

Fourth Week of Easter

Monday, April 26th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Rev. Canice Enyiaka** (L)
 Daily Mass 12:00 PM: **Louisa Oyelese** (L)

Tuesday, April 27th

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

Wednesday, April 28th

Saint Peter Chanel & Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort
 Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Virginia Gates** (D)

Thursday, April 29th

Saint Catherine of Sienna
 Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Collin Fletcher** (D)

Friday, April 30th

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

Saturday, May 1st

Saint Joseph the Worker
 Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Stacey Mason** (L)

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings

Acts 9: 26-31
 1 Jn 3: 18-24
 John 15: 1-8

Saturday, May 1st

Mass 4:00 PM: **Eugene Krawczewicz** (D)
 Mass 7:00 PM: **People of the Parish** (L)

Sunday, May 2nd

Mass 8:00 AM **Kaitlyn DeMaio** (L)
 Mass 9:45 AM: **Adamma Ugoh** (D)
 Mass 11:30 AM: **Jude Nwoko** (L)
 Mass 6:00 PM: **Mr. & Mrs. Foli** (L)

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

Christopher Agboli; Florence Asongfac; Welton Belsches; Marion & Mirl Bendt; Jacqueline Bhola; 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 Gambrill; 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; Mary Ann Vugrin; 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

April 18

Offertory	6,988
Faith Direct	2,834
Total	9,822
Last Year	2,140
2019	11,573

This week's second collection is the National Collection for Church Missions Within the United States.

We Are Grateful For Your Generosity

Items of Note at St. Matthias

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.



Thank You for supporting the monthly food distribution drives held here at St. Matthias. Your contributions help sustain this vital program that serves the needs of our community. To donate, please make checks payable to St. Matthias Church, and write *Food Distribution* in

the memo section. Checks may be placed in the weekly collection basket, mailed, or dropped off at the parish office.

Mother's Day Novena Begins May 9th. Remember your mother and other special women, living or deceased, by submitting a Mother's Day envelope (available in the church vestibule and in your contribution envelope packet).

Diaper Drive: Help a parish family with what they need most: packages of disposable diapers, sizes 4 & up. Donations may be dropped off at the school and parish offices, or in the church vestibule.





The Academy of Saint Matthias

Are You Happy With Your Child's Current School? Is the thought of paying tuition preventing you from enrolling your child in our school? We welcome you to meet our staff, tour the school, and discuss academic and financial concerns. The BOOST program, available through the State of Maryland, provides financial assistance for families who qualify. You must submit an application with a copy of your 2020 tax return and a letter from our school showing that your child is enrolled. For more information go to <https://www.Marylandboost.org>, or call Mrs. Ann O'Hare in the Admissions Office at 301-577-9412.

The deadline to apply for this program is May 17, 2021.

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

Join Us at St. Matthias Church

Monday, Apr. 26th: Adoration 6:00– 8:00 PM
(Confessions, 7:00-7:45 PM)

Friday, May 7th: First Friday Mass 8:30 AM
Two Hearts Vigil 8:00 PM

Around the Archdiocese

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 live-streamed Sunday, June 27th, at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Matthew. Couples may register to receive a certificate from the Archdiocese in recognition of their anniversary. Please call Pat Ford at the parish office to receive a certificate (301-459-4814 x 201). **The deadline for submitting your registration is Friday, May 7th.**

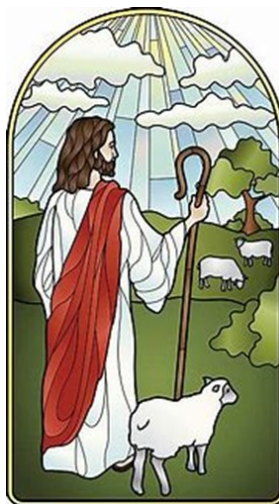


World Day of Prayer (also known as Good Shepherd Sunday) is observed today. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9: 38, Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life, or secular institutes.

Knights of Columbus

Tickets for the 51st Annual Car Raffle are available at the parish office or may 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.**

Family Connection



The Good Shepherd makes sacrifices for the sheep not because it is required, but because it is a choice. That sounds a lot like parenting and the dynamics of a healthy family life. Parents choose to make sacrifices for their children out of love, not obligation. Christian parents model and invite their children to choose to make sacrifices for other family members and for other people, acting out of love rather than obligation.

When you gather as a family, invite each family member to consider the attitude that permeates their participation in family life. Read a common examen, such as any of the following: *Do we do family chores cheerfully and without having to be asked multiple times? Do we gladly share with others? Do we willingly contribute to the family good when asked?* Read aloud today's Gospel, John 10:11-18.

Discuss together how the example of the Good Shepherd might inspire your family life. Invite each family member to make a renewed commitment to one action/attitude to focus on in the upcoming week that show that we will choose to follow the example of the Good Shepherd. Pray together that we will be able to honor our commitment. Pray together [Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer for Generosity](#).

Celebrant Mass Schedule for May 1/2

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. Canice