

Saint Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

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June 1, 2025

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Ms. Stephany Zetterstrom ~ x 205

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Principal

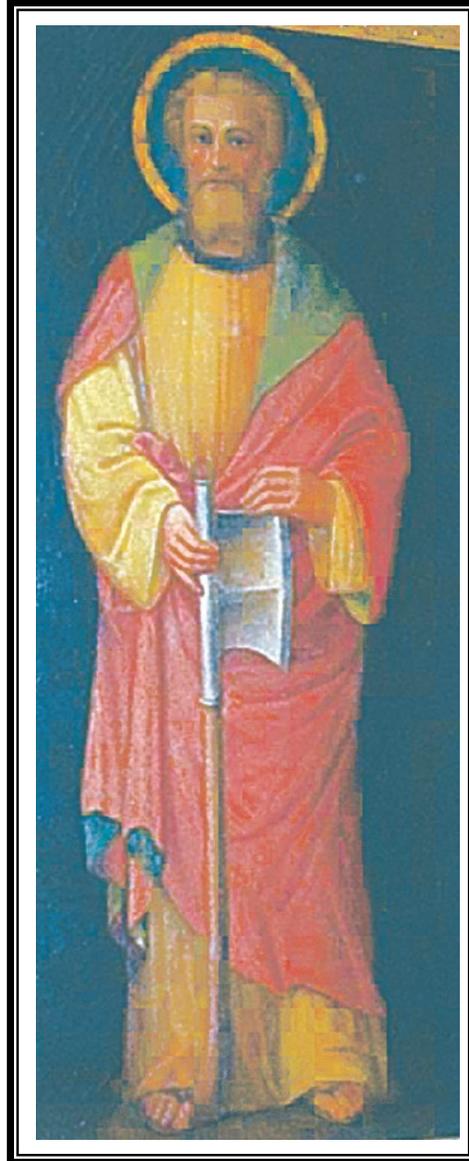
Mrs. Patricia Schratz ~ x 215

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.

Seventh Week of Easter

Monday, June 2nd

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Protection of the unborn (L)**

Tuesday, June 3rd

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Mary Frances VanWinter (L)**

Wednesday, June 4th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Kathleen Marconi (L)**

Thursday, June 5th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Al & Maureen Dwyer (L)**

Friday, June 6th

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

Saturday, June 7th

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

Pentecost Sunday

Readings

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
or Romans 8:8-17

John 20:19-23 or 14:15-16, 23b-26

Saturday, June 7th

4:00 PM: **Josephine Daly (D)**

7:00: **Michael Barahona (L)**

Sunday, June 8th

8:00 AM: **Elizabeth K. Dikibo (D)**

9:45 AM: **Magdalene Ibebuchi (L)**

11:30 AM: **In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and
Immaculate Heart of Mary CWA (L)**

2:00 PM: Ilesia De León (L)

6:00 PM: **For the People of the Church (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)

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.

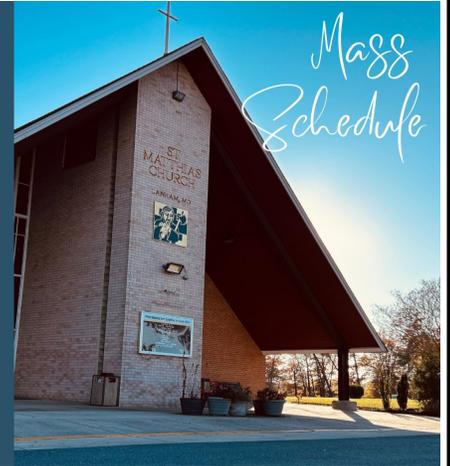
For the faithful departed, especially Joe Corson and Evelyn Fay "Beanie" Loughner, may they rest in peace.

Saturday, June 7th

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

Sunday, June 8th

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



Stewardship Report

Due to the early printing of this week's bulletin, the Stewardship Report for May 25th will be included in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity!



On Wednesday, May 21, 2025. the Music Program of St. Matthias the Apostle Parish, comprised of boys and girls of various ages, held their "EASTER CONCERT". Congratulations to each of the members for a wonderful music event!

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Items of Note at St. Matthias



Two Hearts Monthly Vigil is being held every First Friday of the month at 8:00 PM and concludes Saturday, after midnight with Mass. Please join us for this special devotion.

Confirmation Logistics

- **Date/Location:** Confirmation is on Saturday, **June 7, 2025**, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.
- **Arrival Time:** Please arrive by **12:00 PM** (Noon) – parking is limited.
- **Robes:** Robes available for pickup on **June 2 & 4, 8:30–11:00 AM** at the Hughes Center; contact Ms. Thompson, ltompson@stmatthias.org
- **Sign-In:** Candidates & sponsors must check in with Saint Matthias Faith Formation team member at the Basilica for sacramental records.
- **Phones/Photos:** All phones must be silenced. No flash photography during Mass.
- **Photos with Cardinal:** After Mass, students will be directed for pictures with the Cardinal and must return to seats promptly.
- **Contact:** Contact Ms. Le-Marie Thompson, ltompson@stmatthias.org with any questions.

From the Pastor's Desk

Fr. Avelino is very happy to share with you the good news that the new Principal of the Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle (ASMA) will be Dr. Coretta Streat. Dr. Streat currently serves as the Assistant Principal at Annunciation Catholic School in Washington, DC, and comes highly recommended and with 8 years of experience in Catholic and Public Schools, as well as teaching in Prince Georges Community College. She holds a Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership and Organizational Innovation (2024) and Masters in Curriculum and Instructional (2016). Beyond this she has a great personality and knack for working collaboratively. I think she will be a great fit for our school.

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.

Family Connection

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the 40th day after Easter. In Cycle C, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Luke.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each account, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the Gospel to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize as well as to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, this commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' Ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' Ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. Already in Mark's Gospel, during his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples out to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now, they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.