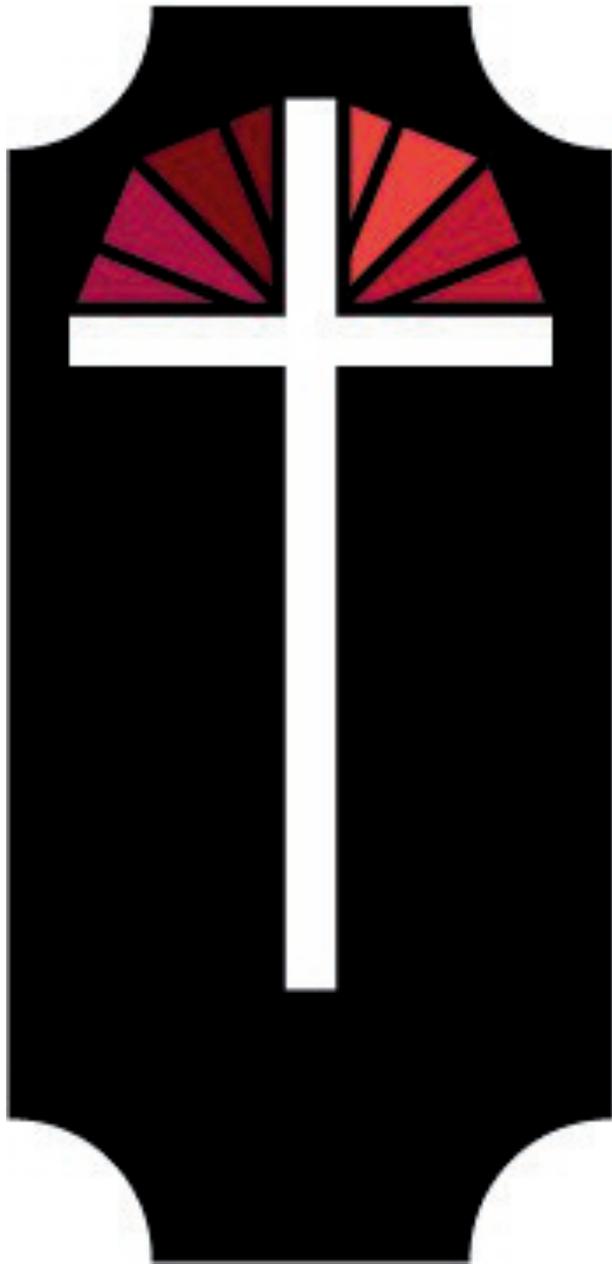


# St. Matthias

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8:30AM           Dominico Phan

Wednesday, January 06

8:30AM           Daniel Roberts, Sr.

Thursday, January 07

8:30AM           Ron Tippett

Friday, January 08

8:30AM           Josephine Triggs

Saturday, January 09

5:00PM           Lanh Pham

Sunday, January 10

9:00AM           People of Our Parish

11:00AM          Louise and Kevin Stoll

**Mass Times**

Tues-Fri          8:30 AM

Saturday          5:00 PM

Sunday            9:00 AM

11:00 AM

1:30 PM (Haitian)\*

3:00 PM (Nigerian)\*\*

7:15 PM (Brazilian)

\* Every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month

\*\* Third Sunday of the month only

**Reconciliation**Every first Saturday of the month from  
3:45—4:45PM in the church confessional.

# PASTORAL POST

## *Violence in Our City, by Fr. Tony Davis*

As of Christmas Eve 2020, the city of Columbus has had 166 homicides. While we all know that tensions are running high due to the pandemic, this number is very concerning. To add to the feeling of fear, a few of them happened very close to us at St. Matthias.

Killing is a violation of the Ten Commandments, a disregard for Jesus' teaching to love our neighbor (and to pray for those who persecute us!), and criminal behavior. As Christians, we preach a message of peace and non-violence. This does not make us passive or weak, but committed to alternative means of resolving conflicts. Bringing peace into our world is not an easy task, but one that takes creativity, faith, and perseverance.

In the early centuries of the Church, Christians refused to become soldiers in the army since war involved taking the lives of others. Throughout our history, many Christians abandoned this practice in order to be on the side of power and conquest. While that shift was inevitable, some Christian denominations (such as the Anabaptists and Quakers) have maintained a strict discipline of peace. In the 20<sup>th</sup> century, figures such as Martin Luther King, Jr. and Fr. Daniel Berrigan have tried to reintroduce a stricter discipline of peace into our mainline Christian denominations. While their legacies have made a lasting impact, there is still more work to be done.

As we consider the growing violence in our own city of Columbus, I ask all of us to acknowledge any hatred we have in our own hearts. While none of us come near the level of violence done by the perpetrators of these crimes, all of us in some small way contribute to the hostilities in our city. May we ask God to rid ourselves of inner violence so that we may not add to the outer violence in our city and neighborhoods.

