

## Pentecost Sunday



*The Season of Easter concludes with this 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.*

**Sunday, June 7 2020**

***"The Most Holy Trinity"***

Readings  
Ex 34: 4b-6, 8-9  
2 Cor 13: 11-13  
John 3: 16-18

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; 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 Anne DeGraff,  
may they rest in peace.*

## A Message From the Pastor

You will soon receive information by mail 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 24 2020                      \$ 6,603**

**May 26, 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](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. St. Matthias students must be enrolled in TADS in order to qualify. **The deadline for applying is Monday, June 15, 2020.**

### Family Connection

Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. The Gospel for Pentecost reminds us that the Church begins with the command to forgive. Within the family, the domestic Church, we learn how to forgive and how to accept forgiveness. The gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to do both. Today is a fitting time to share a family celebration of reconciliation.

As you gather together as a family, sit quietly for a few minutes, inviting everyone to reflect upon their need to forgive and to receive forgiveness. If there is a situation or an issue within the family that needs attention, spend some time reflecting on how your family might address it. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:19-23. Talk together about how Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us in the work of forgiveness and to bring us peace. Pray together the [Prayer to the Holy Spirit](#), asking that the Holy Spirit help your family.

“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

*V.* Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

*R.* And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.”

## 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

**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\\_e-19LGP05F-mYLI4XdyiT6a8hIb-KzzxU5-6GAztW3JSgOMaixZRR?startTime=1589473289000](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/6dZ2BJ_e-19LGP05F-mYLI4XdyiT6a8hIb-KzzxU5-6GAztW3JSgOMaixZRR?startTime=1589473289000).

### What is the U.S. Census?



By law, every 10 years the U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States. Your participation determines representation and how billions in federal funds are distributed. If our community is undercounted, friends and neighbors miss out on an estimated **\$18,250 per person**

**over a 10-year period.** Statewide, that's a total of **\$26.6 billion over a 10-year period.**

The Prince George's County Census team is developing tools and materials for your use. Go to [www.PGCensus2020.org](http://www.PGCensus2020.org) for more details and free downloadable materials.

# Welcome June

