

# Saint Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

9475 Annapolis Road Lanham, Maryland 20706-3020

Telephone: 301-459-4814 \* <https://stmatthias.org>

## OFFICE HOURS– SUMMER SCHEDULE

8:00 am-4:00 pm Monday and Wednesday

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

**AUGUST 3, 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.

**18th Week in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, August 4th**

*St. John Vianney, Priest*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Deacon Alton Davis (L)**

**Tuesday, August 5th**

*The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major*

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

**Wednesday, August 6th**

*The Transfiguration of the Lord*

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

**Thursday, August 7th**

*St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Tina Kamara (L)**

**Friday, August 8th**

*St. Dominic, Priest*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Joey Manlapaz (L)**

**Saturday, August 9th**

*St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr; BVM*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Esmerando Juanitez (D)**

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings**

Wisdom 18:6-9

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12

Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

**Saturday, August 9th**

4:00 PM: **School and Parish Staff (L)**

7:00 PM: **Beatriz de León (L)**

**Sunday, August 10th**

8:00 AM: **Pope Leo XVI (L)**

9:45 AM: **Sylvester Sr. Ezeani (L)**

11:30 AM: **Members of CWA (L)**

1:30 PM: **Silvestre Mendez (D)**

6:00 PM: **Parish and School Volunteers (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 Nora Facchiano, may they rest in peace.*

**Saturday, August 9th**

4:00 PM | Fr. Remegius

7:00 PM | Fr. Avelino

**Sunday, August 10th**

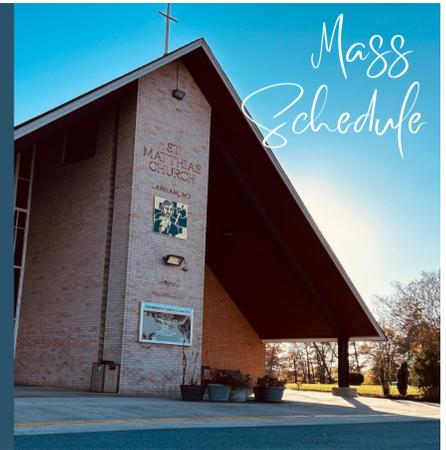
8:00 AM | Fr. Avelino

9:45 AM | Fr. Pious

11:30 AM | Fr. Josh

1:30 PM | Fr. Avelino

6:00 PM | Fr. Pious



**Stewardship Report**

**July 27**

**Offertory 7,505**

**Faith Direct 2,891**

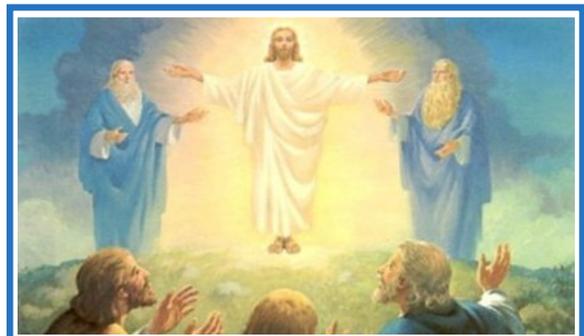
**Total 10,396**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Family Connection**

Every family has special moments that they remember and share. In sharing these stories, the meaning and importance of these events develop and deepen over time. This is how it was with the disciples' remembrance of Jesus' Transfiguration. The full significance of what they had seen and experienced could only be understood after Jesus' death and Resurrection. As they told other believers about this event and recorded the story for us in the Bible, our understanding of what it means to call Jesus God's own Son has also deepened.

Gather as a family and think about some special family memories that your family tells over and over again. Talk about why these memories are important to you. Recall that in the Bible we find many important memories about Jesus that have been recorded for us so that we can believe that Jesus is God's Son. Read today's Gospel, Luke 9:28-36. What do we learn about Jesus from this Gospel? (He fulfills the promises God made to Israel through the Law and the Prophets; God glorified Jesus in his Resurrection; Jesus is God's Son.) Conclude in prayer together that as we continue to read the Bible we will deepen our understanding and love for Jesus. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.



## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Feast of the Assumption is August 15.  
This is a Holy Day of obligation.

**Mass times are:**  
8:30 AM - English  
7:30 PM - Bilingual

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



Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Lomosbog for  
Maintaining our Beautiful Garden



### 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*

### Last Chance-Volunteer Opportunity

#### **Teen Youth Ministry - Summer Volunteer**

**Opportunity:** Teens will bag dry food items such as potatoes, rice, and onions in preparation for SHARE monthly food distribution.

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

Please contact Ms. Le-Marie Thompson via email:

[ltompson@stmatthias.org](mailto:ltompson@stmatthias.org) to obtain permissions slips and more information.

### Free Furniture

The school has a sofa and coffee table available for anyone who needs them. Call 301-577-9412 if you are interested.

### 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/>

### Registration Forms for Faith Formation

Classes for the 2025-2026 school year are available now in the church vestibule and parish office. Please complete a form and plan to come to a mandatory in-person registration session in 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

Registration fees: 1 child	\$90
2 children	\$155
3+ children	\$220

NOTE: There is an additional fee of \$50 per child for those who are NOT registered parishioners of Saint Matthias.

**All registrations must be completed in person. Only forms with payments included will be accepted at the registration sessions.**

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

For questions, please call: **301-459-4814 ext. 205**