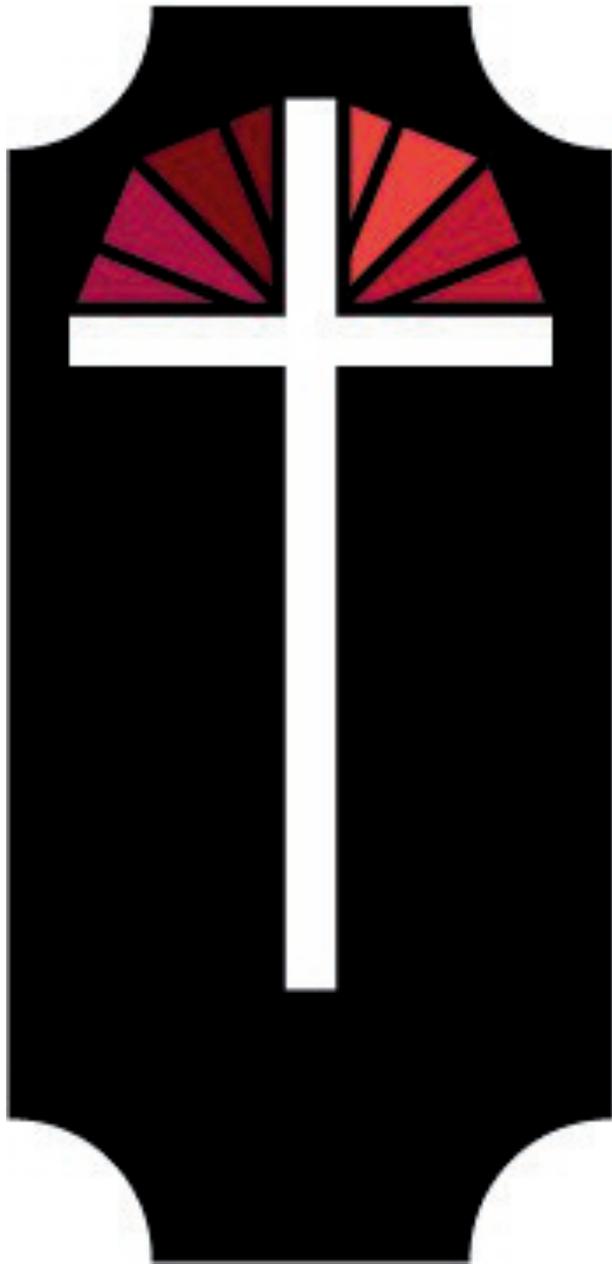


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8:30AM Nelva Miller

Wednesday, March 24

8:30AM Mary Gioffre

Thursday, March 25

8:30AM George Learmonth

Friday, March 26

8:30AM Vincent Thuyen Nguyen

Saturday, March 27

5:00PM People of Our Parish

Sunday, March 28

9:00AM Françin Zetrenne

11:00AM Elizabeth Wrigley

+ James Kamara, father of David Kamara

+ Patricia Garvey

+ Marie Therese François Noel

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

Saturdays in Lent from 3:45—4:45PM in the church confessional.

PASTORAL POST

Sound System Improvements, by Gwendolyn Rehm

During Lent, things have been very different musically than we would like. We are looking forward to the days of 2019 where we had a children's choir, collaboration with our ethnic groups, instruments, and a choir! We were growing musically, and as a community, and it broke my heart to see it all derailed by the pandemic. As we begin to reach a new normal, we will start printing music handouts for one time use, but for now we will continue to enjoy our cantors being back to stay at our weekend masses.

As we were growing in 2019, I realized that the sound system we have would not support our various communities' needs or our desire to grow the music program even more. After reaching out to many different companies, we had 3 visit our location to give us quotes and suggestions on how to meet our needs for better sound for singing, instruments, and speech. The company we are planning to proceed with was able to identify the following pitfalls with our current system and plan for the future:

- The existing speaker system at St. Matthias is a distributed ceiling speaker system. Systems like this are typically designed for speech reinforcement, not for music.
- The limiting factor with this system is that it is not able to effectively handle the rigors of today's music and the expectations we have (even in our homes) come to enjoy. We have become used to this level of quality as technology has evolved to a higher fidelity type system.
- Because St. Matthias is so diverse, it is important to have a system that will handle all styles of music, but that will also be pristine in reproduction of speech. While your existing system may do an adequate job of providing the latter, it must be augmented with additional equipment for the musical needs. This requires a lot of set up, tear down, and storage space as well as readjustment of the system that is time consuming. The new system is designed to be a system that will handle all of the needs and to reduce much of the labor and time spent moving and rearranging things.

