

Saint Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

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June 15, 2025

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Pastor

Reverend Avelino Gonzalez

Permanent Deacon

Reverend Deacon Alton Davis

Receptionist

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

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School Office Staff

Telephone: 301-577-9412

Principal

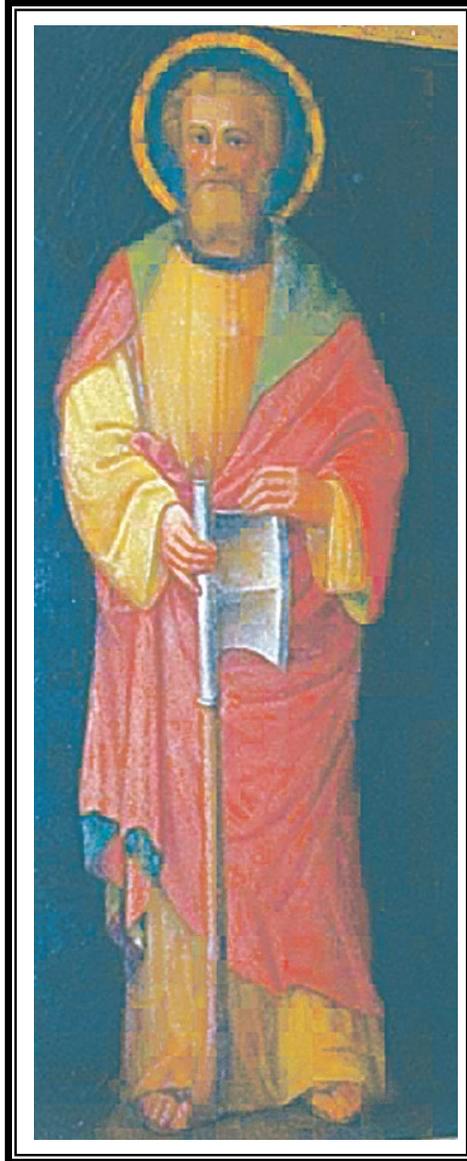
Mrs. Patricia Schratz ~ x 215

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.

Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, June 16th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Rev. Michel Manga (L)**

Tuesday, June 17th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Ed Densmore (D)**

Wednesday, June 18th

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

Thursday, June 19th

St. Romuald, Abbot

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **For Pope Leo the XIV (L)**

Friday, June 20th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **For all priests around the world (L)**

Saturday, June 21st

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Special Intentions**

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Readings

Genesis 14:18-20
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Luke 9:11b-17

Saturday, June 21st

4:00 PM: **Daniela Rodriguez (L)**
7:00: **Angelica De Leon (D)**

Sunday, June 22nd

8:00 AM: **For the People of the Church (L)**
9:45 AM: **For Pope Leo the XIV (L)**
11:30 AM: **For Peace and unity in CWA North America (L)**
1:30 PM: **Flora Menacho y Francisco Alvarez (D)**
6:00 PM: **For the faithful departed (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; Helen Dziduch; Dolly Kramer Greene; Genevieve Greenfield; Troi Greenfield; Christopher Inya; Eugenia Ikpi; Jan Jarus; Christian Jones; Nicholas Kniska; Gay Magruder; Juanita Pielmeier-McGinn; Carmel Murphy; James Nfoncho; Rodney Oak; Helen Onyewu; Margaret Mary Opalski; Mary Kellermann; Rita Zehner; Angel Hernandez; Gerardo Diaz.

For our military, protect them from all harm.

For the faithful departed, especially Richard Midgley and Audrey Krok, may they rest in peace.



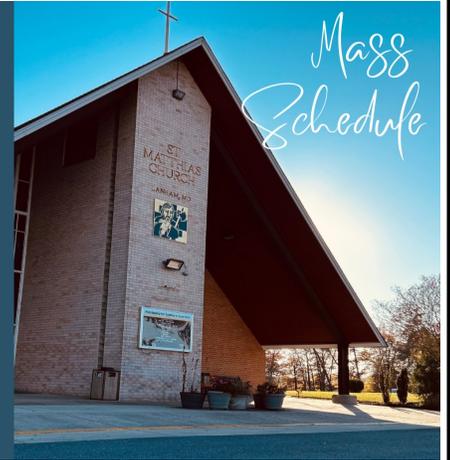
Funeral services for Mrs. Michelle Doran, former 8th grade teacher at St. Matthias, will be held on June 20, 2025, at 11 a.m. at St. James Episcopal Church in Lothian, MD

