

# Saint Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

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## **Parish Staff**

### **Pastor**

Reverend Avelino Gonzalez

### **Receptionist**

Mrs. Miryan Cabrera ~ x 223

### **Accountant**

Ms. Leslie Long O'Leary ~ x 202

### **Administrative Secretary**

### **Director of Faith Formation**

Adult & Youth Religious Education  
and Sacramental Preparation

### **Director of Music Ministry and Organist**

Ms. Deborah Kijak-Hess~204

### **Maintenance Supervisor**

Mr. Hector Perez



## **School Office Staff**

Telephone: 301-577-9412

### **Principal**

Mrs. Patricia Schratz ~ x 215

### **Administrative Assistant**

Ms. Marsha Blackburn ~ x 212

### **Admissions Information**

Mrs. Ann O'Hare ~ x 216



### **Sunday Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Mass (Spanish): 7:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 9:45 AM, 11:30 AM,  
1:30 PM (Spanish) and 6:00 PM

### **Daily Mass Schedule**

Monday through Saturday: 8:30 AM

### **Monday Devotion**

Adoration and Blessed Sacrament:  
6:00 to 8:00 PM

Confessions: 7:00 to 7:45 PM

Benediction: 7:45 PM

### **Holy Days of Obligation**

\*As announced

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Baptismal preparation classes and  
Baptisms are held the 2nd (Spanish)  
and 3rd Saturdays (English) of the  
month. Contact the parish office to  
register to attend.

### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Registered parishioners must contact  
the Pastor at least six months before  
the wedding.

### **New Parishioners**

Welcome! Please complete a Parish  
Registration Form. Forms are available  
in the church vestibule, parish office,  
and online. All parishioners must be  
registered and practicing in order for us  
to serve you by issuing a Letter of  
Good Standing for sponsorship at the  
Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation,  
or Matrimony.

### **Moving?**

Please notify us as soon as possible if  
you are moving or have had a change  
of address in order for us to update our  
records.



## **The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle**

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Pre-K-3 years old to Grade 8

Catholic school whose mission is to provide quality education in a safe and caring environment. Parish students are welcomed throughout the school year. If you'd like to take a tour, please call the school offices for an appointment.

**The Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time****Monday, July 24th***Saint Sharbel Makhlef*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Joyce Manfre (L)****Tuesday, July 25th***Saint James, Apostle*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Gerard Johnson (L)****Wednesday, July 26th***Saints Joachim and Anne*Mass 8:30 AM: **Alice Gugliotta (D)****Thursday, July 27th**Mass 8:30 AM: **Alice Gugliotta (D)****Friday, July 28th**Mass 8:30 AM: **Corazon Biljera (D)****Saturday, July 29th***Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus*Mass 8:30AM: **Charity Ezeani (L)****The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Readings**

1 Kgs 3: 5, 7-12

Rom 8: 28-30

Matthew 13: 44-52

**Saturday, July 29th**Mass 4:00 PM: **Ngozi Ihegbe (L)**Mass 7:00 PM: **People of the Parish (L)****Sunday, July 30th**Mass 8:00 AM: **Anna Juanitez Conner (L)**Mass 9:45 AM: **Loretta Adaobi Oni-Egboma and Larry Aseobong Etta (L)**Mass 11:30 AM: **Hilda Sebrie (D)**Mass 1:30 PM: **Homebound Parishioners (L)**Mass 6:00 PM: **Parish Volunteers (L)*****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; Lauren Downs Douville; Helen Dziduch; Dolly Kwame-Greene; Genevieve Greenfield; Jan Jarus; Hildegard Jorgensen; 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 Zehner

***For our military, protect them from all harm.******For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.*****Stewardship Report****July 16th**

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>8,378</b>
<b>Faith Direct</b>	<b>2,513</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,891</b>
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>9,941</b>

***Thank you for your generosity.*****Items of Note at St. Matthias****From the Ladies of Charity:**

"We are running short of canned soup for our weekly food distribution to the needy in our community. Donations may be left at the back of the church or at the parish office during regular business hours."

**Summer is the perfect time to consider electronic giving.**

Faith Direct is an electronic giving program that safely manages your contributions to St. Matthias Church. To learn more, visit [info@faithdirect.net](mailto:info@faithdirect.net) or call 866-507-8757. The St. Matthias Parish Code is MD41.

**First Friday/First Saturday Two Hearts Vigil**

will be held in the church on Friday, August 4th, beginning at 8:00 PM. The Vigil will conclude with Mass at 12:30 AM on Saturday, August 5th.

Please join us for this special devotion.

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



## The Academy of Saint Matthias

**Summer Office Hours**  
**Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-1:00 PM**  
**Closed Friday**

**There are limited openings in kindergarten through fifth grades for the 2023-2024 school year.** Please contact the school for a tour and enrollment information (301-577-9412). The first day of school for students is Monday, August 28th.

**The Mother Seton Council of the Knights of Columbus partners with our school** to offer sponsored scholarship funds for families (or family groups) who participate in their FedEx program. Each participant must be 18 years or older and must agree to work a minimum of 5 professional football (NFL) events at FedEx Field during the coming season. **Events are usually held on Sundays. Each participant can earn \$ 500 or more to be applied directly to the designated student's tuition at the school.** To participate in this program, please contact Mr. Sonny Ajayi at 240-413-1066 or at [sonyajayi@yahoo.com](mailto:sonyajayi@yahoo.com).

## Around the Archdiocese

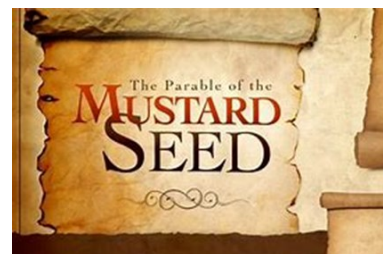
**Personal Retreat Day August 25th:** Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy, busy? Take a break this summer and enjoy your very own personal retreat at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center (7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD). During your retreat from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, an experienced retreat director will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. The retreat schedule allows for one-on-one spiritual direction (optional), quiet reflection, Mass, Confession, and Eucharistic Adoration, plus lunch. You will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Cost is \$ 100 per person. Advance registration is required. Visit our website to register and to find more dates at [ourladyofbethesda.org](http://ourladyofbethesda.org), or call 301-365-0612.



## Family Connection

Taken together, the parables found in today's Gospel offer both a sobering reminder about the Kingdom of God and words of encouragement. As the wheat and the weeds must grow together until the harvest, so we may not know whether our actions contribute to God's Kingdom until God's final judgment. With this word of caution in mind, we act always in prayer that our actions will be consistent with God's plans. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we hear words of encouragement. God can bring the Kingdom of Heaven from even the smallest of beginnings. Thus, we ask God to work through us for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Set aside some time this week to make bread with your family. Show the amount of yeast that is required to raise an entire batch of bread. Observe that little things can go a long way. After the bread has been baked, gather together as a family. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 13:24-43. Reflect together on what Jesus means when he teaches that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed and like yeast. In these parables, Jesus is teaching us that God can work wonders from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of God. This means that even the little things that we do can make a big difference in the lives of others. What are some of the little things that we can do in our family that help to make things better for others? Decide on one action to take together. Pray that God will use your action to make a difference in the world. Pray together *The Lord's Prayer*.



## **Mass Schedule for July 29/30**

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