

# Saint Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

9475 Annapolis Road Lanham, Maryland 20706-3020

Telephone: 301-459-4814 \* <https://stmatthias.org>

## **Parish Staff**

### **Pastor**

Reverend Avelino Gonzalez

### **Permanent Deacon**

Mr. Alton Davis

### **Receptionist**

Mrs. Miryan Cabrera ~ x 223

### **Accountant**

Ms. Leslie Long O'Leary ~ x 202

### **Administrative Secretary**

Ms. 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



### **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 Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time****Monday, November 27th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Sister Maggie Sushmitha (D)****Tuesday, November 28th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Nina Agboli (L)****Wednesday, November 29th**Mass 8:30 AM: **Alberto y Miryan Cabrera (L)****Thursday, November 30th**

Saint Andrew, Apostle

Mass 8:30 AM: **Sally Reat (D)****Friday, December 1st**Mass 8:30 AM: **Adaobi Ezeani (L)****Saturday, December 2nd**Mass 8:30 AM: **Rosemary Underwood (D)****FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT****Readings**

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

1 Cor 1:3-9

Mk 13:33-37 (2)

**Saturday, December 2nd**Mass 4:00 PM: **Marie Thomas (L)**Mass 7:00: **People of the Parish****Sunday, December 3rd**Mass 8:00 AM: **Beri Ndifom (L)**Mass 9:45 AM: **Adamma Ugoh (D)**Mass 11:30 AM: **Florence Nwonge (L)**Mass 1:30 PM: **People of the Parish**Mass 6:00 PM: **People of the Parish*****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 Doran; 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, especially for Tommy Lloyd and Ann Florimbio,*****Stewardship Report****Due to an early printing deadline, the Stewardship Report for November 19th will be in next week's bulletin.****Items of Note  
At St. Matthias****Two Hearts Vigil**

Vigil will be held in the church on Friday, December 1st, at 8:00 p.m. and will conclude with Mass on Saturday, December 2nd at midnight. Please join us for this special devotion.

They are sponsoring  
the **Annual Giving****The Ladies of Charity****Tree** charitable donations, To participate, take a tag from the tree, purchase the requested item, and drop off the item in the church vestibule or parish office before Sunday, December 3rd.**Miraculous Medals Plating**

Register your family with ushers at any mass during

the next weekend to participate in the planting of Miraculous around the perimeter of the church on **Saturday, December 9 at 10:00 a.m.** The Medals will invoke the Protection of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal over all the families.**Offerings Online?** By enrolling in **Faith Direct**, your total monthly contribution amount will be transferred directly from your bank account or your credit/debit card. Enrolling is easy! Simply go to our website <https://stmatthias.org/> and select **"Donate"** and choose your contribution.  
(The St. Matthias code is MD41)



## The Academy of Saint Matthias

**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, and 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](mailto:aohare@stmatthias.org)).

**There are limited openings in kindergarten and first grade** for the 2023-2024 school year. Please contact the school for a tour and enrollment information (301-577-9412).

### Faith Formation News

**Call for Catechists.** We are still in need of Catechists and Classroom Aides to help with our CCD programs. If you are interested in volunteering in this capacity, please contact our Coordinator of Faith Formation, **Stephany Zetterstrom**, [szetterstrom@stmatthias.org](mailto:szetterstrom@stmatthias.org) or phone **301-459-4814 X205**. Your prayerful consideration is appreciated.

### Faith Formation Calendar

December 3	In person 10:30-11:30 a.m. 8th Grade Zoom at 7:00 p.m.
	<b>Youth Group</b> 12:00 - 2:30 p.m.
December 10	In person 10:30-11:30 a.m. 8th Grade Zoom at 7:00 p.m.
December 17	In person 10:30-11:30 a.m. 8th Grade Zoom at 7:00 p.m.
December 24	No Faith Formation
December 31	No Faith Formation

## Family Connection

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we will be judged on only one thing: the acts of mercy we have shown to the least among us. Jesus identifies with the least ones; thus we serve Jesus whenever we serve one of the least ones. The Church calls the actions that Jesus described in today's Gospel the Corporal Works of Mercy. These works are to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to bury the dead, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick and imprisoned, and to give alms to the poor. In these actions we show God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

As you gather as a family, recall the list of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Talk about some concrete examples of how your family might do these actions in your community and then discuss why it is important that we do these things. Read Matthew 25:31-46. Ask: Why does Jesus say we ought to do these works of mercy? (Because whenever we show mercy to another person, we show mercy to Jesus himself.) Choose one Corporal Work of Mercy that your family will act upon this week. Pray together that your family will see and serve Jesus in the least ones among us. Pray the Lord's Prayer or an Act of Love.

### Mass Schedule for December 2/3

4:00 PM	Fr. Avelino
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. Canice

### Friday, December 8th

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

**Mass Times will be posted online and in next week's bulletin.**