Saturday, June 21st

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

Sunday, June 22nd

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



Stewardship Report

June 8, 2025

Offertory	7,919
Faith Direct	2,891
Total	10,810

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

St. Matthias Academy News

- ◆ Our school year is coming to a close and we will bid farewell to Mrs. Patricia Schratz, our current principal. We thank her for her guidance and leadership these past 9 years and wish her all the best in the next chapter of her journey. On July 1, 2025, Dr. Coretta Streat will take the helm. We welcome her and look forward to working with her. She is coming to us from Annunciation School in Washington, DC.
- ◆ Our 8th graders are also moving on to high school. We wish them all the best going forward. They celebrated their graduation ceremony on Friday, May 30, 2025. Seven of our 8th graders received scholarships for Catholic high school, including Stephanie Oben, Bezankeng Khumbah, Isabella Penado, Michael Morfaw, Uriel Ngochu, Maria Balmes and Olivia Udebuala. Stephanie received a full Moreau scholarship to Bishop McNamara High School. We are very proud of all our 8th graders!!!
- ◆ One of our alumnae, Emily Balmes, who just finished her freshman year at Elizabeth Seton High School, has received a 50% scholarship for the Harvard University Medical School Pre-College HMX Program. This is an online non-credit program for high school students exploring medical science. Courses are taught by Harvard Medical School faculty and aim to prepare students for futures in the sciences, medicine, or STEM. Congratulations, Emily!!!
- ◆ We are grateful to all our parishioners and benefactors who support our work with our students and their families. We wish you a safe and fun-filled summer.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

Congratulations!

We congratulate our 54 youngsters of our faith formation program who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, June 7, 2025.



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| Camila Acero | Rachael Chavez | Richard Herrera Reyes | Jacqueline Nwachukwu | Luis Orellana |
| Chimasokam Agana | Christ Enriquez-Diaz | Bezakang Khumbah | Jude Nwachukwu | Romeo Orellana |
| Ayami Alvarenga | Sydney Esene | Fomonyuy Kosho | Radea Nyoka | Kenneth Osuji, Jr. |
| Oliver Aquino | Allen Flores | Jesus Labastida-Carino | Stephanie Oben | Isabella Penado |
| Anderson Arevalo | Melanie Flores | Kenia Lopez Guerrero | Stephen Oben | Melissa Perea |
| Yuri Arizmendi | Allison Garcia | Marissa Martinez | Enuma Crystal - Pauline | Steven Pineda |
| Vaniah Asongfua | Mia Guzman | Kimberly Martinez | Offiah | Andrea Nicolle Ramos |
| Michael Alexander Barrera | Iara Herrera | Begeale Morfaw | Dubem Ogbuehi | Brian Rivera |
| Mauricio E. Bush | Karolina Herrera Lopez | Marvin Morfaw | Ikem Ogbuehi | Olivia Udebuala |
| Jesus Carino | Emelin Herrera Reyes | Michael Morfaw | Munachiso Okongwu | Natalie Valdez |
| Anderson G. Castro Perez | Jose Herrera Reyes | Natali Navarrete | Ethan Onyewu | Josue Emmanuel Zomet |

This Pentecost Sunday the following adult candidates were confirmed at the 9:45 AM Mass by Fr. Avelino Gonzalez by delegation:

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| Alejandra Trejo | Victoria Borroel Gomez |
| Ijeoma Oparah | Jonathan McLaughlin |

Alexandra Chavez was also confirmed at the 2:00 PM Spanish Mass. Congratulations to all of them!!

Family Connection

Think of the last time you witnessed an act of selfless love in your family. Parents and caregivers of all kinds are called upon to act selflessly every day. Family life calls us to share selfless love with one another.

God is the model for us of selfless love. There was no need for God to create our planet or the creatures that inhabit it; it was an act of selfless love. There was also no need for God to send his only Son to save us. That too was an act of selfless love.

As we draw closer to God and the mystery of the Trinity, we learn about God's love. God has lavished us with love in the persons of the Son and the Spirit, who in turn nurture in us the desire to do the same. When we open ourselves to be filled with an awareness of the divine life within us, we participate in the endless spiral of love that leads to eternal life. Whenever we share selfless love in the family, we are sharing in the life of the Trinity.

Dear St. Joseph,
Watch over
all fathers
today
and ask
for the grace
they need
to lead their
families
to Heaven.



HAPPY Father's DAY