

# 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**

Miss Evelyn Giron ~ x 201

### **Director of Faith Formation**

Ms. Stephany Zetterstrom ~ x 205

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 Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time****Monday, August 28th**

Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Julia Creech** (L)

**Tuesday, August 29th**

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Sam Creech** (L)

**Wednesday, August 30th**

Mass 8:30 AM: **Lucas Naik** (L)

**Thursday, August 31st**

Mass 8:30 AM: **Hope Creech** (L)

**Friday, September 1st**

Mass 8:30 AM: **Don and Rozanna Aitcheson** (L)

**Saturday, September 2nd**

Mass 8:30AM: **Elaine Persells** (D)

**The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time****Readings**

Is 22:19-23

Rom 11:33-36

Mt 16:13-20 (121)

**Saturday, September 2nd**

Mass 4:00 PM: **Andrea McGuire** (D)

Mass 7:00: **Hugo Donis** (L)

**Sunday, September 3rd**

Mass 8:00 AM: **Joan George** (L)

Mass 9:45 AM: **Joseph C. Johnson** (D)

Mass 11:30 AM: **Chioma Udejiofor** (D)

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

Mass 6:00 PM: **Bill Chappell** (L)

*Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish,  
our neighbors, family, and friends:*

Elaine Brooks; Phyllis Burton; Jane Carpino; Mary Dawson;  
Rosita Dietrich; Deborah Diggs; Lauren Downs Douville; Helen  
Dziduch; Dolly Kwame-Greene; Genevieve Greenfield; Jan  
Jarus; Martha Lallis; John Mattimore; Robert J. Resau; William  
Stevenson; Mary Ann Vugrin; Mae Young; Don Zehner; Rita  
Zehner; Bosbri Barrios.

*For our military, protect them from all harm.*

*For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.*

**Stewardship Report****August 20**

**Offertory** 9,074

**Faith Direct** 2,602

**Total** 11,676

**Last year** 9,470

*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, September 1st,  
beginning at 8:00 PM. The Vigil  
will conclude with Mass at  
12:30 AM on Saturday,  
September 2nd.

**Please join us for this special devotion.**

**September Bible Study Series**

**Father Avelino** will  
present **“Exodus: Seeing  
the Pattern”** a bible study

series on Tuesday  
(Spanish) 9/5, 9/12, 9/19,  
9/26 and Wednesday  
(English) 9/6, 9/13, 9/20,

9/27 at 7:00 PM in Friendship Hall. Come learn  
about God’s power to redeem his people from  
oppression and his willingness to forgive sin! The  
sessions are also available via Zoom. To  
participate via Zoom, email Le-Marie Thompson  
at [ltompson@stmatthias.org](mailto:ltompson@stmatthias.org). **Cost: suggested  
donation of \$10.00.**

**Labor Day is Monday, September 4th**

The parish office will be closed Monday,  
September 4th, in observance of Labor  
Day.

There will be no Adoration, Confessions  
due to the holiday.

### Faith Formation News

**Call for Catechists:** Faith Formation at Saint Matthias is about helping youth encounter Jesus Christ. We form youth to encounter God in the sacramental life of the Church, in prayer, community, in the Word, nature, service, witness, friendship and acts of kindness. **We are in need of dedicated Catechists to serve from the 2023-2024 session in the following grades; 3th, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th. If you are interested, please contact the Director of Faith Formation at 301-459-4814 (~ x 205).**

**Registration Forms for Faith Formation Classes** for the 2023-2024 school year are available in the church vestibule and parish office. Please complete a form and plan to come to a mandatory in-person registration session in the **Hughes Center on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, or September 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:15-11:15 AM.** Fees are listed on the registration form. Classes will begin on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 to 11:30. All fees must be paid upon registration. **Completed registration forms and payment will be accepted only at the registration sessions.**

Registration Fees: 1 child      \$ 90.00  
   2 children    \$ 155.00  
   3+ children \$ 220.00

Please see the information in the registration packet regarding sacramental fees and documents needed to register your children for Faith Formation classes.



**The Ladies of Charity** wish to thank you for your support of the parish food pantry. We appreciate your generous donations of canned soup and shelf-stable milk that will be distributed to those in need.

**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.

### Family Connection

Today's Gospel reminds us that the Church is built on the foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. Peter announces the core of our faith, that Jesus is God's only Son. The family, as the domestic church, has this same faith as its foundation.

As you gather together as a family, talk about people whose faith has helped you to be a member of the Church and talk about what you have learned from leaders in our Church today. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 16:13-20. Talk about what you know about Peter and his importance to the early Christian community. Talk about what we can learn from Peter and his profession of faith about Jesus. Conclude in prayer together by praying today's Psalm or an Act of Faith.

#### **Mass Schedule for September 2/3**

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