

Saint Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

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May 18, 2025

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Reverend Avelino Gonzalez

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Reverend Deacon Alton Davis

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Mrs. Miryan Cabrera ~ x 223

Accountant

Ms. Leslie Long O'Leary ~ x 202

Administrative Secretary

Elsy Zaldivar ~ 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 ~ x 204

Maintenance Supervisor

Mr. Hector Perez

School Office Staff

Telephone: 301-577-9412

Principal

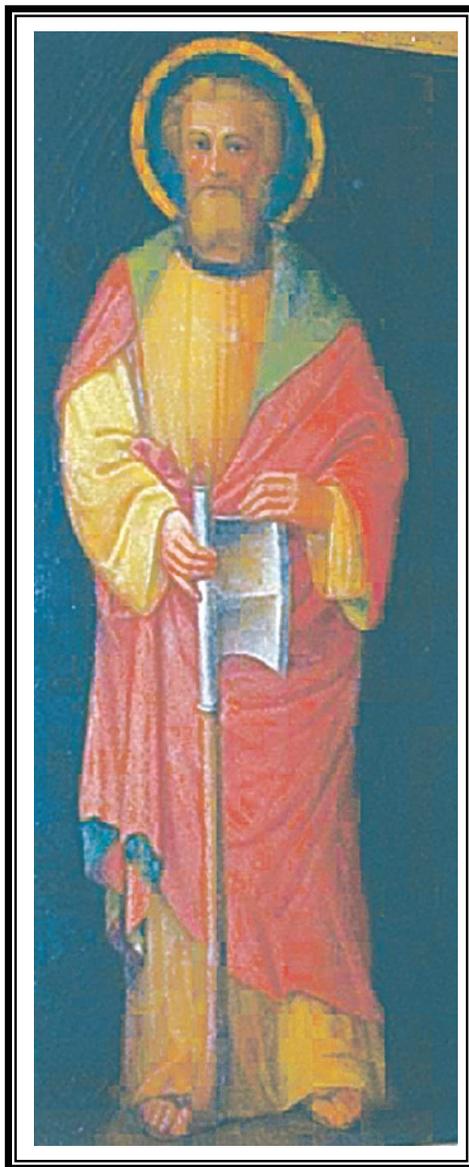
Mrs. Patricia Schratz ~ x 215

Administrative Assistant

Ms. Marsha Blackburn ~ x 212

Admissions Information

Mrs. Ann O'Hare ~ x 216



Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

7:00 PM (Spanish)

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 Week of Easter

Monday, May 19th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **All Faithful Departed (D)**

Tuesday, May 20th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Edith Padonu (D)**

Wednesday, May 21st

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Pope Francis (D)**

Thursday, May 22nd

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Fr. Pious (L)**

Friday, May 23rd

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Patricia Dikibo (L)**

Saturday, May 24th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Ernesto Felix (D)**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings

Acts 15: 2, 22-29
 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23
 John 14:23-29

Saturday, May 24th

4:00 PM: **Charlotte Daly (D)**
 7:00: **Fr. Alejandro Diaz (L)**

Sunday, May 25th

8:00 AM: **Ify Anne Nwabukwu (L)**
 9:45 AM: **Margueritte-Marie Batundi (D)**
 11:30 AM: **For Success in CWA Activities in the World (L)**
 1:30 PM: **Annastasia Anyanwu (D)**
 6:00 PM: **Pope Francis (D)**

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)

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

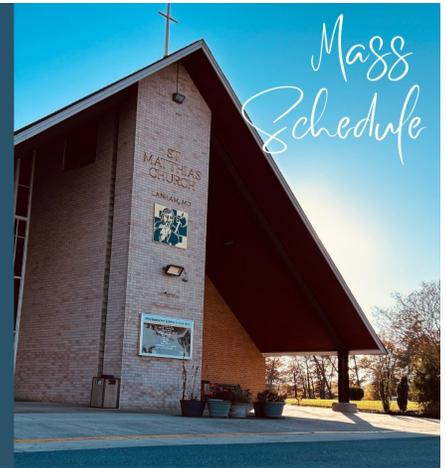
*For our military, protect them from all harm.
 For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.*

