

Sixth Week in Ordinary TimeMonday, February 15thDaily Mass 8:30 AM: **Sharon Akerson** (L)Daily Mass 12:00 PM: **Doug Akerson** (L)Tuesday, February 16thMass 8:30 AM: **Alice Akerson** (L)Ash Wednesday, February 17thMass 8:30 AM: **Kelsey Williams** (L)Mass 9:45 AM: **ASMA Students & Faculty** (L)Mass 12:00 PM: **Homebound Parishioners** (L)

Liturgy of the Word 7:00 PM

Mass 8:15 PM: **Priest's Intentions** (L)Thursday, February 18thDaily Mass 8:30 AM: **Catherine Lobe** (L)Friday, February 19thDaily Mass 8:30 AM: **Dr. Jeremy Perkins** (L)Saturday, February 20thDaily Mass 8:30 AM: **Rev. Jack Kennealy** (L)First Sunday of LentSaturday, February 20thMass 4:00 PM: **Staff of Walter Reed Hematology & Oncology Department** (L)Mass 7:00 PM: **People of the Parish** (L)Sunday, February 21stMass 8:00 AM: **Inocencio Altares** (D)Mass 9:45 AM: **Elizabeth Ashu** (L)Mass 11:30 AM: **Judith Nkwenti & Family** (L)Mass 6:00 PM: **Monica Taylor** (D)*Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends:*

Christopher Agboli; Florence Asonglefac; Charles Briscoe; Elaine Brooks; Yvette Butler; Rose Chisefsky; Deacon Alton Davis; Charlene Dawson; Eugene Diggs III; Chunyere Duru; Rosita Dietrich; Helen Dziduch; Bob Faass; Patricia Farland; Carole Gallo; Paula Gambrell; John Graham; Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Jan Jarus; Joseph Johnson; Edward Kin; Joan Kodak; Everett & Martha Lallis; Clara McCargo; Moises Merino; Gustavo Paz; Bruce Prout; Audrey Rebello; Jane Smidinger; Jean Tolnay; Evelyn Turley; Humphrey Udejiofor; Mae Young; Ziara Zanin; Don Zehner; Rita and Eugene Zehner

Stewardship Report

February 7	
Offertory	6,346
Faith Direct	2,594
Total	8,940
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>12,197</b>

*We Are Grateful For Your Generosity*Items of Note at St. MatthiasThe Parish Office will be Closed Monday, February 15th, in observance of Presidents' DayFaith Direct: Winter is here and snow and 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.Ash Wednesday Schedule  
February 17, 2021*8:30 AM Mass**9:45 AM School Mass**12:00 PM Mass**7:00 PM Liturgy of the Word**8:15 PM Mass in Spanish*Stations of the Cross will be held during Lent on Friday evenings at 7:00 PM. Please join us for this special devotion.



## The Academy of Saint Matthias



**We now have limited openings** for **in-person learning** in grades 1-6. Our school day is from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM Monday through Thursday, and from 8:00AM -12:00 PM on Fridays. For further information and to apply, please contact Ann O'Hare at 301-577-9412 or [aohare@stmatthias.org](mailto:aohare@stmatthias.org).

**School Raffle Ticket Fundraiser:** Our annual raffle begins next month, and drawings will be held the 1st and 15th of each month, March through June. Each winner will receive \$ 500. 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 invites us to think about the choices we make as individuals and as a family. Jesus was faced with a choice in today's Gospel. By choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus showed God's compassion for the sick and the outcast. The man knew that Jesus had a choice and that Jesus could reject his request. He may have expected that Jesus would not help him. The social taboos regarding leprosy certainly gave him little on which to base his hope. In the person of the man with leprosy, we see an image of all those in need. The sick and the outcast of our world are watching us to see if we as Christians will choose to extend ourselves to others in need of healing and compassion.

Gather with your family and talk about some of the choices you have made as a family (where to go on vacation, what activities to do together, how to spend our evenings, and so on). How does your family go about making these decisions? What do your choices communicate to others about your family's values? In today's Gospel, Jesus was faced with a choice. Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:40-45. In choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus chose to show God's compassion and mercy. All our choices reflect our faith, and others are watching. Conclude in prayer together, asking God to help your family show compassion to others in your family decisions. Pray together today's Psalm, Psalm 32.

## Around the Archdiocese

**The 2021 Annual Appeal is Here!** This year's theme is *Seeking Christ*, to remind us in this time of hardship and need that Christ is the one true source of healing, unity, and love. Your gift will also be credited toward our parish goal. Learn more about the Annual appeal at [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org).

### Black History Month Events Sponsored by the ADW Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach:



**2/21 – 7pm** “THE BLACK CHURCH: This is our Story, This is our Song” Film Screening on PBS – register at [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_DS6P6ovsT\\_m\\_utl\\_xrHXpQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DS6P6ovsT_m_utl_xrHXpQ)

**2/21 – 3-5pm** (for Young Adults Ages 18-39 years old) “Journeying Together: African American Catholic Young Adult Gathering sponsored by the USCCB – register at <https://forms.gle/stN3W2pWYujgS2fJ9>

**2/24 – 8pm** “What Can the Church Do about Racism” presented by Gloria Purvis – [www.sulc.edu/racialhealing](http://www.sulc.edu/racialhealing)

Every Saturday in February – 6, 13, 20, & 27 – 4pm  
“Sharing our Story: An Enduring Faith” – [www.eventbrite.com/e/134671105903](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/134671105903)

### **Celebrant Mass Schedule for February 20/21**

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. Jack

### 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. The drawing will be held Saturday, May 1, 2021. For more information, contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207.