

The Sixth Week of Easter**Monday, May 15th***Saint Isidore*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Annastasia Anyanwu** (D)**Tuesday, May 16th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Annastasia Anyanwu** (D)**Wednesday, May 17th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Annastasia Anyanwu** (D)**Thursday, May 18th***Saint John 1, Pope & Martyr*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Annastasia Anyanwu** (D)**Friday, May 19th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Annastasia Anyanwu** (D)**Saturday, May 20th***Saint Bernardine of Siena*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Annastasia Anyanwu** (D)**The Ascension of the Lord****Readings**

Acts 1: 1-11

Eph 1: 17-23

Matthew 29: 16-20

Saturday, May 20thMass 4:00 PM: **Florence Trunk** (L)Mass 7:00 PM: **Emilza De Leon** (L)**Sunday, May 21st**Mass 8:00 AM: **Eloi Mayala & Marguerite Marie-Bantundi** (D)Mass 9:45 AM: **Bernice Nnannah** (D)Mass 11:30 AM: **Azeh Family** (L)Mass 1:30 PM: **Padre Alejandro Diaz** (L)Mass 6:00 PM: **Hilda Sebrie** (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; Burt Lyons; Harrington Ofwono; Lindsey Pruce; Robert J. Resau; William Stevenson; Carl L. Tate, Sr.; Mary Ann Vugrin; Patricia Williams; Joyce Wright; 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****May 07, 2023****Offertory 11,170****Faith Direct 2,357****Total 13,527****Last Year 12,948****Building Fund 1,759****Thank you for your generosity!****Items of Note at St. Matthias****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.



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.

The Feast of St. Matthias

According to the biblical “Acts of Apostles 1:21–26,” Saint Matthias was a disciple chosen by the apostles as a replacement for Judas Iscariot after the latter’s betrayal of Jesus Christ. It was important that the community endured even after the crucifixion to spread the Christian faith all around the world, and it was crucial that the number of



apostles remained 12, as 12 was the number of tribes of Israel and a twelfth apostle was required for the coming of the new Israel. Jesus himself chose the original 12 apostles, and the rest of the apostles chose Saint Matthias after the Ascension. They cast their votes through lots and selected Matthias. There is no further information about him in the New Testament. It is believed that Matthias placed his faith in Jesus Christ above

everything else and was present with the other apostles at the Pentecost. He embraced all the teachings of Jesus and sacrificed his life for the service of the Lord, even after being persecuted by many. He also worked many miracles in the name of Lord Jesus, which converted many to the Christian faith. He is a patron of carpenters, tailors, and those who are affected by smallpox. The feast of Saint Matthias is celebrated on May 14th.

Weekend of May 20th & 21st



Next weekend we will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord at the Saturday Vigil Masses and Sunday Masses.

Mass Schedule for May 20/21

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

The Academy of Saint Matthias



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.

Save The Date

On behalf of Father Avelino, the Parish Social Life Committee will host the Annual St. Matthias Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
Saturday, June 24th, from 12:30 –3:30 PM in Friendship Hall.

If you are an active member of any of the groups that provide services to the Church or community, please complete the RSVP form and submit it to the parish office no later than Sunday, May 28th. RSVP forms and detailed information are in today’s Bulletin insert.

