

Saint Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

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July 13, 2025

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Reverend Deacon Alton Davis

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Elsy Zaldivar ~ x 201

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Ms. Stephany Zetterstrom ~ x 205

Adult & Youth Religious Education
and Sacramental Preparation

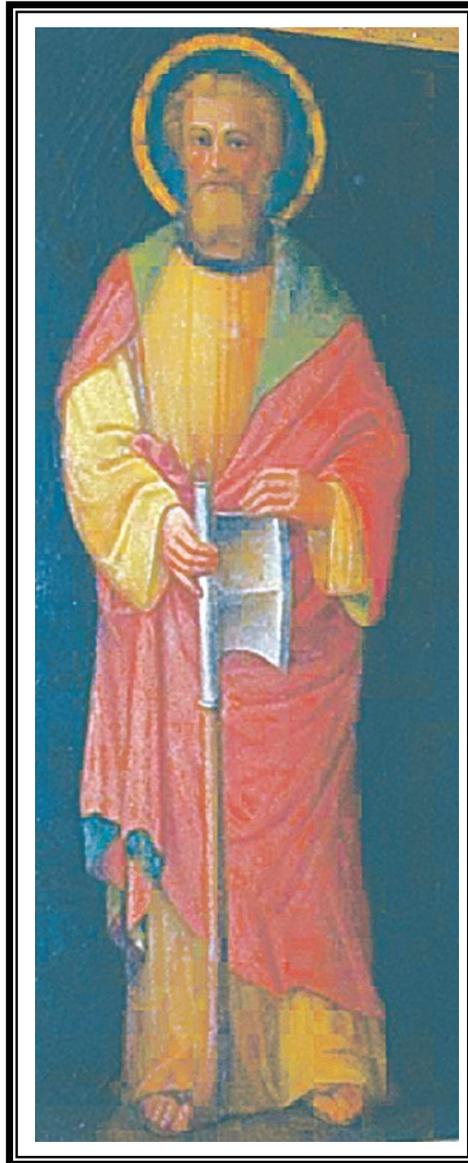
Director of Music Ministry

and Organist

Ms. Deborah Kijak-Hess ~ x 204

Maintenance Supervisor

Mr. Hector Perez



School Office Staff

Telephone: 301-577-9412

Principal

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.

Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 14th

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Florence Ndibnu (L)**

Tuesday, July 15th

St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Fr. Alberto Chavez Godoy (L)**

Wednesday, July 16th

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Tomasa Presentado (D)**

Thursday, July 17th

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

Friday, July 18th

St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Dr. Lilian Njoko & Family (L)**

Saturday, July 19th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Nnandi Chikere (L)**

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Colossians 1:15-20

Luke 10:25-37

Saturday, July 19th

4:00 PM: **Faithful departed (D)**

7:00 PM: **Asunción Espinoza y Rogelio Diaz (D)**

Sunday, July 20th

8:00 AM: **Sick and homebound (L)**

9:45 AM: **Nnandi Chikere (L)**

11:30 AM: **CWA: Chidozie & Adolphus Njoku (D)**

1:30 PM: **Quirino Donis (D)**

6:00 PM: **People of the Parish (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; Rita Zehner; Angel Hernandez.

For our military, protect them from all harm.

For the faithful departed, especially Mary Kellermann, may they rest in peace.

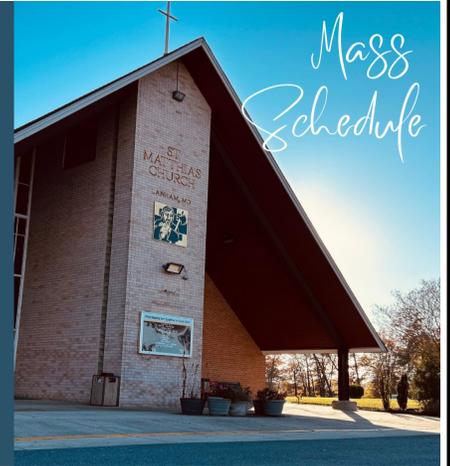


Saturday, July 19th

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

Sunday, July 20th

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



Stewardship Report

June 22

Offertory	7,799
Faith Direct	2,891
Total	10,690

June 29

Offertory	8,713
Faith Direct	2,891
Total	11,604

Thank you for your generosity.

Family Connection

Families rely on selfless love. Parents show love for their children not just when it's convenient, but whenever their children's needs must be met. Imagine if the members of a family were concerned only with their own needs. How quickly things would fall apart!

In the story of the Good Samaritan, we learn about someone who went out of his way to care for the needs of another. He recognized the victim as his brother and accepted responsibility for him. As a family, talk about the responsibilities of each member of the family. Share how you, as parents, care for the needs of everyone in the family even when it's inconvenient. Ask your children to share times when they did chores and helped the family even when it was not convenient.

Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, Luke 10:25-37. Talk about how the Samaritan went out of his way to care for the needs of the victim. Make a commitment as a family to follow the example of the Good Samaritan. Explain that the more you learn to accept responsibility for each other's needs at home, the more you'll be able to accept responsibility for the needs of others in the world.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Faith Formation Related News

Calling All Catechists – Past, Present & Future!

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

“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.

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.**

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...”
Matthew 19:14**