

Saint Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

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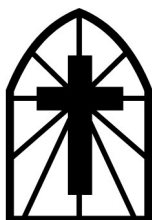
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Admissions Information

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 Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 9th

Saint Denis, Bishop and Companions; Saint John Leonardi, Priest
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Gabriel Kwame-Green (D)**

Tuesday, October 10th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Rodney Willin-Glenna (L)**

Wednesday, October 11th

Saint John XXIII, Pope
Mass 8:30 AM: **Lolita Compas and Joe Manlapaz (L)**

Thursday, October 12th

Mass 8:30 AM: **Theresa Ejekwumadu (L)**

Friday, October 13th

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

Saturday, October 14th

Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr; BVM
Mass 8:30AM: **Rev. Sr. Onyekechi Onyike (L)**

The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Is 25:6-10a
Phil 4:12 -14, 19-20
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10 (142)

Saturday, October 14th

Mass 4:00 PM: **Dagmar Mika (L)**
Mass 7:00: **Dora Estrada (L)**

Sunday, October 15th

Mass 8:00 AM: **Dr. Ferris George Jr. (L)**
Mass 9:45 AM: **George H. Johnson (D)**
Mass 11:30 AM: **Azuka Mosley (L)**
Mass 1:30 PM: **People of the Parish (L)**
Mass 6:00 PM: **Clara Creech (L)**

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

October 1

Offertory	10,984
Faith Direct	2,609
Total	13,593
Last year	12,704

We are grateful for your generosity.

Items of Note at St. Matthias

Join us at our **Healing Mass** and bring to a close on Bible Study on the **Book: Exodus**.

The Mass time:

Tuesday, October 10th 7:00 p.m. English
Wednesday, October 11th 7:00 p.m. Spanish

All the parish is invited to this powerful event of spiritual healing!

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



The Parish Office will be closed Monday, October 9th, in observance of Columbus Day.

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.**



The Academy of Saint Matthias

Our School will hold 2 Open House events for prospective families for the 2024-2025 school year.

They are Oct. 18, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Oct. 22, 2023, from 12-1:30 p.m. Please, contact to the school office to let us know which session you will attend. We look forward to meeting you.

Openings in 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. Although there is no tuition assistance for pre-school, financial aid is available for kindergarten students. **For more information call Mrs. Ann O'Hare today at 301-577-9412.**

The Archdiocese of Washington Application for financial aid for the 2024-2025 school year is now open.

The deadline for ALL families to apply for elementary school aid is Feb. 16, 2024. The Catholic high school application for aid is due by Dec. 15, 2023. The fee to apply for aid is \$42. The application is found at <http://secure.tads.com/>. If you would like an application guide and worksheet, please email Mrs. Ann O'Hare, Admissions Director at the Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle (aohare@stmatthias.org).

The IWOPF Team is preparing **The 31st International Week of Prayer and Fasting coalition**, in collaboration with the Legion of Mary, Marian Fathers, and others, they are asking members of parishes to unite for nine days of prayer and fasting from October 20-28, 2023. The week will begin with a Virtual Conference starting on October 20, 21, & 23 with the following speakers: Fr. Chris Alar, Fr. Robert Altier, Nikki Kingsley, Fr. David Gunter, Dr. Peter Howard, Mark Houck, Karen Japzon, Fr. Ron Stone, and Maureen Flynn. For more information and to register visit: www.IWOPF.org.

Family Connection

In an ideal household, family members know the rules and follow them consistently. Even the most conscientious among us, however, sometimes needs to be reminded of the rules and their importance. How we respond to such correction reveals our true character. In today's Gospel Jesus exposes the religious leaders for their failure to heed God's messengers. It is an opportunity for us to consider how we respond to those who are God's messengers today, calling us to correct our ways and return to the way of the Lord.

As you gather as a family, talk about some of the most important rules of your household. Consider how consistently family members follow these rules. How are family members reminded when rules are not being followed? How do they respond? In today's Gospel Jesus corrects the religious leaders through a parable telling them that they have not heeded God's messengers. Read Matthew 21:33-43. What are some of God's rules that we must follow? How do we respond to God's messengers today? Pray together as a family that you will heed God's messengers and follow God's ways. Pray together the Act of Contrition for the times when your family has not heeded God's word.

Mass Schedule for October 14/15

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