

Saint Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

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April 6, 2025

Parish Staff

Pastor

Reverend Avelino Gonzalez

Permanent Deacon

Reverend Deacon Alton Davis

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Mrs. Miryan Cabrera ~ x 223

Accountant

Ms. Leslie Long O'Leary ~ x 202

Administrative Secretary

Ms. Genesis Mejia~ x 201

Director of Faith Formation

Ms. Stephany Zetterstrom ~ x 205

Adult & Youth Religious Education
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Director of Music Ministry

and Organist

Ms. Deborah Kijak-Hess~204

Maintenance Supervisor

Mr. Hector Perez



School Office Staff

Telephone: 301-577-9412

Principal

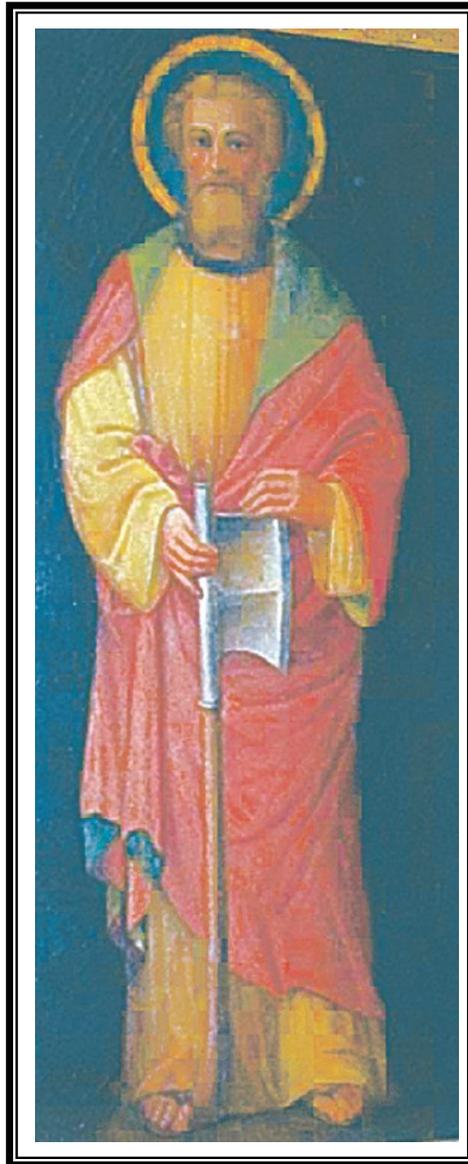
Mrs. Patricia Schratz ~ x 215

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

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.

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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Monday, April 7 th

Daily Mass: 8:30 AM: **Louisa Oyelese (D)**

Tuesday, April 8th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Pepi Manlapaz (L)**

Wednesday, April 9th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Thelma Frank (D)**

Thursday, April 10th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Kathy Lesage (L)**

Friday, April 11th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Horatio Lord (D)**

Saturday, April 12th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **People of the Parish (L)**

Sixth Sunday of Lent

Readings

Is 43: 16-21
 Phil 3: 8-14
 Jn 8:1-11 (36)

Saturday, April 12th

Mass 4:00 PM: **Celestina Lbetoh (L)**
 Mass 7:00PM : **People of the Parish (L)**

Sunday, April 13th

Mass 8:00 AM: **Greg George (L)**
 Mass 9:45 AM: **Thelma Frank (D)**
 Mass 11:30 AM: **For the end of abortion in the world and Thanksgiving Mass for Marienet Afueh.**
 Mass 1:30 PM: **Manuel Morales Hidalgo (D)**
 Mass 6:00 PM: **Genesis Mejia (L)**

Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends: (These names will be on the sick list for six weeks or until a family member calls)

Alfred Atanga; Christopher Agboli; Kevin Butler; Deacon Alton Davis; Helen Dziduch; Dolly Kramer Greene; Genevieve Greenfield; Troi Greenfield; Christopher Inya; Eugenia Ikpi; Jan Jarus; Hildegard Jorgensen; Nicholas Kniska; Gay Magruder; Juanita Pielmeier-McGinn; Carmel Murphy; James Nfoncho; Rodney Oak; Helen Onyewu; Margaret Mary Opalski; Mary Kellermann, Rita Zehner.

