

Fourth Week of Lent**Monday, March 15th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Felicia Ezeani** (D)
 Daily Mass 12:00 PM: **Homebound Parishioners**

Tuesday, March 16th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Jean Tolnay** (D)

Wednesday, March 17th*Saint Patrick*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Christine P. Prieto** (D)

Thursday, March 18th*Saint Cyril of Jerusalem*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Chiazio Ogbu** (L)

Friday, March 19th*Saint Joseph*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Jean Tolnay** (D)

Saturday, March 20th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Mary Christine Terlep** (D)

Fifth Sunday of Lent**Saturday, March 20th**

Mass 4:00 PM: **Brian Licud** (D)
 Mass 7:00 PM: **Familia Martinez: Lucila, Gregario,
 Ricardo** (D)

Sunday, March 21st

Mass 8:00 AM: **Vincente & Luisa Compas** (D)
 Mass 9:45 AM: **Carolyn Alexander Parker** (D)
 Mass 11:30 AM: **People of the Parish** (L)
 Mass 6:00 PM: **Philip Mark Faxio** (D)

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

Christopher Agboli; Florence Asonglefac; Welton Belsches;
 Charles Briscoe; Elaine Brooks; Yvette Butler; Rose Chisefsky;
 Deacon Alton Davis; Charlene Dawson; Eugene Diggs III;
 Chunyere Duru; Rosita Dietrich; Helen Dgiduch; 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; Evelyn Turley; Humphrey
 Udejiofor; Mae Young; Ziara Zanin; Don Zehner; Rita and
 Eugene Zehner

For our military, protect them from all harm.

Stewardship Report

March 7	
Offertory	10,413
Faith Direct	2,708
Total	13,121
Last Year	12,120

Today's second collection is the Archdiocesan collection for Catholic Relief Services.

We Are Grateful For Your Generosity

Items of Note at St. Matthias

Youth Group: The next youth group meeting will be held this Sunday, March 14th, from 1:00- 2:00 PM via Zoom. We will be discussing King David, spring volunteer service projects, teen leadership opportunities, and much more. All teens are welcome. Zoom code is: 949 8137 6685 and the password is: Matthias. For more information about the youth group, contact Le-Marie Thompson, lemarie.thompson@gmail.com or 301-452-2258.

Operation Rice Bowl: Please pick up a "Rice Bowl" coin box as you leave church today. Your daily almsgiving during Lent will help to provide the care and nourishment so many need.

St. Matthias Prayer Group meets in the church every Sunday immediately after 11:30 AM Mass. The last Friday of the month is Miracle Night, from 8:00-10:00 PM, in the church. All are welcome. Contact Info: (240)486-0733 or (301)351-0777.

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Fund announces the 2021 scholarship competition which is open to all eighth grade students attending a Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of Washington who will attend an Archdiocesan high school in the fall. Visit <http://www.lljsf.org/> for the application packet and instructions for submitting all required documents. Applications must be received by March 31, 2021.

For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



The Academy of Saint Matthias

The Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle will hold a Virtual Open House on Friday, March 19th, from 9:00–10:00 AM. To register and receive the link for this Zoom meeting, please contact Mrs. Ann O'Hare, Director of Admissions, at aohare@stmatthias.org or 301-577-9412.

Raffle

School Raffle: The next drawing is March 15th and the winner will receive \$ 500. Tickets are \$ 10.00 each and may be purchased after weekend Masses or at the school and parish offices.

Family Connection

Parents whose children are afraid of the dark are struck by John's observation that darkness is preferred to light. Perhaps this is as it should be. God made us to live in the light of his love. But this original friendship with God was corrupted by sin. Our sin causes us to shy away from Christ, the light that has come into the world. During the season of Lent, we try to fight this tendency by remembering God's great mercy and the salvation that we have received through Jesus. We do not fear confessing our sins, knowing that God forgives us, and so, during Lent, we seek out opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

After your family gathers, sit for a time in darkness, then light a candle. Invite people to talk about what it felt like to be in the darkness and to compare that to their feelings when the candle was lit. What are we able to see by the limited glow of the candlelight that we couldn't see when we were sitting in darkness? Read today's Gospel, John 3:14-21. John's Gospel teaches us that Jesus was the light that came into the world. In this light we know ourselves to be sinners, but we are not condemned. Instead we have been saved because we have been forgiven through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Conclude in prayer together, thanking God for the great gift of forgiveness we have received through Jesus. Pray together the *Act of Contrition*.

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.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross are held during Lent on Friday evenings at 7:00 PM. Please join us in the church for this special devotion.



Around the Archdiocese

Cardinal Wilton Gregory invites men in their 20s, 30s, and 40s who are interested in learning more about the priesthood, to attend a discernment retreat at Saint John Paul Seminary March 26-28, 2021. Registration is now open at <https://dcpriest.org/young-adults>. For more information, contact Father Mark Ivany at 202-636-9020 or vocations@adw.org.

The 2021 Annual Appeal is Here! This year's theme is *Seeking Christ*, to remind us during 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.

Virtual Spiritual Retreats: Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center provides virtual retreats that allow you to connect with others and feed your soul, all from the safety of wherever you are. Go to www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Experience the dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises from your own home for only \$75 per person. *Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, A Virtual Place to Encounter Christ!*

Upcoming dates:

Mar 26-28 ~ Virtual Lenten Retreat
~ Led by Fr. John Hopkins, LC

Apr 23-25 ~ Virtual Lenten Retreat
~ Led by Fr. Andreas Kramarz, LC

Celebrant Mass Schedule for March 20/21

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

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give