The new system, which has been approved by the Diocesan Offices, will include speakers mounted on the sides of the sanctuary, small stage speakers near the ambo and presider's chair, a speaker in the vestibule (to serve as a cry room area), a digital mixer that will be adjustable throughout mass, and flexibility for instruments to be voiced through the system. We saved \$2,000 this year with our digital print license and will likely use it again for 2022, so this savings from the music budget will go towards the renovation. We are hoping to complete this project in June of 2021, so that when fall comes we can relaunch all of our music ministries with the growth and excitement we had in fall of 2019!

Church News

THE DIOCESE WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU

This is the final weekend for the Disciple Maker Index Survey (DMI)! Don't miss your chance to share your insights with the diocese through this anonymous survey of parishioners. The survey window closes **Sunday, March 21**. The link for St. Matthias parishioners is <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/kk666bk266b>. Paper copies of the survey are available in the vestibule before and after mass, and can be placed in the box marked "Surveys" when completed. *Surveys will be reviewed only by The Catholic Leadership Institute, not by St. Matthias staff.*

HIRING PART-TIME CHURCH SECRETARY

After a year and a half of serving as our Parish Secretary, Bridget and her family will be moving out of state this spring. We are extremely grateful for all she accomplished during her time here. St. Matthias Church is now accepting resumes for a part-time Church secretary. The deadline is currently open ended due to the ongoing pandemic. The job includes, but is not limited to: answering and making phone calls, frequently updating the census and sacramental records, composing and editing the weekly bulletin, responding to emails, sending mail correspondence, scheduling mass intentions, and assisting the pastor with administrative duties. Resumes may be sent to Fr. Tony Davis by mail or email (tdavis@columbuscatholic.org)

THE CATHOLIC TIMES

Thank you to all new and returning readers of *The Catholic Times* online and in print. It's not too late to subscribe for the upcoming year for a minimum donation of \$17. Sign up online at <https://columbuscatholic.org/subscription-payments>. You may also use the envelope provided in your February packet, or simply write your name and *The Catholic Times* on a plain envelope, make your check payable to the Diocese of Columbus – Catholic Times and drop it into the collection basket. You'll find *The Catholic Times* very useful to keep up on all of the news throughout the diocese and the Catholic Church. This year, the paper will come out every other week year-round.

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

On Easter Sunday, we will offer a second 11:00AM mass in the Gym with Fr. Klinger. This is to encourage parishioners to attend mass on Easter in a safe way, as we did for Christmas Eve. This will serve as an overflow mass, but parishioners are welcome to choose either the Gym or Church location for the 11:00AM mass. Please sit with your household. Masks are required at all masses. Due to the mass in the Gym, there will be no Easter egg hunt for the children this year.

NEW VOTIVE CANDLES

We have ordered the new candle stand for votive candles in the church. When the new stands arrive, the donation amount for votive candles will increase to \$2.00 each, and the candles will burn for your intention for 3 days. Until we install the new candles and stand, the donation amount will remain \$.50 each.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

You may have noticed a special collection envelope for Catholic Relief Services in the March envelope packet. If you wish to contribute to CRS, this envelope can be used any time during the month of March. Money collected from the CRS Rice Bowls will be combined with this special collection.

Weekly Collection

March 07, 2021	CURRENT	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
Weekly Online Giving	\$2,200.00	
Contributions	\$6,577.00	\$246,412.00
Budget	\$8,200.00	\$295,300.00
Difference	\$577.00	(\$48,788.00)

Notices

HOLY WATER

Even though the Holy Water fonts at the entrances of the church will remain empty for now, Holy Water is available to be taken home. The Holy Water dispenser is near the baptismal font. Please bring your own bottle or container to transport it.

EASTER FLOWERS

Envelopes are available in the vestibule to donate to the Easter flower fund. Please PRINT your name and the name of the person "in memory of" on the outside of the envelope, and include \$10 per person. Envelopes can go in the collection basket or be mailed to St. Matthias Parish Office.

EASTER CLEANING

On Saturday, April 3 from 10am to 12pm we will be preparing the church and gym for Easter. Any help is appreciated.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Learn The Billings Ovulation Method® through a personal class series offered at St. Matthias Parish or via online instruction. Class fee is \$50, but those who cannot afford the fee will not be refused. For details, contact instructor Cecilia Fomenky at fomenky2@yahoo.com or 614-500-2161.

TRANSLATORS

Do you know a second language? Join the 'St. Matthias Translators' Flocknote Group. The main languages are: Creole, French, Portuguese, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Swahili. If you need help signing up, please call the Parish Office.

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

To request a mass, please contact the parish office via mail, a note in the collection basket, or email: office@stmatthiascolumbus.com

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS

New parishioners can now register online: <https://stmatthiascolumbus.com/new-to-st-matthias> Call the office with questions: 614-267-3406.

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