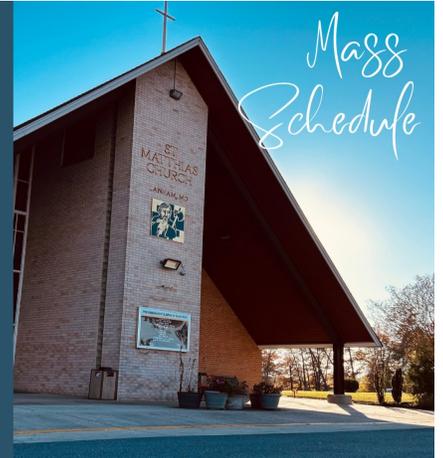
For our military, protect them from all harm.

Saturday, April 12

4:00 PM | Fr. Bud
 7:00 PM | Fr. Henry

Sunday, April 13

8:00 AM | Fr. Pious
 9:45 AM | Fr. Avelino
 11:30 AM | Fr. Pious
 2:00 PM | Fr. Avelino
 6:00 PM | Fr. Pious



Stewardship Report

March 30, 2025

Offertory	8,875
Faith Direct	2,641
Total	11,516
Last Year	11,701

Thank you for your generosity!



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



LENTEN SERVICES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS- FRIDAYS IN LENT

- ENGLISH-7:00PM
- SPANISH-8:00PM

ADORATION & BENEDICTION- MONDAYS IN LENT

- 6:00PM
- CONFESSION TO FOLLOW

PENANCE SERVICE

- APRIL 7, 6:00PM

CONFESSION WILL BE HEARD IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH.



SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION DATES

MAY 4 - FIRST COMMUNION
ENGLISH MASS - 9:45 A.M.
SPANISH MASS - 1:30 P.M.

MAY 10 - CONFIRMATION/YOUTH RETREAT
AT THE SHRINE OF ST. ANTHONY 7 A.M. - 4 P.M.

JUNE 7 - ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON
REGIONAL CONFIRMATION RETREAT
BASILICA SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION - 2 P.M.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT LE- MARIE THOMPSON
LTOMPSON@STMATTHIAS.ORG

Daily Reflection

Words of Grace, a quarterly booklet of daily reflection, prayer, wisdom, and Catholic history based on the day's Mass readings and the Church's rich, spiritual tradition, is now available for the April-June 2025 period. Copies of the daily reflection and prayers for Catholic booklet are located in the

The Academy of St. Matthias

Application for admission for new families is now open, and the link is on our school website (st.matthias.org). An application for the 2025-2026 Fr. Hughes Scholarship for parish students attending our school or an accredited ADW high school in the fall is available as well. Financially eligible families may also qualify for BOOST scholarship awards through the State of Maryland. **The deadline to apply for both is May 9, 2025.** If you have questions or need assistance with this process, please contact Mrs. Ann O'Hare (aohare@stmatthias.org) or call the school office (301-577-9412).

Family Connection

There are few people that we know better than the members of our own family. We know one another's strengths and abilities, and we also know one another's limitations and weaknesses. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, we may be tempted to focus on the faults and sins that familiarity with one another can sometimes reveal. As family members, however, we also have the ability to see one another's faults and sins within the context of the whole person. When we can keep this perspective, we are more likely to look upon one another with compassion. Family life, then, presents us the opportunity to see one another as God sees us, not with judgment and condemnation for our weaknesses and failings, but with mercy and compassion. When we learn to withhold judgment for the faults we know are there and seek the best in one another, we help one another to experience the depths of God's compassion, mercy, and love.

As you gather as a family, observe that when we know people well we know their faults as well as their strengths. At times, we can be tempted to focus on the faults we see in others. Discuss what your family life would be like if you always focused on one another's faults. Observe that in today's Gospel, Jesus refuses to focus on the sin of the woman brought to him for judgment. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 8:2-11. Ask: **What did the people who focused on the woman's sin want to do?** (stone the woman) **What does Jesus say to the people who accused the woman caught in adultery?** (that the person with no sin should throw the first stone) **Are any of us without sin?** (No.) Observe that we can help each other to grow in God's love by refusing to focus on one another's faults and sins. In this way, we can help one another to see ourselves as God sees us: with understanding and compassion. Conclude in prayer together asking God to forgive our sins by praying the Act of Contrition.