

Saint Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

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Parish Staff

Pastor

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School Office Staff

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Principal

Mrs. Patricia Schratz ~ x 215

Administrative Assistant

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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 Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 31st

Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Joyce Manfre (L)**

Tuesday, August 1st

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Susie Martinez (L)**

Wednesday, August 2nd

Mass 8:30 AM: **Avelino Gonzalez (D)**

Thursday, August 3rd

Mass 8:30 AM: **Alice Gugliotta (D)**

Friday, August 4th

Saint John Vianney

Mass 8:30 AM: **Nzefili Family (L)**

Saturday, August 5th

Mass 8:30 AM: **Kenneth Osuji (L)**

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Readings

Daniel 7: 9-10

2 Peter 1: 16-19

Matthew 17: 1-9

Saturday, August 5th

Mass 4:00 PM: **Mark Derricks (L)**

Mass 7:00 PM: **People of the Parish (L)**

Sunday, August 6th

Mass 8:00 AM: **Modupe A. Akinola (L)**

Mass 9:45 AM: **Adamma Ugoh (D)**

Mass 11:30 AM: **Steve Ezeani (L)**

Mass 1:30 PM: **Jose Barahona (L)**

Mass 6:00 PM: **Sam Creech (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 Dgiduch; Dolly Kwame-Greene; Genevieve Greenfield; Jan Jarus; Hildegard Jorgensen; Martha Lallis; Burt Lyons; Harrington Ofwono; Lindsey Preece; 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 23rd

Offertory 9,445

Faith Direct 2,513

Total 11,958

Thank you for your generosity.

Items of Note at St. Matthias

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.

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 or call 866-507-8757. The St. Matthias Parish Code is MD41.



Looking Ahead

On Tuesday, August 15th, we will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be offered at 8:30 AM, 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM (Spanish)



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.

Around the Archdiocese



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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, or call 301-365-0612.

Family Connection

Like the person who found the buried treasure and the merchant who acquired the pearl of great price, we seek to find the signs of the kingdom of heaven in our lives. In fact, we even work to bring about God's kingdom in our actions and in our words. We pray that our family values reflect our pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. As Jesus' disciples, we place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

As you gather as a family, talk about what your family values. Make a list together of those things that your family considers most important, such as family, friends, faith, trust, and love. Place this list before you as you read today's Gospel in its shorter form, Matthew 13:44-46. In these parables, Jesus teaches us that it is worth giving up even valuable things in order to possess the kingdom of heaven. Look at the list your family made and talk about how these things are important to the kingdom of heaven. What has your family given up to make these values important in your life? As Jesus' disciples, we place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God. Pray together for God's kingdom by praying *The Lord's Prayer*.



Mass Schedule for August 5/6

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