

**Seventh Week in Ordinary Time****Monday, February 21st***Saint Peter Damian*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Damian and Martin Alejo** (L)  
 Daily Mass 12:00 PM: **People of the Parish** (L)

**Tuesday, February 22nd***The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Joseph Murphy** (L)

**Wednesday, February 23rd***Saint Polycarp*

Mass 8:30 AM: **Robert Faass** (D)

**Thursday, February 24th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Parish Volunteers** (L)

**Friday, February 25th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Ladies of Charity** (L)

**Saturday, February 26th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Homebound Parishioners** (L)

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Saturday, February 26th**

Mass 4:00 PM: **People of the Parish** (L)

Mass 7:00 PM: **Rev. Francis Russo** (D)

**Readings**

Sir 27: 4-7

1 Cor 15: 54-58

Luke 6: 39-45

**Sunday, February 27th**

Mass 8:00 AM: **Guadalupe Manlapaz** (D)

Mass 9:45 AM: **ASMA Faculty & Students** (L)

Mass 11:30 AM: **Parish Volunteers** (L)

Mass 6:00 PM: **People of the Parish** (L)

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

Christopher Agboli; Marion & Mirl Bendt; Tony Bhola;  
 Elaine Brooks; Catherine Cardinez; Mary Dawson; Rosita  
 Dietrich; Helen Dziduch; Patricia Farland; Genevieve  
 Greenfield; Jan Jarus; Joseph Johnson; Everett & Martha  
 Lallis; Beverly Rampey; Dennis Lucas; John Murray;  
 Victor San Gabriel; William Stevenson; Mary Ann  
 Vugrin; Patricia Williams; Mae Young; Don Zehner; Rita  
 and Eugene Zehner

*For our military, protect them from all harm.*

*For the faithful departed, especially Robert Faass,  
 may they rest in peace.*

**Stewardship Report***February 13 2022*

Offertory	\$ 7,347
Faith Direct	2,272
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,619</b>
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>7,193</b>

*We Are Grateful For Your Generosity.*

**Items of Note at St. Matthias**

**Mass in Spanish:** We are pleased to announce that beginning March 6th, we will offer a Mass in Spanish on Sundays at 1:30 PM. We look forward to adding this Mass to our regular weekend schedule and hope you will join us in worshipping together.

**Mark Your Calendar:** St. Matthias will host a celebration on Sunday, March 20th, to express our farewell wishes to Fr. Jack Kennealy and to welcome Father Avelino Gonzalez. More details will be forthcoming!

**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 church. Contact Info: (240) 486-0733 or (301) 351-0777.

**Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council # 5381**

There will be an exemplification (initiation) for new members to the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, March 6th, in the Hughes Center following the 11:30 AM Mass. If you are interested in joining, or if you signed an application during the membership drive, you are invited to attend. For details, please contact Grand Knight, Joseph Ngu, at 301-412-1491.

-The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a \$ 20,000 Cash Raffle. Tickets are \$ 1.00 each and may be purchased from an usher after Mass or from the parish office during regular business hours. The drawing takes place March 27<sup>th</sup>.



## The Academy of Saint Matthias

**Re-Enrollment is Open.** All families with children in grades PK3 – Grade 7 may now register for the 2022- 2023 school year by going to their TADS account and re-enrolling for 2022-2023. The enrollment fee of \$375 will go into effect on March 1st. Families who enroll prior to that date pay \$225 per family.

**The Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle currently has openings in the Pre-K three year old class.** A child MUST have turned 3 on or before Sept. 1, 2021 and be completely toilet trained to be considered for this program. For more information, contact Mrs. Ann O’Hare at 301-577-9412 or email [aohare@stmatthias.org](mailto:aohare@stmatthias.org). To apply, go to [www.TADS.com](http://www.TADS.com) to create an account and complete the application for the 2021-2022 school year. The code for the application is A65RX-D1F.



### The Annual School Raffle:

Tickets are \$ 10 each and are available in the school and parish offices during regular business hours. Winners are selected on the 1st and 15th of the month for a \$ 500 cash prize. Congratulations to George Freeman, winner in the February 15th drawing!

## Catholic Charities

**VITA Tax Services:** Catholic Charities offers free tax preparation services. VITA applicants may complete and submit the registration form found online at <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/vita-registration>.

## Around the Archdiocese

**Every year, the Archdiocese of Washington holds its Annual Appeal.** By making a gift to the 2022 Appeal, you support more than 70 local Catholic ministries that serve our parishes and communities. From forming our next generation of priests and religious, to educating our young people in the faith, to strengthening families and marriages, to upholding the dignity of the human person in all its stages and circumstances, your impact is widespread across our archdiocesan Church. Remember, no one can give everything, but all can give something. Thank you for your pledge of support.

**Black History Month:** The Archdiocese of Washington invites you observe Black History Month by visiting the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach at [culturaldiversity@adw.org](mailto:culturaldiversity@adw.org). Events and services are scheduled throughout the month of February.

## Family Connection

It is easy to choose to be with others when they are acting politely and respectfully. But children do not always act this way, especially with other family members. We can probably all recall a family meal in which such behavior was not observed. Yet we probably chose to sit through the meal anyway. We regularly give our children second chances—and often third and fourth chances—hoping that our generosity will be rewarded. That is how God acts with us. The ethic that Jesus describes seems like an impossible task: to give when asked and to do good to those who hate us. Yet family life is filled with opportunities to act generously and to love without measure. This is what we parents try to do every day. This is what we ask our children to learn. We are reminded that when we love generously and gratuitously, we love as God loves us. This is the meaning of mercy.

Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 6:27-38. Discuss whether the actions Jesus describes are easy and consider why we might act in these ways if they seem difficult. Observe that today's Gospel challenges us to make choices based on God's standard; God loves us all the time by going the extra mile for us. During a time of quiet reflection, invite each family member to choose an action for the week in which he or she will go the “extra mile” for the family. Conclude in prayer by praying together the *St. Ignatius's Prayer for Generosity*.

*Dear Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing that I do your will.*

*Amen*

### Mass Schedule for February 26/27

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