

**Week of the Octave of the Nativity****Monday, December 28th***The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Ann Dorsch** (D)Daily Mass 12:00 PM: **Chris Boyer** (D)**Tuesday, December 29th***Saint Thomas Becket*Mass 8:30 AM: **Joseph Kosko** (D)**Wednesday, December 30th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Jose C. Manlapaz** (D)**Thursday, December 31st***Saint Sylvester I*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Marian Huber** (D)Crossover Mass 11:00 PM: **Priest's Intentions****Friday, January 1st****Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**Mass 8:30 AM: **Priest's Intentions**Bilingual Mass 10:30: **Priest's Intentions****Saturday, January 2nd***Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Art Hornsby** (D)**Epiphany of the Lord****Saturday, January 2nd**Mass 4:00 PM: **James Colclough** (D)Mass 7:00 PM: **Angelica DeLeon** (D)**Sunday, January 3rd**Mass 8:00 AM: **Michael & Grace Micknick** (D)Mass 9:45 AM: **Ladies of Charity** (L)Mass 11:30 AM: **Florence Nwonye** (L)Mass 6:00 PM: **People of the Parish** (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 13

Offertory	6,177
Faith Direct	2,796
Total	8,973
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>13,068</b>

*Due to the early deadline for printing this week's  
bulletin, the Stewardship Report for December 20th  
and Christmas will appear in next week's bulletin.*

**Items of Note at St. Matthias**

**Two Hearts Vigil** will be held Friday, January 8th & Saturday, January 9th, beginning at 8:00 PM and concluding with Mass at 12:30 AM Saturday. Please join us for this special devotion.

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



**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 were mailed last week. **Please check your mail carefully!** Be sure to notify the parish office of your new address if you have moved recently.

**The Parish Office  
will be  
Open Thursday, December 31st  
8:00 AM—12:00 PM  
Closed Friday, January 1st**

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



## The Academy of Saint Matthias

**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.

**Volunteer Needed:** We are in need of a volunteer to translate (to Spanish) our weekly newsletter that is sent to parents. If you are able to assist, please contact Mrs. Ann O'Hare at 301-577-9412 or [aohare@stmatthias.org](mailto:aohare@stmatthias.org), or Mrs. Patricia Schratz at [pschratz@stmatthias.org](mailto:pschratz@stmatthias.org).

## Family Connection

Today's celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family highlights the importance of family in our religious life. We



know that Mary and Joseph's faithfulness to God enabled them to cooperate in God's plan for our salvation by accepting the responsibility to raise God's Son, Jesus. From his parents, Jesus learned how to be a faithful believer in his Jewish tradition. Simeon's prophecy about Mary's sorrow alerts us to the importance of a family's commitment to one another, a commitment that is expressed in both good times and bad.

Gather as a family and recall times when your family showed its commitment to one another in good times and in bad. Recall times when your immediate family was supported by members of your extended family. Note that today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, and we see in the family of Jesus an example for our own family life. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 2:22-40. Joseph and Mary expressed their faithfulness to God through their observance of the Law of Moses. Simeon prophesied the grief that Mary would experience at the foot of Jesus' cross. One of the blessings of family life is our commitment to one another, sharing good times and supporting one another through difficult times. Conclude in prayer together thanking God for the grace expressed in your family's commitment to another. Write a prayer together, thanking God for your family life and asking God to strengthen your family's commitment to one another. Pray this prayer together.



To receive timely news and updates from our pastor, Father Jack Kennealy, simply sign up for the Flocknote app. It's easy!

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<https://app.flocknote.com/find>

## 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.



## Mass Schedule for New Year's Day

**Thursday, December 31st**

*Daily Mass 8:30 AM*

*"Crossover" Mass 11:00 PM*

**Friday, January 1st**

**Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God**

*(A Holy Day of Obligation)*

*Mass 8:30 AM*

*Bilingual Mass 10:30 AM*

## Celebrant Mass Schedule for January 2/3

4:00 PM	Fr. Jack
7:00 PM	Fr. Russo
8:00 AM	Fr. Jack
9:45 AM	Fr. Jack
11:30 AM	TBD
6:00 PM	Fr. Russo