Saturday, May 24

4:00 PM | Fr. Canice
 7:00 PM | Fr. Avelino

Sunday, May 25

8:00 AM | Fr. Pious
 9:45 AM | Fr. Avelino
 11:30 AM | Fr. Canice
 1:30 PM | Fr. Avelino
 6:00 PM | Fr. Canice



Stewardship Report

May 11, 2025

Offertory	13,062
Faith Direct	2,759
Total	\$15,821

Reminders

This weekend second collection is Catholic Communication Campaign and Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Thank you for your generosity!

The Feast of St. Matthias



According to the biblical “Acts of Apostles 1:21–26,” Saint Matthias was a disciple chosen by the apostles as a replacement for Judas Iscariot after the latter’s betrayal of Jesus Christ. It was important that the community endured even after the crucifixion to spread the Christian faith all around the world, and it was crucial that the number of apostles remained 12, as 12 was the number of tribes of Israel and a twelfth apostle was required for the coming of the new Israel. Jesus himself chose the original 12 apostles, and the rest of the apostles chose Saint Matthias after the Ascension. They cast their votes through lots and selected Matthias. There is no further information about him in the New Testament. It is believed that Matthias placed his faith in Jesus Christ above everything else and was present with the other apostles at the Pentecost. He embraced all the teachings of Jesus and sacrificed his life for the service of the Lord, even after being persecuted by many. He also worked many miracles in the name of Lord Jesus, which converted many to the Christian faith. He is a patron of carpenters, tailors, and those who are affected by smallpox. The feast of Saint Matthias is celebrated on May 14th.

Sacraments of Initiation

June 7th, 2:00 PM
Archdiocese of Washington
Regional Confirmation
at the Basilica Shrine of the
Immaculate Conception

For further information, please
Contact Le-Marie Thompson at
Ltompson@stmatthias.org

Family Connection

Is love the first word your family members use to describe their interactions? Love is difficult. Jesus' sacrifice for us is an example of this. Yet because of love, the glory of God is fully revealed in Jesus. God's glory is revealed in us when we act as the Body of Christ, as individuals and as a community. In the love we have for one another—difficult, challenging, sacrificial love—we find Jesus.

Choose one or two occasions when your family was together during the week. Describe the family's interactions from an outsider's perspective. When is it less difficult to show love to family members? When is it more difficult? When love is difficult, what do we do?

Jesus didn't just tell us to love one another. He showed us how to love one another. In what ways did Jesus show us how to love? (in his acts of healing and forgiving; at the Last Supper as he washed his disciples' feet; in the gift of the Eucharist; through his death on the Cross)

The Academy of St. Matthias

We currently have openings in grades Pre-K-7. If you are interested in more information, please contact Mrs. Ann O'Hare at aohare@stmatthias.org.

Parish Safety for Parishioners and Guests

It has come to our attention that unsupervised minor children have been observed in the school hallways and restrooms during weekend events. As our church, school, and parish hall are open during much of this time, we remind parents that they are responsible for accompanying any minor child in their care, unless a member of parish staff is present.

We also ask that guests who use our parish facilities make every effort to leave the premises in good order, including turning off lights, unplugging electrical appliances, such as coffee pots, removing trash, and checking to be sure windows are closed and doors securely locked. Thank you very much for helping us keep our children safe and our parish secure.

Improved Church Fire Doors

We are happy to report that we have new and improved fire doors by the entrance of the church thanks to Advanced Security Safe & Lock who have done a great job.

While the doors themselves are not new (too expensive to replace), the opening mechanism is totally new (as is a reinforcement plate at the bottom) and now meets fire marshal code. They are easily opened from the inside with a push bar and automatically close with hydraulic arm. This of course increases our safety.

