

Saint Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

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July 6, 2025

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Ms. Stephany Zetterstrom ~ x 205

Adult & Youth Religious Education
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Director of Music Ministry

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Telephone: 301-577-9412

Principal

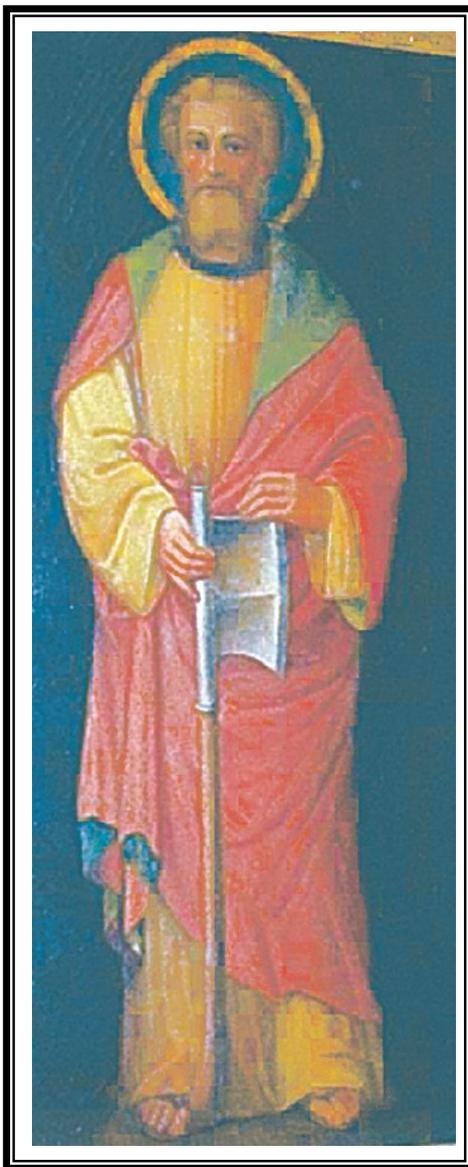
Dr. Coretta Streat ~ x 215

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.

Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time**Monday, July 7th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Quirino Donis (D)****Tuesday, July 8th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Richard Midgley (D)****Wednesday, July 9th***St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companion, Martyrs*
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Mary Densmore (L)****Thursday, July 10th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Pat Schratz (L)****Friday, July 11th***St. Benedict, Abbot*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Marvin Sambrano (L)****Saturday, July 12th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **World Peace****Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Readings**

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Colossians 1:15-20

Luke 10:25-37

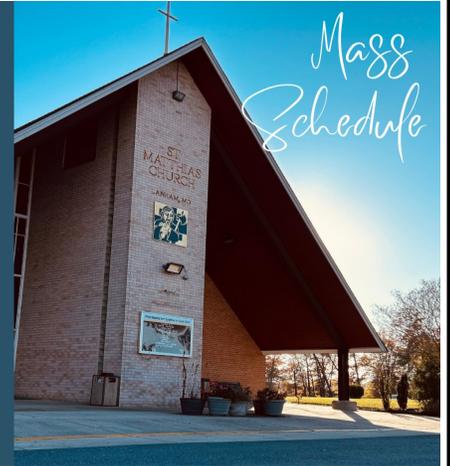
Saturday, July 12th4:00 PM: **Ngozi Ihegbe (L)**7:00 PM: **Victoria Nicolesco (D)****Sunday, July 13th**8:00 AM: **Pope Leo XIV (L)**9:45 AM: **Ngozi Ihegbe (L)**11:30 AM: **CWA: Praying for the Sexually abused (L)**1:30 PM: **Alicia De Figueroa (D)**6:00 PM: **Victor Javier Ayaquica (D)**

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.

For our military, protect them from all harm.

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

**Saturday, July 12th**4:00 PM | Fr. Art
7:00 PM | Fr. Avelino**Sunday, July 13th**8:00 AM | Fr. Avelino
9:45 AM | Fr. Pious
11:30 AM | Fr. Canice
1:30 PM | Fr. Avelino
6:00 PM | Fr. Pious**Stewardship Report**

Due to early printing deadline of this week's bulletin, the Stewardship Reports for June 22nd and June 29th will be published in next week's bulletin.

This week's second collection is for the monthly Building Fund.

Two Hearts Vigil

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

Families teach a sense of togetherness and community. It is in the family that we learn that we are dependent on one another and where we learn to work together and live together. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus sends out the 72 disciples in pairs, a sign that we are to work together to serve the mission of the Kingdom of God.

Talk about all the ways that your family works together. Talk about the various chores and tasks that family members work on together to accomplish in order to keep the household running smoothly.

Read aloud Luke 10:1-12, 17-20. Talk about why it was important that Jesus sent his disciples out in pairs. Discuss ways that your family can work more closely together to support one another and to make the household run more smoothly. Pray for the strength to overcome the temptation to be too individualistic and to recognize the need for working together as a family.

FOURTEENTH 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 Certification

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 19th from 7:00 A.M to 10:00 A.M**
- ◆ **Saturday, August 16th 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 to obtain permissions slips and more information.

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. Some financial aid is available for those who qualify, if enrollment is completed before July 15th.

2025–2026 Faith Formation Registration is Open!

We are excited to welcome new and returning families to another amazing year of Faith Formation at Saint Matthias! Registration forms for the upcoming 2025–2026 session are now available in the church vestibule and parish office.

To complete your child's enrollment, please plan to attend one of our in-person registration sessions at the Hughes Center:

From 9:15–11:15 AM on the following dates:

- Sundays: August 3, 10, 17, and 24.
- Sunday: August 31, is the last day to register
- Classes will begin on Sunday, October 5th.

What to bring with you at the registration?

- A completed registration form
- A copy of your child's Birth Certificate
- Copies of any Sacrament certificates already received
- Full payment for the registration fees

What are the registration fees?

- \$90 for one child
- \$155 for two children
- \$220 for three or more children
- NOTE: There is an additional fee of \$50 per child for those who are NOT registered parishioners of Saint Matthias.

Please note that all registrations must be completed in person, and we can only accept forms with payments included.

Important reminder: Children must attend two consecutive years of Faith Formation to prepare for First Penance, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation.

Have questions? We are happy to help! Call us at **301-459-4814 ext. 205**.

Let's grow in faith together this year!



“Let the Little Children come to me...”
Mathew 19:14