

**Third Week of Lent****Monday, March 21st**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Vicente & Louisa Compas** (D)  
Daily Mass 12:00 PM: **People of the Parish** (L)

**Tuesday, March 22nd**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Alfredo V. Felix** (D)

**Wednesday, March 23rd**

Mass 8:30 AM: **Members of the Armed Forces** (L)

**Thursday, March 24th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **First Responders** (L)

**Friday, March 25th**

*The Annunciation of the Lord*  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Walter Hiltl** (D)

**Saturday, March 26th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Francine Conanan** (L)

**Fourth Sunday of Lent****Saturday, March 19th**

Mass 4:00 PM: **People of the Parish** (L)  
Mass 7:00 PM: **Rev. Francis Russo** (D)

**Readings**

Jos 5: 9a, 10-12  
2 Cor 5: 17-21  
Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

**Sunday, March 27th**

Mass 8:00 AM: **Anne Eneze** (L)  
Mass 9:45 AM: **Elizabeth Ngulefeh Ashu** (D)  
Mass 11:30 AM: **George H. Johnson, Sr.** (D)  
Mass 1:30 PM: **Rev. Francis Russo** (D)  
Mass 6:00 PM: **Homebound Parishioners** (L)

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

Christopher Agboli; Christina Smith Beal; Marion & Mirl Bendt; Tony Bhola; Elaine Brooks; Catherine Cardinez; Mary Dawson; Rosita Dietrich; Helen Dziduch; Patricia Farland; Genevieve Greenfield; Joseph Johnson; Everett & Martha Lallis; Regina Loffredo; Beverly Rampey; Dennis Lucas; John Murray; 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, may they rest in peace.*

**Stewardship Report**

*March 13, 2022*

Offertory	7,670
Faith Direct	2,415
Total	10,085
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>8,345</b>

*We Are Grateful For Your Generosity.*

**Items of Note at St. Matthias****Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council # 5381**

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 next Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**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.

**The Immaculate Heart Choir** invites you to join us in our music ministry. Practice sessions are held once a week and every other Sunday. We welcome you and ask that you see a choir member after Mass for more information.

**Catholic Charities**

**2022 Lenten Food Drive:** Please help make a difference for local families by donating a bag with non-perishable food items during our 2022 Lenten Food Drive. Please see the flyer in today's bulletin.





## The Academy of Saint Matthias

**Open House for Prospective School Parents:** Learn about our school and tour our campus on Thursday, March 24th, from 4:30-6:30 PM. We serve families with children in Pre-K 3 (must be 3 by Sept. 1, 2022) through 8th grade. Please contact Mrs. Ann O'Hare at 301-577-9412 or [aohare@stmatthias.org](mailto:aohare@stmatthias.org) to confirm your attendance.

**BOOST (Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today),** a financial aid program through the State of Maryland, is now accepting applications. To determine your financial eligibility for this program, go to [www.marylandboost.org](http://www.marylandboost.org). To be considered, you must have applied to a private school and/or be enrolled for the coming school year. **Apply to BOOST by April 29, 2022.**

**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 the Grillo family, winners in the March 15th drawing.



### Remember the People Suffering in Ukraine:

To make a timely donation to assist the people of Ukraine, you may contribute to either the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (see web address below) or the Catholic Relief Services:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/church-central-eastern-europe/how-give>.

Parishioners may also donate to Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the U.S. Bishops main international charitable arm. CRS already has staff in Ukraine providing humanitarian relief. Donations can be made at the Following link: <https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine?ms=agicrs2022ukr00her00&ga=2.19546751.618301534.1646083796-735720520.1646083796>

### **Mass Schedule for March 26/27**

4:00 PM	Fr. Canice
7:00 PM	Fr. German
8:00 AM	Fr. Avelino
9:45 AM	Fr. Canice
11:30 AM	Fr. Avelino
1:30 PM	Fr. German
6:00 PM	Fr. Avelino

## 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.

## Family Connection

We may be unfamiliar with fig trees, but we might know about the growth of spring flowers. Perhaps we have looked at a dry, brown flower bulb and wondered how this produces the colorful tulip or daffodil blossom that we expect to bloom in the spring. Perhaps we've even thought about the patience and hope that are required to plant flower bulbs in October. We don't have to be gardeners, however, to know about patience and hopefulness. As parents, we practice these virtues each day with our children. We may become frustrated and even angered by their willfulness and lack of cooperation. Yet we continue to offer our attention and guidance in hope that one day our efforts will bear fruit. Today's parable suggests that God is like that with us, working with us in patience and in hope that one day we will show evidence that such work is not in vain. As parents, we know God's kindness when we find evidence for our hope for our children. Does God find such glimmers of hope as he works with us?

Consider the patience and hopefulness that God has with us as he works with us, calling us to return to him when we sin. Offer prayers of thanks and praise to God for his patience and hopefulness towards us. Conclude by praying together today's Psalm, Psalm 103.



**St Matthias the Apostle  
Church**  
*Stations of the Cross*  
**Fridays During Lent  
7:00 PM**