

First Week of Lent**Monday, February 27th***Saint Gregory of Narek*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Guadalupe Manlapaz** (D)**Tuesday, February 28th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Jeanne "Tina" Trice** (D)**Wednesday, March 1st**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Chioke & Anna Conner** (L)**Thursday, March 2nd**Mass 8:30 AM: **Marie Louise McAllister** (D)**Friday, March 3rd***Saint Katharine of Drexel*Mass 8:30 AM: **Kathleen Oliver** (L)**Saturday, March 4th***Saint Casimir*Mass 8:30 AM: **Faustina Charter** (D)**Second Sunday of Lent****Readings**

Gn 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7

Rom 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

Saturday, March 4thMass 4:00 PM: **Maria Cappelletti** (D)Mass 7:00 PM: **People of the Parish** (L)**Sunday, March 5th**Mass 8:00 AM: **Robert Burrell** (D)Mass 9:45 AM: **Adamma Ugoh** (D)Mass 11:30 AM: **Gilberto Gonzalez** (D)Mass 1:30 PM: **Adrian Osorio** (D)Mass 6:00 PM: **People of the Parish** (L)***Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish,
our neighbors, family, and friends:***

Christina Smith Beal; Elaine Brooks; Mary Dawson; Rosita Dietrich; Deborah Diggs; Helen Dziduch; Avelino Gonzalez; Dolly Kwame-Greene; Genevieve Greenfield; Jan Jarus; Hildegard Jorgensen; Gwendolyn King; Everett & Martha Lallis; Harrington Ofwono; Bruce Poyner; 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*****February 19*****Offertory** 10,179**Faith Direct** 2,380**Total** 12,559**Last Year** 10,142***Thank you for your generosity.*****Items of Note at St. Matthias**

Copies of *The Word Among Us* that contain Mass Readings and Daily Meditations for Lent are available in the church vestibule and parish office. Cost is \$ 5.00 per book.



The *Two Hearts Vigil* will begin after Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 3rd, and will conclude with a Mass at 12:00 AM on Saturday, March 4th.

St. Matthias Prayer Group meets in Friendship Hall every Sunday after the 11:30 AM Mass. The last Friday of the month is Miracle Night, from 8:00-10:00 PM in the church. Contact Information: 240-486-0733 or 301-351-0777.



Stations of the Cross
are held in the church
every Friday
at 7:00 PM during
Lent

***"Here I am, Lord! Teach me how to seek
you and find you in prayer this Lent."***



The Academy of Saint Matthias

Application for the 2023-24 School Year is Now

Open: The Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle is now accepting new student applications for the 2023-2024 school year. We believe every child is special with unique talents and gifts to share. Each student in our school is individually known and loved. Our faculty possesses the knowledge, experience and love of teaching that guides and inspires every student. The application can be accessed online at www.TADS.com. Our school code is AS9EI-CSC. **Apply by March 1st to qualify for a discounted enrollment fee and save \$100.** Contact Ann O'Hare at aohare@stmatthias.org for more information.

School Raffle: Please support our school by purchasing a cash raffle ticket for \$ 10. The twice-monthly cash drawing runs through May of 2023 and each winner receives \$ 500. You may purchase raffle tickets at the school office or parish office. Congratulations to our second winner, David Person!

Family Connection

When Jesus resists the temptations presented to him by the devil, he draws on his religious upbringing and tradition. Jesus is able to quote from Scripture because he is the Son of God and because he was a human person who lived his Jewish beliefs fully. We who are responsible for raising children are also called upon to immerse them fully in our Catholic Christian tradition so that they too will be able to draw upon this tradition to resist the temptations they will face in their lives.

Use this Sunday as an opportunity to call your family's attention to the importance of Scripture in our lives. Gather your family around the family Bible and read today's Gospel, Matthew 4:1-11. Recall that Jesus rebuked the devil's temptations by quoting Scripture. Take some time as a family to talk about the words that are found in the Bible and the importance of Scripture to our faith. Perhaps the older members of the family can share a favorite Scripture passage with everyone. Younger family members can tell their favorite story from the Bible and be shown where that story can be found. In each case, encourage a deeper sharing of faith by asking each person to tell why the Scripture passage shared is important to him or her. Conclude your time together by again reading Jesus' reply to the devil found in Matthew 4:4 ("One does not live by bread alone . . .") and praying *The Lord's Prayer*.



Operation Rice Bowl: Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through Catholic Relief Service (CRS) Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.

Knights of Columbus

Save the Date: The 60th Anniversary Gala for Mother Seton Council #5381 will be held on **Saturday, May 20, 2023**. Details will be available soon. Tickets will be pre-sold only.

ASMA Scholarships: We are pleased to announce that the Council donated approximately **\$15,000 in Scholarships** to students at the Academy of Saint Matthias and other area Catholic schools through our FedEx volunteer program. If you would like to participate and get details, please contact Sony Ajayi (202-413-1066). Our New Season Begins in June: If you are a Catholic gentleman 18 years old or older and would like to put your faith into action, join the **Mother Seton Council #5381** of the Knights of Columbus. Go online to join at www.kofc.org/join. Use the promo code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY** to join for free online, or speak to any current Knight.

Mass Schedule for March 4/5

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