

**Third Week in Ordinary Time****Monday, January 25th***Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Grace Amilo** (L)Daily Mass 12:00 PM: **Homebound Parishioners** (L)**Tuesday, January 26th***Saints Timothy and Titus*Mass 8:30 AM: **Felicidad Felix** (D)**Wednesday, January 27th***Saint Angela Merici*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Tim Retumban** (D)**Thursday, January 28th***Saint Thomas Aquinas*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Deacon Don Cummins** (D)**Friday, January 29th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Ed Densmore** (D)**Saturday, January 30th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **James Adams, Jr.** (L)**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Saturday, January 30th**Mass 4:00 PM: **Jeffrey DeFayette** (L)Mass 7:00 PM: **Familia Mendez Almazo** (L)**Sunday, January 31st**Mass 8:00 AM: **Msgr. Francis Kazista** (D)Mass 9:45 AM: **Felisa V. Felix** (D)Mass 11:30 AM: **Mr. & Mrs. Foli** (L)Mass 6:00 PM: **Jennifer Adams** (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; Chunyaere Duru; Rosita Dietrich; Helen  
Dziduch; Patricia Farland; Carole Gallo; Paula Gambriell; John  
Graham; Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Jan Jarus;  
Joseph Johnson; Edward Kin; Joan Kodak; Gustavo Paz; Bruce  
Prout; Audrey Rebello; Jane Smidinger; Jean Tolnay; Evelyn  
Turley; Humphrey Udejiofor; Mae Young; Ziara Zanin; Don  
Zehner; Rita and Eugene Zehner

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

***For the faithful departed, especially Luz  
Naval, may they rest in peace.***

**Stewardship Report**

<b>January 17</b>	
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>7,179</b>
<b>Faith Direct</b>	<b>2,003</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,182</b>
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>10,439</b>

*We Are Grateful For Your Generosity*

**Items of Note at St. Matthias**

**Contribution Statements for 2020** will be mailed this week to those who contributed more than \$250. Please notify the office of your current mailing address if you have moved recently (301-459-4814 x 201) or [pford@stmatthias.org](mailto:pford@stmatthias.org).

**Angel Tree Food Assistance Program**

This is a reminder that the Community Place Cafe of Prince George's County is now the Angel Tree Food Assistance Program. The program works through the many churches by providing grocery store gift cards to those in need.

If you would like to assist, please purchase a \$25 grocery gift card and place it in an envelope addressed to Peg Chappell or Debbie Self. You may drop the envelope off at the office in the Hughes Center. Thank you for your generosity.



**Faith Direct:** Winter is here and snow, ice, and Covid may affect your weekly Mass attendance. Consider electronic giving through Faith Direct. Go to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) to enroll, or call the toll free number 866-507-8757 for more information. The parish code is MD 41.

***“Faith is taking the first  
step even when you don’t  
see the whole staircase.”***

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



## The Academy of Saint Matthias

**Virtual Open House Dates:** Take a tour of our school and talk with our teachers and staff! We will hold virtual open houses on the following dates:

**Sunday, January 31st from 1:00-2:00 PM**

**Monday, February 1st from 9:00-10:00 AM**

**Tuesday, February 2nd from 4:30-5:30 PM (Spanish)**

**Tuesday, February 9th from 9:00-10:00 AM**

For more information and to receive the link for the session of your choice, please contact Mrs. Marsha Blackburn in the school office at 301-577-9412, or Mrs. Ann O'Hare at [aohare@stmatthias.org](mailto:aohare@stmatthias.org).

**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, March through June. Tickets are \$ 10.00 each, and may be purchased after weekend Masses or at the school and parish offices.

**Do You Need Tuition Assistance?** Families who wish to enroll their children for the fall of 2021 should apply for financial aid through the Archdiocese of Washington by **Friday, Feb. 19, 2021**. Two current paystubs and a copy of your 2019 tax return must be included with the application. Go to [www.TADS.com](http://www.TADS.com) to apply. If you require assistance with this process, contact Mrs. Ann O'Hare, Director of Admissions at 301-577-9412 or [aohare@stmatthias.org](mailto:aohare@stmatthias.org).

## Family Connection

Today's Gospel describes how Jesus called his first disciples and the immediacy with which these men dropped everything to follow him. We can only begin to imagine what Jesus' presence must have been like to invoke such a response in these first disciples. While a few of us might relate to such a radical conversion, many of us would find such a sudden change in ourselves or in another person unsettling. There are few things for which we would willingly drop everything. And yet this is the immediacy with which these first disciples responded to Jesus. These first disciples were willing to drop everything in order to make Jesus and the Kingdom of God most important in their lives.

Gather as a family and talk about circumstances in which you have had to "drop everything." (the call to pick up a sick child from school, the cry of a hurt or angry child) How did you feel about having to change your plans in each of these situations? How do we feel when someone asks us to drop everything to help him or her? For many of us, it is not easy to drop everything to respond to the needs of another.

Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:14-20. Invite your family to imagine what Jesus' presence and invitation to these first followers must have been like that they responded by leaving their livelihood to become his disciples. How might our life change if we understood the Kingdom of God to be as important and immediate in our lives? Ask God to help you experience the Kingdom of God with such immediacy. Pray together *The Lord's Prayer*.

## Around the Archdiocese

**Catholic Charities Tax Preparation Assistance:** Due to COVID-19, Catholic Charities offers free virtual tax preparation 7 days a week for households earning less than \$ 57,000 per year. For more information, please go to [ccvirtualvita@gmail.com](mailto:ccvirtualvita@gmail.com).

**The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Fund, Inc. (LLJSF)** announces The 2021 Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition. The LLJSF Competition is open to all eighth grade students attending a Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C. who will attend an Archdiocesan high school in the fall.

Visit the website, <http://www.lljsf.org/>, to find the application packet which contains the application form, school report, teacher recommendation, the criteria, and details for 1500-2500 word essay.

Submissions are accepted ONLY online. All materials (application form, essay, school report and recommendations) must be successfully submitted no later than 11:59 pm March 31, 2021. For more information, contact Charmene Alston, Director of Applications, at 301-780-5313 or send an email to [lljsf@aol.com](mailto:lljsf@aol.com).

## 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.

**High School Scholarships:** Each year the MD State Council of the Knights of Columbus awards scholarships to Catholic high school students. For information and application forms, go to [www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org). Completed applications must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than February 1, 2021.

### **Celebrant Mass Schedule for January 30/31**

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