

The Octave of Easter

Monday, April 5th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Obiora Ogbu** (L)
Daily Mass 12:00 PM: **Sylvester & Charity Ezeani** (L)

Tuesday, April 6th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Pat Ford** (L)

Wednesday, April 7th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Pepi Manlapaz** (L)

Thursday, April 8th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Scott Paolino** (L)

Friday, April 9th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Bernard Wieszynski** (D)

Saturday, April 10th:

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Regina Loffredo** (L)

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Readings

Acts 4: 32-35

1 John 5: 1-6

John 20: 19-31

Saturday, April 10th

Mass 4:00 PM: **Eugene Krawczewicz** (D)
Mass 7:00 PM: **Familia Martinez: Lucila, Gregorio, & Ricardo** (D)

Sunday, April 11th

Mass 8:00 AM: **Greg George** (L)
Mass 9:45 AM: **Ifie Ogbechie** (L)
Mass 11:30 AM: **Mrs. L. Oyelese** (L)
Mass 6:00 PM: **Chris Loffredo** (L)

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; 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; Joan Kodak; Everett & Martha Lallis; Moises Merino; Gustavo Paz; Bruce Prout; Jane Smidinger; Evelyn Turley; 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

Due to the early printing of this week's bulletin, the Stewardship Reports for March 28th and April 4th will be published next week.

We are grateful for your generosity.

Items of Note at St. Matthias

Operation Rice Bowl: You may drop off your Rice Bowl coin box at the parish office or give it to an usher at any of the weekend Masses. Thank you for participating in this Lenten project.

Two Hearts Vigil Friday, April 9th & Saturday, April 10th: The monthly Vigil will begin Friday, April 9th, at 8:00 PM, and conclude with Mass on Saturday at 12:30 AM. Please join us in the church for this special devotion.

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.

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.

**The Parish Office Will Be Closed
Easter Monday, April 5th**

**The office will reopen Tuesday,
April 6th, at 8:00 AM**

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



The Academy of Saint Matthias

We Are Looking Forward to the 2021-22 School Year, and ask you to consider enrolling your child(ren) in our school. We are happy to answer your questions, and we offer school tours, by appointment. **We have several openings in Kindergarten and limited openings in Pre-K through 8th grades.** Please visit our website at www.stmatthias.org for more information, or contact Mrs. Ann O'Hare at 301-577-9412, or aohare@stmatthias.org.

School Raffle: Drawings are held on the 1st and 15th of the month, and winners receives \$ 500. Tickets are \$ 10.00 each and may be purchased after weekend Masses or at the school and parish offices. The next drawing is April 15th.

Around the Archdiocese

Virtual Spiritual Retreat: 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 date: **Apr 23-25** ~ Led by Fr. Andreas Kramarz, LC

2021 Annual Jubilarian Mass: Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary? Each year the Archdiocese of Washington honors couples married 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 70+ years at the annual Jubilarian Mass. This year's Mass will be held Sunday, June 27 at 3:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Matthew. Seating is limited to allow for social distancing. The Mass will also be live-streamed to allow all Jubilarian couples to participate virtually.

Registration is required to attend the Mass in person. To register to attend the Mass in person, or to receive a signed Jubilarian anniversary certificate, please contact Pat Ford at the parish office 301-459-4814 x 201 to notify her of your wedding anniversary.



Dear Parishioners & Staff,

Thank you for your many hours of service, prayers, and gifts during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. I am grateful for your commitment to the life of our parish and for your generous support of our church. May God continue to bless you during Easter time and throughout the year.

Father Jack

Family Connection

In the Easter Gospel we hear about how the disciples found the tomb empty three days after Jesus' death. We are also told that they do not yet understand the Scriptures or that Jesus had been raised from the dead. That understanding gradually unfolded for the disciples as they began to experience the risen Lord. Similarly, our understanding of Jesus' Resurrection unfolds for us throughout our lives. In the weeks ahead, we will hear how the first disciples moved from confusion, doubt, and skepticism to faith. Their experience can teach us how we too might receive this gift of faith from God.

Gather your family members and ask them to share what they know about the events that happened in the days after Jesus' crucifixion. Invite your family to imagine that they are among Jesus' first disciples. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:1-9. Reflect together on the Gospel with questions such as these: If you had been among the first disciples who heard that the stone had been removed from Jesus' tomb and that Jesus' body was no longer there, what would you think? What did Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved think had happened? Recall that this experience is the first indication Jesus' disciples have that he is risen. Throughout the Easter season, we will learn more about how the disciples came to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

Pray together using today's psalm, Psalm 118: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

Celebrant Mass Schedule for April 10/11

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