

**Fifth Week of Lent****Monday, March 27th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Mary Lucille Batson** (L)**Tuesday, March 28th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Rev. Peter Alliata** (D)**Wednesday, March 29th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Homebound Parishioners** (L)**Thursday, March 30th**Mass 8:30 AM: **Diana Dovel** (L)**Friday, March 31st**Mass 8:30 AM: **Ladies of Charity** (L)**Saturday, April 1st**Mass 8:30 AM: **Safe Travels for the Dikibo Family****PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD****Readings**

Mt 21:1-11

Is 50: 4-7

Phil 2: 6-11

Mt 26: 14-27

**Saturday, April 1st**Mass 4:00 PM: **John Murray** (D)Mass 7:00 PM: **People of the Parish** (L)**Sunday, April 2nd**Mass 8:00 AM: **Ministry Volunteers** (L)Mass 9:45 AM: **Sylvester & Charity Ezeani** (L)Mass 11:30 AM: **Peace, Love, & Unity**Mass 1:30 PM: **Avelino Gonzalez** (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:***

Christina Smith Beal; Elaine Brooks; Mary Dawson; Rosita Dietrich; Deborah Diggs; Helen Dziduch; Mary Gillis; Avelino Gonzalez; Dolly Kwame-Greene; Genevieve Greenfield; Alice Gugliotta; Jan Jarus; Hildegard Jorgensen; Everett &amp; 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.******“Here I am, Lord! Teach me how to seek  
you and find you in prayer this Lent.”*****Stewardship Report*****March 19***

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>9,443</b>
<b>Faith Direct</b>	<b>2,351</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,794</b>
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>13,373</b>

***Today's second collection is the annual  
collection for  
Catholic Relief Services.*****Thank you for your generosity.****Items of Note at St. Matthias****Palm Sunday Masses** will follow the regular weekend schedule:

Vigil Mass Saturday, April 1st, at 4:00 PM

Mass in Spanish Saturday, April 1st, at 7:00 PM

Masses on Sunday, April 2nd, at 8:00 AM, 9:45 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM (Spanish), and 6:00 PM

**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 accepting new student applications for the 2023-2024 school year. 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](http://www.TADS.com). Our school code is AS9EI-CSC. Contact **Ann O'Hare**, Director of Admissions, at 301-577-9412 or [aohare@stmatthias.org](mailto: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 Gerardo Diaz, winner in the March 15th drawing!

### Family Connection

Jesus' promise of eternal life is a central element of our Catholic faith. Even though Easter is still two weeks away, our Gospel today invites us to acknowledge Jesus' power over death, evidenced in the raising of Lazarus, and to anticipate Jesus' conquering of death once and for all in his death and Resurrection. We sometimes use examples from nature to help describe this mystery of our faith. Jesus himself talked about the seed that dies when planted in the ground in order to produce new life (John 12:24). Using that image and others, we find hope and confidence in Jesus, the Resurrection and the life.

Gather your family today and read today's Gospel in its shorter form, John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45. Write Jesus' promise from today's Gospel ("I am the resurrection and the life.") on a large sheet of white paper. As your family talks about what Jesus means by this promise, decorate Jesus' words with symbols that will remind you of his promise of eternal life. Display this reminder of Jesus' promise in a prominent place in your home and keep it there until Easter. Pray that you will always remain confident in Jesus' promise of eternal life. Conclude by praying together the *Apostles' Creed*.

### 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.**

## Holy Week and Easter 2023

### **Saint Matthias the Apostle Church**

**Monday, April 3** Daily Mass 8:30 AM  
Adoration 6:00-8:00 PM  
Confessions 7:00 PM  
**Tuesday, April 4** Daily Mass 8:30 PM

**Wednesday, April 5** Daily Mass 8:30 AM

### SACRED TRIDUUM

#### HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6

**Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)  
7:30 PM**

**Eucharistic Adoration in Friendship Hall  
after Mass until 12:00 AM**

#### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7

**Confessions 9:30 –11:00 AM**

**Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM (English)**

**Stations of the Cross 3:00 PM (Spanish)**

**Commemoration of the Lord's Passion with  
Veneration of the Cross and Holy  
Communion 7:30 PM (Bilingual)**

#### HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8

**Easter Vigil 8:00 PM (Bilingual)**

**(No 4:00 PM or 7:00 PM Masses)**

#### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

**Masses at 8:00 AM, 9:45 AM, 11:30 AM,  
1:30 PM (Spanish)**

**(No 6:00 PM Mass)**



#### **Mass Schedule for April 1/2**

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