

Third Week of Lent**Monday, March 13th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Kayla Batson** (L)**Tuesday, March 14th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Parish Volunteers** (L)**Wednesday, March 15th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Homebound Parishioners** (L)**Thursday, March 16th**Mass 8:30 AM: **Viktoriya Andreichenko** (D)**Friday, March 17th***Saint Patrick*Mass 8:30 AM: **Avelino Gonzalez** (L)**Saturday, March 18th***Saint Cyril of Jerusalem*Mass 8:30 AM: **Members of Parish Ministries** (L)**Fourth Sunday of Lent****Readings**

1 Sam 16: 6-7, 10-13a

Eph 5: 8-14

John 9: 1-14

Saturday, March 18thMass 4:00 PM: **People of the Parish** (L)Mass 7:00 PM: **Jocelyn Donis** (L)**Sunday, March 19th**Mass 8:00 AM: **Anne N. Eneze** (L)Mass 9:45 AM: **Joseph C. Johnson** (D)Mass 11:30 AM: **Anne Eneze** (L)Mass 1:30 PM: **Zoraida Contreras** (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; Mary Gillis; 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**

Due to the early printing of this week's bulletin, the Stewardship Report for March 5th will be included in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity.

Items of Note at St. Matthias

Leisure Club: The next meeting of the Leisure Club is Monday, March 13th, at 12:00 PM in the Hughes Center.

2023 Lenten Food Drive: Catholic Charities requests that families donate a bag of non-perishable food items the weekend of March 18th and 19th. All donations will be given to the St. Matthias Ladies of Charity to restock the parish food pantry.

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.

Knights of Columbus

Save the Date: The 60th Anniversary Gala for Mother Seton Council #5381 will be held on **Saturday, May 20, 2023**. Tickets cost \$ 50 each and are available in the parish office and through the Knights of Columbus.





The Academy of Saint Matthias

Application for the 2023-24 School Year is 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. Contact **Ann O'Hare** at 301-577-9412 or 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 Angel Bright, winner of \$ 500 in last week's drawing!

Family Connection

Lent is a season for repentance. It is a season during which we are called to reflect upon and to live deeply the promises of Baptism. The well and the conversation about water immediately recall for us the Sacrament of Baptism. As the Samaritan woman was converted and sent on a mission because of the conversation about water, we too are converted and sent by our Baptism to preach the good news of Jesus to others.

Take this opportunity to reflect upon the importance of Baptism with your family. If you have photos or other mementos of your family's Baptisms, bring them out and take some time to recall the day of Baptism and its importance to you and your family. Create a prayer table that includes these mementos and a bowl of holy water. After you have spent some time talking about Baptism, invite everyone to listen carefully and prayerfully to today's Gospel. Read John 4:5-42 together. Ask how Jesus' meeting with the woman at the well is like Baptism. (Jesus knows the woman's sin and forgives her. The woman comes to know Jesus as the Messiah. The woman invites others to meet Jesus.) Pray a prayer of blessing for each member of the family that God will help each one live the promises of his or her Baptism. Pray together *The Lord's Prayer*.

Stations of the Cross at St. Matthias



Stations of the Cross are held in the church every **Friday at 7:00 PM (English)** and **8:00 PM (Spanish)** during Lent.

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



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.

Catholic Charities

Parishioners are invited to join the Catholic Charities Domestic Outreach Team. Come and save lives! The team brings helpful and lifesaving information to parish groups to raise awareness about domestic violence and community resources that can help families. Using provided curriculum and training, volunteers will prepare and present short presentations to parish groups to raise awareness and help families find community resources available to assist families suffering from domestic abuse. For more information, contact Laura Yeomans at 301-247-7926 or Laura.YeomansDV@CC-DC.org.

Mass Schedule for March 18/19

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