

The Ascension of the Lord



“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

teaching them to observe

all that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

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.

Pentecost Sunday May 31st

Readings:

Acts 2: 1-11
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

**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 Dgiduch; Patricia Farland; John Graham; Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Jan Jarus; George Johnson; Joseph Johnson; John and Joan Kodak; Cathy Pielmeier; Sorie Sankoh; Evelyn Turley; William Washington; 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, especially
Patricia Ciccone,
may they rest in peace.*

A Message From the Pastor

You will soon receive information on the gradual reopening of the church for public Masses. In the meantime, 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 17 2020 \$ 3,385

May 19, 2019 \$ 12, 448

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 to set up a ZOOM meeting or phone call to learn more about our school.

Father Hughes Scholarship: Please go to 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. St. Matthias students must be enrolled in TADS in order to qualify.

Family Connection

Just as Jesus sent his disciples to make disciples, our family, the domestic Church, is called to bear witness to the life of discipleship. That act of witnessing can take many forms. First and foremost our family should call people to discipleship by the example of our love for one another. That example is only the beginning; our love must extend beyond the family, reaching out to others and to the world.

Together with your family, identify one or more ways in which your family lives the life of Christian discipleship. Thank God for the blessing of the opportunity to be able to show God's love. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 28:16-20. Discuss what Jesus sends his disciples to do. Work together to identify one or more ways in which your family would like to do a better job bearing witness to the life of discipleship. Choose one of those ways and work together to make it happen. Pray as a family for the grace to be witnesses to the world of the life of discipleship. Pray together the Lord's Prayer. *loyolapress.com*

Next Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost



The Season of Easter concludes with next Sunday's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church.

Archdiocese of Washington

The Archdiocesan website, 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/. The Catholic Standard and the Spanish-language El Pregonero newspapers are currently available online at cathstan.org and elpreg.org.



Catholic Charities & Covid-19 Volunteer Opportunities

Catholic Charities is distributing SHARE grocery packages to families in need in response to the economic hardships associated with the COVID-19 health crisis. A team of volunteers will direct cars through a pickup line. Every car gets a box of food from SHARE (containing frozen proteins and fresh produce) and prepared meals to take home. This is a drive-thru no-touch affair: cars pull up, pop the trunk, and a volunteer places the boxes in the trunk. The next food distribution will take place on Friday, May 29th, at St. Mary of the Mills, 114 St Mary's Place, Laurel, MD 20707. Questions? Contact Maura at maura.filoromo@cc-dc.org.

From Credit Cards to Student Loans: Managing Your Debt During COVID-19: Catholic Charities Financial Stability Network is offering a free taped webinar reviewing how parishioners can best manage student loans, credit cards, and mortgage debt. Go to https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/6dZ2BJ_e19LGbP05F-mYLI4XdyiT6a8hbl-KzzxU5-6GAztW3JSgOMaixZRR?startTime=1589473289000.

Stress Reduction Workshop Offered by a Catholic Health Ministry Leader: Donna Chacko, a Saint Mark's Catholic Church Health Ministry leader and retired physician, is offering a faith-based stress reduction workshop online, "Three keys to Less Stress During the Covid-19 Crisis." It is free and open to all.

English link: <https://www.serenityandhealth.com/covid19guide>

En estos tiempos de crisis y de lucha contra el C-19, ofréceles una mas el programa, "Mentos Estrés" de forma gratuita.

Spanish link: <https://www.serenityandhealth.com/tresclaves>.