

# Saint Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

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June 29, 2025

## Parish Staff

### 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

Mr. Hector Perez

## School Office Staff

Telephone: 301-577-9412

### Principal

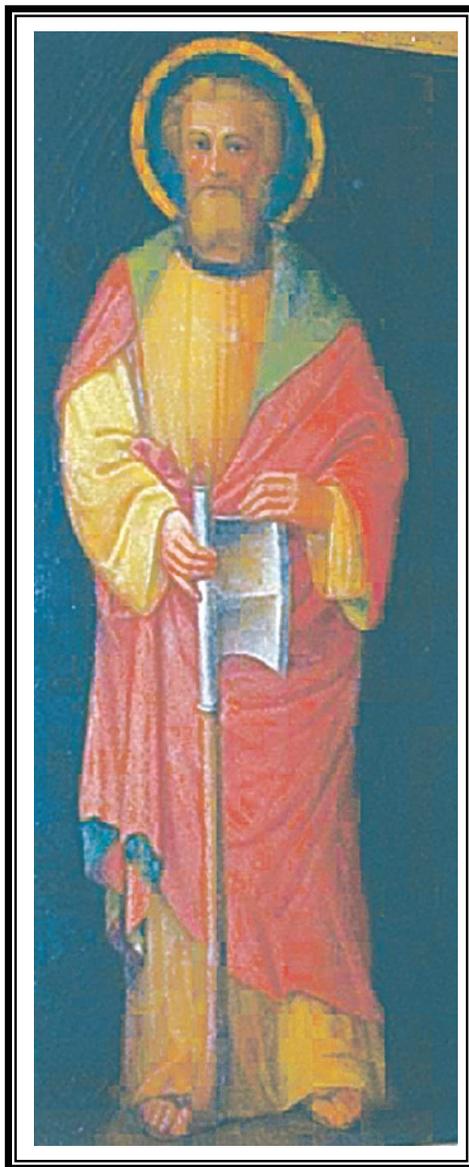
Mrs. Patricia Schratz ~ x 215

### 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.

**Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, June 30th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Leonor Perez Zambrano (D)**

**Tuesday, July 1st**

*St. Junipero Serra, Priest*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Grace Nayk (L)**

**Wednesday, July 2nd**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Elizabeth K. Dikibo (D)**

**Thursday, July 3rd**

*St. Thomas, Apostle*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **George E. Johnson (D)**

**Friday, July 4th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **World Peace**

**Saturday, July 5th**

*St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest: USA:*

*St. Elizabeth of Portugal: BVM*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Maggy (D)**

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings**

Isaiah 66:10-14c

Galatians 6:14-18

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

**Saturday, July 5th**

4:00 PM: **Richard Midgley (D)**

7:00: **Luis Alonso Machado (D)**

**Sunday, July 6th**

8:00 AM: **Priest and Religious (L)**

9:45 AM: **Michael Padre Pio Agboli (L)**

11:30 AM: **World Peace**

1:30 PM: **Isaura Garcia (D)**

6:00 PM: **Maria Goretti Mbella (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; 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.

***For our military, protect them from all harm.***

***For the faithful departed, especially Dr. Kathleen Vadala, may they rest in peace.***



**Saturday, July 5th**

4:00 PM | Fr. Canice

7:00 PM | Fr. Sands

**Sunday, July 6th**

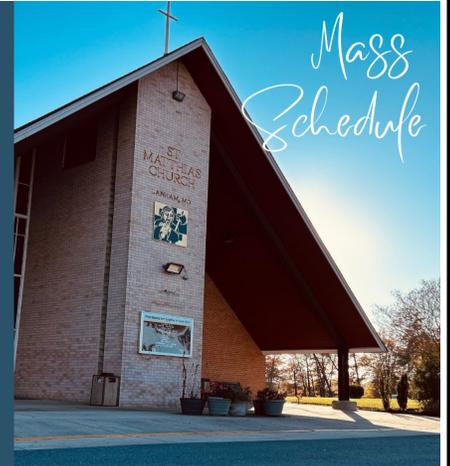
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9:45 AM | Fr. Canice

11:30 AM | Fr. Avelino

1:30 PM | Fr. Avelino

6:00 PM | Fr. Canice



**Due to publishing deadline the Stewardship Report for this week will be in next week's bulletin.**

**This week's second collection is Peter's Pence.**



**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.**

**Family Connection**

In today's Gospel, Jesus refers to Peter as "Rock" and says that the Church will be built upon him. We refer to someone as a "rock" when they are very reliable. Talk as a family about who has been and is a rock in your extended family.

