

**The Fifth Week of Easter****Monday, May 8th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Tom Laga** (D)**Tuesday, May 9th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Madonna Ugbor** (L)**Wednesday, May 10th***Saint John of Avila & Saint Damien de Veuster*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Jose Corona** (D)**Thursday, May 11th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Alice Gugliotta** (L)**Friday, May 12th***Saints Nereus & Achilleus; Saint Pancras*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Melissa Perez** (L)**Saturday, May 13th***Our Lady of Fatima*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Freddy & Armi Felix** (L)**The Sixth Sunday of Easter****Readings**

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

1 Pt 3: 15-18

John 14: 15-21

**Saturday, May 13th**Mass 4:00 PM: **Thomas Trunk** (L)Mass 7:00 PM: **Marikneli De Leon** (L)**Sunday, May 14th**Mass 8:00 AM: **Esmerando Juanitez** (D)Mass 9:45 AM: **Eugene L. Tate** (D)Mass 11:30 AM: **Jude Nwoko** (L)Mass 1:30 PM: **Francisca Barahona** (D)Mass 6:00 PM: **Annastasia Anyanwu** (D)***Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish,  
our neighbors, family, and friends:***

Christina Smith Beal; Elaine Brooks; Phyllis Burton; Mary Dawson; Rosita Dietrich; Deborah Diggs; Helen Dziduch; Avelino Gonzalez; Dolly Kwame-Greene; Genevieve Greenfield; Alice Gugliotta; Jan Jarus; Hildegard Jorgensen; Everett & Martha Lallis; Harrington Ofwono; Robert J. Resau; 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****April 30**

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>7,129</b>
<b>Faith Direct</b>	<b>2,357</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,486</b>
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>12,499</b>

***Thank you for your generosity!*****Items of Note at St. Matthias**

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

**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.

**Baptismal Preparation Classes** are held the 2nd Saturday of each month (Spanish), and the 3rd Saturday of the month (English) at 10:00 AM. For more information and to register to attend, please call the parish office at 301-459-4814.

**Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day Novenas:**

Each year we honor our mothers and fathers, living or deceased, with a novena of Masses. Envelopes submitted with the names of loved ones for Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day will be placed on the altar for a period of nine days. The *Prayer of the Faithful* will include a petition honoring those we love and remember. Give a wonderful spiritual gift to parents this Spring! Envelopes are available in the church vestibule and parish office. Novena cards are available in the parish office.



## The Academy of Saint Matthias

### Father Hughes Scholarship for the 2023-2024 School

**Year:** If you are a St. Matthias parishioner, and finances have kept you from enrolling your child in a Catholic school, consider applying for the Fr. Hughes Scholarship. Applications are available in the parish and school offices and on the school website. **The submission deadline is Friday, May 12, 2023.** You must have a financial aid application on file at [TADS.com](http://TADS.com) to be considered. All information you provide is confidential. For assistance or questions, contact Mrs. Ann O'Hare at 301-577-9412 or [aohare@stmatthias.org](mailto:aohare@stmatthias.org).

**The Academy of St. Matthias** is accepting new student applications for Pre-K through 5th grade for the 2023-2024 school year. Applications are available online at [www.TADS.com](http://www.TADS.com). Our school code is AS9EI-CSC. For more information, please contact Ann O'Hare, Director of Admissions, at 301-577-9412, or [aohare@stmatthias.org](mailto:aohare@stmatthias.org).



**The Academy of St. Matthias** invites you to the "Night of the Arts" on Thursday, May 18th, beginning at 6:30 PM in Friendship Hall. In addition to the students' displays, parishioners and alumni are also invited to display their paintings, fiber arts, sculpture, pottery, etc. For more information, contact our art teacher, Mrs. Nicole Wright at [nwright@stmatthias.org](mailto:nwright@stmatthias.org).

### St. Matthias Youth Ministry Retreat

Our Youth Retreat is scheduled for **Saturday, May 13th, from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM.** Teens will focus on the Cardinal Virtues and explore ways to let God work. Attendance at this retreat is mandatory for youth getting confirmed. All teens are welcome to attend this retreat!

The cost for the retreat is \$25, which includes breakfast, lunch, snacks, and transportation to the retreat center. The retreat will be held at Loyola on the Potomac, a Jesuit retreat center located in Newburg Maryland. We are excited to be able to provide this opportunity for our young people to grow in their faith. Registration & permission forms are available in the church vestibule. For more information, please contact [lthompson@stmatthias.org](mailto:lthompson@stmatthias.org).

### Save The Date

The Parish Social Life Committee  
will host the  
**Annual St. Matthias  
Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon**  
**Saturday, June 24, 2023**

(Details will be forthcoming)

### Family Connection

Members of the same family often bear close resemblances to one another. Sometimes physical resemblances are shared within a family, but often the similarities are behavioral characteristics and mannerisms. We hear this observation affirmed through a number of common phrases: "He's a chip off the old block" or "She's her mother's daughter." Today's Gospel points to a mystery of faith that might be examined in light of these familial relationships. In Jesus we see and know the Father. Likewise, the Father is known through the life and work of the Son, Jesus.

Talk together as a family about whether people outside of your family recognize common traits of your family. Are there physical resemblances that people recognize and so know each individual as a member of your family? Are there mannerisms that are shared by members of your family? What are some common interests and work that people might associate with your family? As you read today's Gospel, John 14:1-12, keep in mind that members of the same family share many characteristics, even though each person in the family is an individual. What does Jesus tell his disciples about his relationship with the Father? The relationship between the Father and Jesus is so close that Jesus says that those who have seen and known Jesus have also seen and known the Father. Jesus promises his disciples that because of their faith in him and in the Father, they too will be able to do the work of the Father as Jesus did. End your discussion by praying together that others will recognize in your family the work of the Father. Pray together *The Lord's Prayer*.

### Mass Schedule for May 13/14

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