

The Fifth Week of Easter**Monday, May 16th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Master Sgt. Jesse J. Richards, Jr.**
(D)Daily Mass 12:00 PM: **People of the Parish** (L)**Tuesday, May 17th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Kaitlyn De Maio** (L)**Wednesday, May 18th**Mass 8:30 AM: **Cecil Martin** (L)**Thursday, May 19th**Mass 8:30 AM: **Melvin Nzeffili** (L)**Friday, May 20th**Mass 8:30 AM: **Jean Fullenkemp** (D)**Saturday, May 21st**Mass 8:30 AM: **Casimir Taylor** (L)**Sixth Sunday of Easter****Readings**

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Rv 21: 10-14, 22-23

John: 14: 23-29

Saturday, May 21stMass 4:00 PM: **Jocelyn Moranchel Olivos** (L)Mass 7:00 PM: **Fr. Alejandro Diaz** (L)**Sunday, May 22nd**Mass 8:00 AM: **Pearl Aitcheson** (D)Mass 9:45 AM: **Adamma Ugoh** (D)Mass 11:30 AM: **Benedict Udejiofor** (D)Mass 1:30 PM: **People of the Parish** (L)Mass 6:00 PM: **Alex Balunet** (D)***Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish,
our neighbors, family, and friends:***Christopher Agboli; Christina Smith Beal; Elaine Brooks;
Catherine Cardinez; Mary Dawson; Rosita Dietrich; Helen
Dziduch; Genevieve Greenfield; Joseph Johnson; Stanley
Krawczewicz; Everett & Martha Lallis; Marion Prout;
Beverly Rampey; 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****Offertory****May 8, 2022****Offertory 10,147****Faith Direct 2,801****Total 12,948****Last Year 9,706*****Thank you for your generosity!*****Items of Note at St. Matthias****Teen Youth Ministry In-Person Meeting:** We are excited to have your teen join us this **Sunday, May 15th** at 12:00 PM in the Hughes Center. Teens are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated and boosted to attend our in-person sessions. Also, social distancing and masking will be required. Our topic of discussion and bible study will be focused on Gentleness, a Fruit of the Spirit. We will welcome current 8th grade teens to this session. Questions? Contact Le-Marie Thompson at ltompson@stmatthias.org.**Ladies of Charity:** The LOC will offer you the opportunity to submit brief written messages to others within the church community. Your message will be included in an insert in the bulletin. These ***cordial communications*** can be directed to other individuals, groups, or the entire church population. Look for more information in the bulletin about submitting a message. Cost of each message is \$ 10.**St. Matthias Prayer Group** meets in Friendship Hall 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. Contact Info: (240) 486-0733 or (301) 351-0777.



The Academy of Saint Matthias

Father Hughes Scholarship for the 2022-2023 School Year:

Are you considering a Catholic education for your child? If you are a St. Matthias parishioner and finances have kept you from exploring this option. Consider applying for assistance through the The application period is now open and applications are available in the parish and school offices and on our school website. **The submission deadline is Friday, May 27, 2022.** Families must have a financial aid application on file at www.TADS.com to be considered. All information you provide is confidential. For assistance or questions, please contact Mrs. Ann O'Hare, director of Admissions, at 301-577-9412 or ao-hare@stmatthias.org.

Family Connection

Is love the first word your family members use to describe their interactions? Love is difficult. Jesus' sacrifice for us is an example of this. Yet because of love, the glory of God is fully revealed in Jesus. God's glory is revealed in us when we act as the Body of Christ, as individuals and as a community. In the love we have for one another—difficult, challenging, sacrificial love—we find Jesus.

Choose one or two occasions when your family was together during the week. Describe the family's interactions from an outsider's perspective. When is it less difficult to show love to family members? When is it more difficult? When love is difficult, what do we do?

Jesus didn't just tell us to love one another. He showed us how to love one another. In what ways did Jesus show us how to love? (in his acts of healing and forgiving; at the Last Supper as he washed his disciples' feet; in the gift of the Eucharist; through his death on the Cross)

First Communion at Saint Matthias

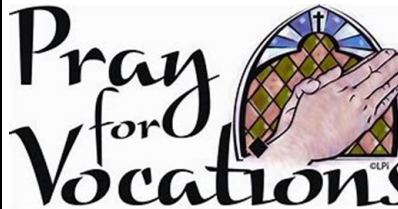


Next Sunday, May 22nd, students in our Faith Formation Class and students who attend the Academy of St. Matthias will receive their First Holy Communion. The 9:45 AM Mass will be offered in English. The 1:30 PM Mass will be offered in Spanish. Please keep our students and their teachers in your prayers.

Around the Archdiocese

Real Presence: What Does It Mean And Why Does It Matter?

The Office of Family Life is co-sponsoring a virtual spiritual series for women that will explore the mystery of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Hybrid sessions begin on May 25th at 7:00 PM in the Hughes Center. For more information, please pick up a flyer in the church vestibule.



Men's Discernment Mass and Brunch:

Men who are college age or older and interested in the priesthood are invited to this event on Sunday, May 22, from 10 AM to

12:15 PM, at Saint John Paul II Seminary in D.C. The morning will include Mass, brunch, and a chance to talk with priests, seminarians, and other young men about vocations. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations, at 202-636-9020 or vocations@adw.org. There is no cost to attend, but you must register at <https://dcpriest.org/2022-mens-discernment-mass-and-brunch>.

The Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Program

draws upon the best in contemporary psychology, practical wisdom from the experience of married couples, and the beauty of the Catholic Church's teachings on marriage and family life in order to give you the best foundation on which to build a successful marriage.

Our marriage preparation course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. It aims to provide each couple with a reflective and in-depth preparation for a joyful, faith-filled marriage—based on love that not only endures but actually grows stronger year after year. For more information please go to

info@ourladyofbethesda.org.

Mass Schedule for May 21/22

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