

# 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

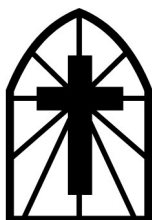
### **Director of Music Ministry**

### **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-sixth Week in Ordinary Time****Monday, October 2nd**

The Holy Guardian Angels

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Mary Johnson** (D)**Tuesday, October 3rd**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Honest, Edith, Elizabeth Robinson** (D)**Wednesday, October 4th**

Saint Francis of Assisi

Mass 8:30 AM: **Francis Onwu** (L)**Thursday, October 5th**

Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; USA: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Mass 8:30 AM: **Francisca Chukwura** (L)**Friday, October 6th**

Saint Bruno, Priest, USA: Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin Bar

Mass 8:30 AM: **Bruno Cabrera** (L)**Saturday, October 7th**

Our Lady of the Rosary

Mass 8:30 AM: **Salvador Jose** (D)**The Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time****Readings**

Is 5:1-7

Phil 4:6-9

Mt 21:33-43 (139)

**Saturday, October 7th**Mass 4:00 PM: **Thanksgiving for Our Patron's Day** (L)Mass 7:00: **Francisco De Leon** (D)**Sunday, October 8th**Mass 8:00 AM: **Holy Rosary Pujehun** (L)Mass 9:45 AM: **Adamma Ugoh** (D)Mass 11:30 AM: **Gizette Ebamu and Victory Rosynique Kuku** (L)Mass 1:30 PM: **People of the Parish** (L)Mass 6:00 PM: **Peggy Wills** (D)***Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends:***

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

***For our military, protect them from all harm.******For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.*****Stewardship Report****September 24****Offertory 8,590****Faith Direct 2,609****Total 11,199****Last year 10,359*****We are grateful for your generosity.*****Items of Note at St. Matthias****First Friday/First Saturday Two Hearts Vigil**

will be held in the church on Friday, October 6th, beginning at 8:00 PM. The Vigil will conclude with Mass at 12:30 AM on Saturday, October 7th.

**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.**Faith Formation News****Faith Formation classes will begin Sunday, October 8th, in Friendship Hall from 10:30 to 11:30.****Faith Formation Registration for 2023-2024 is now closed.****Faith Formation Classes for Adults.** If you are interested in becoming Catholic or if you need to prepare for the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation, contact the Parish Office. **The classes will begin Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM.**

**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 our Coordinator of Faith Formation, Stephany Zetterstrom at 301-459-4814 (x 205).

**The 54th Annual Knight of Columbus Cash Raffle is underway.**



**GRAND PRIZE: \$5,000 CASH**  
**2nd PRIZE: \$3,000 CASH and**  
**3rd PRIZE: \$2,000 CASH.**

Tickets (\$1.00) are available in the parish office and through members of the K of C.

**Drawing: October 7th 2023 at the Columbus Day Ball**



**The Academy of Saint Matthias**

**Math Teacher Needed!** Our parish school is looking for a **part-time math teacher** for small groups of students in grades 6,7 and 8, effective immediately. The position is 15 hours per week. **If interested, please contact Mrs. Schratz or Mrs. Smith at 301-577-9412**

**Openings in PK and Kindergarten.**

The Academy of St. Matthias has limited openings for children who turned 3, 4 or 5 by September 1st, 2023. If interested, please apply today through the school website at [school.stmatthias.org](http://school.stmatthias.org). Although there is no tuition assistance for pre-school, financial aid is available for kindergarten students. **For more information call Mrs. O'Hare today at 301-577-9412.**

**Family Connection**

The example Jesus poses in today's Gospel could have been taken directly from family experience. Each of us can recall instances in which family members spoke one thing but then did another. The point of Jesus' story is to show that our actions speak louder than words, even with God.

As you gather as a family, talk about times when a family member said one thing and then did another. Acknowledge that sometimes the action taken displays a true change of heart. Then read today's Gospel, Matthew 21:28-32. Observe that Jesus faulted the religious leaders for not allowing John the Baptist's message of repentance to change their hearts and actions. The word we sometimes use for this change of heart is conversion. Jesus wants us to do more than pay lip service to the Gospel; he wants us to be transformed by his word.

Pray together that your family will experience a conversion to God and show evidence of this in both actions and words. Pray together today's second reading, Philippians 2:1-5.

**Mass Schedule for October 7/ 8**

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