The Gospel reminds us that the Church is built on the foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. It is faith that makes Peter the Rock upon which the Church is built. The family, as the domestic church, has this same faith as its foundation.

Talk about people whose faith has helped you to be a member of the Church and talk about what you have learned from leaders in our Church today. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 16:13-20. Talk about what you know about Peter and his importance to the early Christian community. Talk about what we can learn from Peter and his profession of faith about Jesus. Conclude in prayer together by praying today's Psalm or an **Act of Faith.**

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Faith Formation Related News

#### **Calling All Catechists – Past, Present & Future!**

#### **Catechist Meet & Greet – Sunday, July 13 | 9:15–10:15 AM**

Come be celebrated and inspired! The Faith Formation Team invites all current, returning, and *curious new* Catechists to a joyful **Catechist Meet & Greet**. Join us for fellowship, updates, and encouragement as we prepare to guide the next generation in faith.

We are especially in need of passionate volunteers for **1st, 6th, and 7th grade**—if you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to serve, this is the perfect time to learn more!

Come connect with fellow faith leaders, share ideas, and enjoy a light breakfast together.

*“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...” – Matthew 28:19*

### VIRTUS Certified

**Protecting God's Children:** The Archdiocese of Washington as well as Saint Matthias is unwavering in its commitment to provide a safe environment for everyone served by our ministries, especially all minors and vulnerable adults entrusted to our care. As such, all Saint Matthias volunteers, teachers and staff who work with our youth are required to be VIRTUS certified. We use the VIRTUS Training program, Protecting God's Children for Adults, to certify our adult volunteers.

The Protecting God's Children for Adults training is a research-based training program that educates adults on how to become better protectors of children from child sexual abuse. Participants learn how to become safer adults who are a part of the solution to prevent and respond to child sexual abuse. The Protecting God's Children program features an in-person, live webinar and individual online versions. The sessions are available in English and Spanish. To learn more and schedule your session to become certified go to <https://www.virtusonline.org/>

### Volunteer Opportunities

**Teen Youth Ministry - Summer Volunteer Opportunities:** Saint Matthias teens will join other Catholic Charities this summer volunteering with SHARE. Thousands of families count on SHARE each month for affordable, nutritious groceries that are sold through volunteer-run locations throughout the Washington metropolitan area. Teens will bag dry food items such as potatoes, rice, and onions in preparation for their monthly food distribution. Teens will serve on:

- ◆ **Saturday, July 19 from 7:00 A.M to 10:00 A.M**
- ◆ **Saturday, August 16 from 7:00 A.M to 10:00 A.M**

This is a great service opportunity for our teens! Join us for an experience that is fun and rewarding while making a difference in your community. Please contact Ms. Le-Marie Thompson via email: [ltompson@stmatthias.org](mailto:ltompson@stmatthias.org) to obtain permissions slips and more information.

### Welcome Our New Principal



The Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle is pleased and proud to welcome our new Principal Dr. Coretta Streat who will begin on July 1, 2025. Dr. Streat comes to us with many years' experience in educational leadership in Archdiocese of Washington schools, most recently at Annunciation in DC. Let us pray that she will find here a community that will embrace her and support her in this most important mission of educating our children academically and spiritually.

### The Academy of St. Matthias

The Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle is now enrolling students for the 2026 school year. There are openings in Grades PK3 to Grade 5 and 7, Grade 6 is full. At our academy, children come to know God and discover the great gift of our faith. Discover what a faith-based education can do for your family. Visit the school website today and apply or contact Mrs. O'Hare at 301-577-9412 or via email: [aohare@stmatthias.org](mailto:aohare@stmatthias.org). Some financial Aid is available for those who qualify, if enrolled before July 15.

### Finance Council 2025-2026

We would like to welcome the new Members of the Saint Matthias Finance Council.

Dr. Patricia Richards      Mr. Juan Plaza  
Mr. Hyacinth Amazu      Ms. Zenaida Juanitez

Mr. Kelvin Blake has graciously agreed to stay on as Chair of the Finance Council to provide support and continuity.

Fr. Avelino wishes to thank the departing members of the Finance Council for their many years of service, especially for helping us successfully weather the difficulties of the pandemic and the additional challenges of the Capital Campaign. We are grateful to Dr. Ike Udejiofor, Ms. Beatrice Owolabi-Jokoh, Mr. Henry Mbah and Mr. Dan Weadel.

### Office Closed!!

**The Parish Office Will be Closed  
Friday, July 4th, in observance of  
Independence Day.**

**Happy 4th of July**

