

Saint Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

9475 Annapolis Road Lanham, Maryland 20706-3020

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OFFICE HOURS– SUMMER SCHEDULE

8:00 am-4:00 pm Monday and Wednesday
8:00 am-12:00 pm Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

JULY 27, 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

Ms. Elsy Zaldivar ~ x 201

Director of Faith Formation

Ms. Jacqueline Sotelo ~ 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

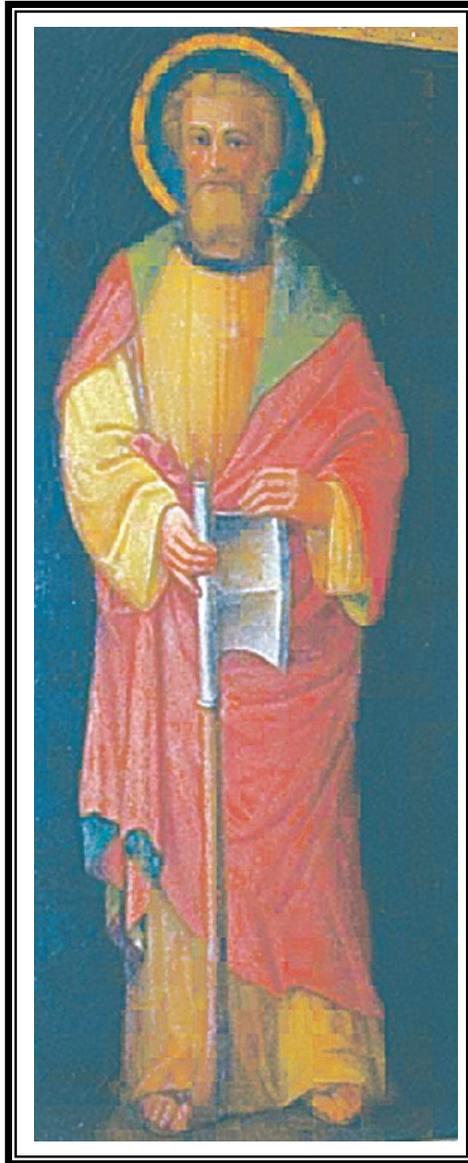
Dr. Coretta Streat ~ x 215

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.

17th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 28th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Corazon Biljera (D)**

Tuesday, July 29th

SS. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Charity Ezeani (L)**

Wednesday, July 30th

St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Anna Juanitez Conner (L)**

Thursday, July 31st

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

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

Friday, August 1st

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Susie Martinez (L)**

Saturday, August 2nd

St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;

St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest; BWM

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Don Aitcheson (L)**

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Luke 12:13-21

Saturday, August 2nd

4:00 PM: **Marion Prout (L)**

7:00 PM: **Miguel Angel Flores (D)**

Sunday, August 3rd

8:00 AM: **Edith Padonu (D)**

9:45 AM: **Parish Volunteer (L)**

11:30 AM: **Kenneth Osuji (L)**

1:30 PM: **José Barahona (L)**

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.

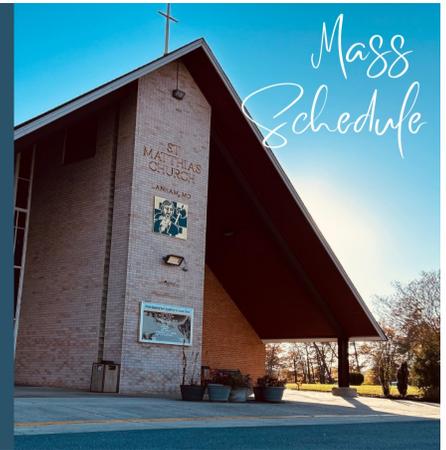
For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.

Saturday, August 2nd

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

Sunday, August 3rd

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



Stewardship Report

July 6

Offertory 9,241
Faith Direct 2,891
Total 12,132

July 13

Offertory 9,077
Faith Direct 2,891
Total 11,968

July 20

Offertory 9,673
Faith Direct 2,891
Total 12,564

Thank you for your generosity.

Family Connection

When someone in our family is going through a hard time, we can't just sit by and watch. We try to do everything we can to let him or her know that he or she is not alone. Sometimes we even try to find a special gift for him or her—something that will help that person to understand how important he or she is to us. Talk about times in your family when this has happened.

Like a good father, God saw that his children needed help. He decided to offer his beloved children a special gift to reveal his love. What did God give us? Not a thing, but a person—the Father's beloved Son, Jesus. Jesus, in turn, taught us to approach God as we would approach a loving father. He gave us the words of a prayer that we call the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer.

Read aloud Luke 11:1-13. Talk about how Jesus teaches us to be persistent in prayer. Think of times when family members were persistent about something until they were able to achieve a goal or receive what they sought. Talk about what it means to be persistent in prayer. Help your children understand that prayer is not like sitting on Santa Claus's lap, asking for what we want until we get it. Emphasize that prayer is a way of striving to recognize how God is reaching out to us in love and responding by presenting him with our needs.

Conclude this time together by joining hands and praying the Lord's Prayer.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Parish Office Hours for the Summer



Effective immediately, the Parish Business Office will observe Summer Hours as follows:

- ◆ **Monday and Wednesday 8:00am to 4:00pm**
- ◆ **Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00am to 12:00pm**

Thank you for your cooperation!

Faith Formation 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. 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.

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. The program features an in-person, live webinar and individual online versions, available in English and Spanish. To learn more and schedule your session to become certified go to <https://www.virtusonline.org/>

One Volunteer Opportunity Left

Teen Youth Ministry - Summer Volunteer

Opportunity: 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, August 16th from 7:00 A.M to 10:00 A.M**

Please contact Ms. Le-Marie Thompson via email: ltompson@stmatthias.org to obtain permissions slips and more information.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Certificates for 2025 are now available for pick up in the Parish Office.

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.

2025–2026 Faith Formation Registration

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**.