in English and Spanish. To find a listing of live stream Masses and prayers, go to [adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/](http://adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/). The Catholic Standard and the Spanish-language El Pregonero newspapers are currently available online at [cathstan.org](http://cathstan.org) and [elpreg.org](http://elpreg.org).



### Catholic Charities & Covid-19 Volunteer Opportunities

The Covid-19 health crisis impacts 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 continue. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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>.