Looking back, a few victims of violence in 2020 that we remember in particular are 22-year-old Keaira Ayers, the 100<sup>th</sup> homicide in Columbus whose funeral was held in our church this past September, 23-year-old Casey Goodson Jr., our neighbor killed by a Franklin County deputy working for the US Marshals on December 4, and, just days ago, 47-year-old Andre' Hill, killed by a Columbus Police officer. All of these individuals died well before their time and have left family members and friends in mourning. While I realize not all victims of violent crime are innocent, being killed is not a proportionate punishment. I also realize that sometimes self-defense is legitimate.

Join me in praying for our city, that the Prince of Peace may drive out the spirit of evil and violence.

## Church News

### RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to the Amankwaah children: Daevyn, Jaedyn, Aedyn, Kaedyn, and Braedyn, who were baptized into the Body of Christ at St. Matthias on Saturday, December 19, 2020.

### PRAYER FOR 2021

It is our prayer that throughout this upcoming year, we can reintroduce many of our parish activities, ministries, and other events that have all been suspended by the pandemic. We know that rebuilding the momentum may be difficult, but the Parish Offices, Parish Council, and Finance Council have been using this time wisely to restructure, regroup, and envision our future. As we gradually return, may this upcoming year be an opportunity to make our parish more inclusive of all our parishioners.

### ONLINE GIVING

We are currently up to 37 parish households using online giving through our website. If online giving is more convenient for you, please consider using this feature. Households that sign up for a recurring gift will be taken off of the envelope packet mailing list, but will still receive the special collection envelopes by mail. Please note that there is a month or two delay on changes to our offertory mailing list. Please consider giving to the offertory on a recurring basis through our new payments option on our website: [stmatthiascolumbus.com](http://stmatthiascolumbus.com), then click 'Online Giving' on the homepage.

### THANK YOU FOR THE CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Fr. Tony and the Parish Office would like to thank our parishioners and vendors who sent us Christmas Greeting cards and gifts.

### NEW KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

Parents, if you have a child that you want to enroll for the upcoming school year (2021-22) Kindergarten class, please call the school office at 614-268-3030. Children must be at least 5 years old by September 1, 2021.

### ONLINE REGISTRATIONS

New to our parish? New parishioners can now register online! Please visit <https://stmatthiascolumbus.com/new-to-st-matthias> to submit your information. Call the office with questions: 614-267-3406.

### SEASON OF HOPE BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Are you suffering the loss of a loved one? Are you looking for friends to share in your grief and healing? Please join us as we resume our [Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry](#), sponsored by the North High Deanery. The six sessions will take place via Zoom and will meet on six consecutive Sundays from 2-4 pm. The dates for this six-week session will be Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, and 28. Anyone interested in attending MUST register to guarantee the security of all who participate. To register, please call Karen Droll at 614-582-8848, or e-mail Karen at [ksdroll@gmail.com](mailto:ksdroll@gmail.com). **All are welcome!**

## Weekly Collection

December 20, 2020	CURRENT	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
Contributions	\$8,311.00	\$159,073.00
Budget	\$8,200.00	\$205,000.00
Difference	\$111.00	(\$45,927.00)

## Notices

### 2021 CALENDARS

Wall calendars for 2021 are available in the vestibule. Please spend some time reflecting on this year's quote, which comes from the Aparecida Document of the Latin American Bishops. On behalf of the parish offices, we wish hope you have a blessed 2021.

### END OF YEAR STATEMENTS

Offertory contribution statements for 2020 taxes are available by request. Please submit your requests to the parish secretary by phone (614) 267-3406 or by email ([office@stmatthiascolumbus.com](mailto:office@stmatthiascolumbus.com)). Statements will be mailed starting mid-January.

### TOY DRIVE THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Toy Drive for the families on Vinton County, OH and the St. Francis Center.

### SUNDAY OBLIGATION

The obligation for Catholics to attend Sunday mass has been lifted indefinitely as we continue to excuse people from mass due to the pandemic. Please stay home if you are at higher risk for COVID-19 complications.

### FLOCKNOTE

If you are receiving unwanted correspondence through Flocknote (lectors, music ministry, etc.), chances are you are signed up for various subgroups within the parish. You may opt yourself out of these subgroups and still be part of the 'everyone' group. To join Flocknote, text **MAY14** to 84576 or sign up online <https://stmatthiascolumbus.flocknote.com/>

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2021

Mass intention slots for January through December 2021 are now available. There is a donation of \$10 per mass. To request a mass, please contact the parish office via mail, a note in the collection basket, or email: [office@stmatthiascolumbus.com](mailto:office@stmatthiascolumbus.com)

### KROGER REWARDS

Did you know you can earn money for St. Matthias by shopping at Kroger? From your online Kroger account, go to "Community Rewards" and search for St. Matthias Church. So far, we have 76 families and earn about \$350 each quarter.

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