

**Third Week of Advent****Monday, December 14th***Saint John of the Cross*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Margaret Ugoagwu** (L)Daily Mass 12:00 PM: **Don & Diana Gritz** (L)**Tuesday, December 15th**Mass 8:30 AM: **Rev. Joseph Ranieri** (L)**Wednesday, December 16th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Jean Stone Tolosky** (D)**Thursday, December 17th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Joan Iworsky** (L)**Friday, December 18th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Olin Dovel** (D)**Saturday, December 19th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Anne Dorsch** (D)**Fourth Sunday of Advent****Saturday, December 19th**Mass 4:00 PM: **Richard Kosko** (D)Mass 7:00 PM: **Debbie Barahona** (L)**Sunday, December 20th**Mass 8:00 AM: **Claude Cumberbatch** (D)Mass 9:45 AM: **Chukwuemeka Eneze** (L)Mass 11:30 AM: **Florence Nwonye** (L)Mass 6:00 PM: **Clare Kanofsky** (L)

*Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish,  
our neighbors, family, and friends:*

Florence Asonglefac; Elaine Brooks; Yvette Butler;  
 Rose Chisefsky; Deacon Alton Davis; Charlene Dawson;  
 Eugene Diggs III; Chunyere Duru; Rosita Dietrich; Helen  
 Dziduch; Patricia Farland; Carole Gallo; John Graham;  
 Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Jan Jarus;  
 Joseph Johnson; Edward Kin; Joan Kodak; Luz Naval;  
 Gustavo Paz; Bill Pinchback; Bruce Prout; Audrey Rebello;  
 Jane Smidinger; Evelyn Turley; Humphrey Udejiofor;  
 Bernadette Wilson, Mae Young; 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.*

**Stewardship Report**

December 6	Offertory	7,369
	Faith Direct	3,014
	Total	10,383
	Last Year	12,611

**This weekend's second collection is the Retirement Fund for Religious to support retired sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please give to those who have given a lifetime of service to the faithful.**

*We are grateful for your generosity.*

**Items of Note at St. Matthias**

**Grief Support:** The holidays are just around the corner and can be a difficult time for those grieving losses from death or other tragedies. For information about our grief support program, please contact Miriam Jacik at 301-345-6054.

**December Food Drive:** Thank you for your generous response to assist struggling parishes in Southeast Washington, DC. Your food donations will help parish food pantries to meet the needs of their parishioners and neighbors in their communities.



**Open Windows in Church:** To comply with local and state guidelines, we need to keep the air circulating in the church when services are conducted. Fans are used, and windows must remain open. With cold weather here, please dress for cooler air temperatures in the church.

**Offertory Envelopes for 2021:** If you are a registered parishioner who currently uses weekly offertory envelopes, please note that your 2021 envelopes for January and February will be mailed to you later this month. **Please check your mail carefully!** Be sure to notify the parish office of your new address if you have moved recently.



## The Academy of Saint Matthias

**Shopping Online?** If you purchase items through Amazon, please go to [smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and select Saint Matthias Catholic Church as your charity. Our school will receive a portion of your purchases as a donation. Thank you for your support!



### School Raffle Ticket Fundraiser:

Our annual raffle begins March 1st. Each winner will receive \$ 500! Drawings will be held the 1st and 15th of each month through June. Tickets are \$ 10.00 each, and may be purchased after weekend Masses or at the school and parish offices. *Raffle tickets make great stocking stuffers!*

## Family Connection

To be chosen by God for a particular task is an awesome thing. That is why we honor Mary, the one chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus. Yet we believe that each of us is chosen by God in particular and important ways, and each of us is given gifts and talents by God to share with the world. One of the tremendous responsibilities of parenting is helping our children determine the gifts and talents they have to share with others to serve the reign of God.

As a family, identify some of the gifts and talents that God has given each person in the family. Talk about the ways in which these gifts and talents might be used in the service of others. Recall that Mary was given a special task by God. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 1:26-38. Reflect upon Mary's humble response to God's call. Pray as a family that each person will be like Mary and respond to God with a resounding yes by using their gifts and talents to serve others in both large and small ways. Conclude by praying together the Hail Mary, or perhaps pray a decade of the Rosary, reflecting upon the Joyful Mystery, the Annunciation.



**The Saint Joseph Sunday Missals for 2021 are available in the parish office during regular business hours.  
Cost is \$ 5.00**

## Giving Tree

**The Ladies of Charity** wish to thank you for participating in the parish Giving Tree project. Unwrapped and tagged gifts may be dropped off at the church this weekend or at the parish office during regular business hours. Gifts will be donated to area charities. Thank you for making Christmas brighter for someone in need.

## Knights of Columbus

**Tickets for the 51st Annual Car Raffle** are available at the parish office and may also be obtained from a member of the Knights of Columbus after weekend Masses. The grand prize is a 2021 Ford Mustang (or \$ 18,000 cash). Tickets are \$ 1.00 each and proceeds benefit scholarship programs and local charities. For more information, contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207.

## Advent & Christmas Schedule

**Monday, December 14th**  
*Confessions 7:00– 7:45 PM*  
*(Adoration 6:00-8:00 PM)*

**Saturday, December 19th**  
*Confessions 9:00-10:15AM*

**Monday, December 21st**  
*Confessions 7:00-7:45 PM*  
*(Adoration 6:00-8:00 PM)*

**Christmas Eve, December 24th**  
*Daily Mass 8:30 AM*  
*Masses 4:00 PM & 10:00 PM*

**Christmas Day, December 25th**  
*Masses at 8:00 AM, 9:45 AM, 11:30 AM*  
*1:30 PM (Spanish)*



### **Celebrant Mass Schedule for Dec. 19/20**

4:00 PM	Fr. Jack
7:00 PM	Fr. Tim
8:00 AM	Fr. Jack
9:45 AM	Fr. Jack
11:30 AM	Fr. Canice
6:00 PM	Fr. Canice