

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

AUGUST 17, 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.

20th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 18th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Ed Kin (D)

Tuesday, August 19th

St. John Eudes, Priest

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Johnson Nkeng Melvin Njilem Nkafuet (L)

Wednesday, August 20th

St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Patricia Agboli (D)

Thursday, August 21st

St. Pius X, Pope

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Evelyn Loughner (D)

Friday, August 22nd

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Leslie Long O’Leary (L)

Saturday, August 23rd

St. Rose of Lima, Virgin; BVM

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Sick & Homebound (L)

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Isaiah 66:18-21

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Luke 13:22-30

Saturday, August 23rd

4:00 PM: Faithful Departed (D)

7:00 PM: Erelia Teracena (L)

Sunday, August 24th

8:00 AM: Timothy M. George (L)

9:45 AM: Ruben Eneze (L)

11:30 AM: CWA-Our Lady Consumed into Heaven (L)

1:30 PM: Samantha Barahona (D)

6:00 PM: Holy Rosary All Girls School (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, Alberto Cabrera, Joan George

For our military, protect them from all harm.

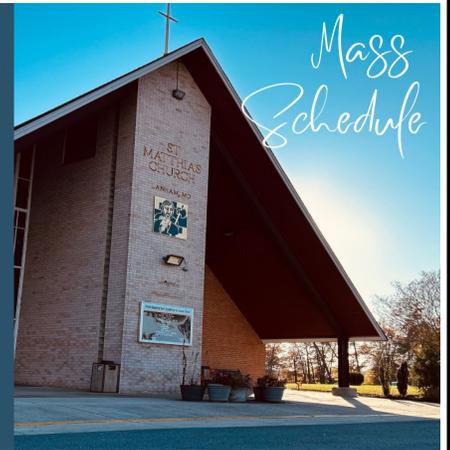
For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.

Saturday, August 23rd

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

Sunday, August 24th

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



Stewardship Report

Due to early submission for printing, the Stewardship Report for August 10th, 17th and 24th, will be in the August 31st bulletin.

Thank you for your understanding.

Family Connection

Families strive for unity and togetherness. Nobody enjoys occasions when divisions in family life become all too evident. Yet, in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says that he has come to bring division and that members of households will be divided.

Talk as a family about the things that you do together to bring about family unity (togetherness), such as sharing meals, going to church together, celebrating special occasions, or sharing family traditions. Explain that all of these things are important and that Jesus wants families to show this kind of love for one another. Point out that this Sunday's Gospel sounds as though Jesus is saying something very different. Tell your children to listen closely as you read aloud Luke 12:49-53.

Explain that sometimes as parents, you have to make decisions that are unpopular with your children. You don't do it to divide the family but because it is the right thing to do. In the short run, such decisions may “divide” children from their parents. In the long run, however, doing the right thing will bring about a deeper unity. Talk to your children about decisions that they have to make that might be unpopular with their friends and how these decisions may divide them from others. Encourage them to pray to the Holy Spirit for the gift of courage (fortitude) so that they may do the right thing even if unpopular. Conclude by praying a spontaneous prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking for the gift of courage (fortitude).

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Academy of Saint Matthias

Summer is flying by and our first day of school is Aug. 26th, 2025. Currently enrolled school families can purchase new uniforms from All American Wear at 5001-B Forbes Blvd here in Lanham.

The parents of our 8th grade students are invited to a meeting to receive important information about the 8th grade year on Saturday, Aug. 23rd, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Your participation is strongly encouraged.

All newly enrolled and returning students and their families are invited to a Back-to-School BBQ on Saturday, Aug. 23rd, 2025 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You may bring your supplies, see the classrooms, meet the teachers, and enjoy fellowship with other parents and their students.

Come meet our new Principal, Dr. Coretta Streat!

We are excited to welcome our students and their families and to begin the new school year.

Catholic Charities Legal Network Seeking Volunteer Lawyers

Catholic Charities Legal Network counsels and provides legal representation to low- income and poor residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and relies heavily on volunteer lawyers to fulfill its mission. If you are a lawyer in active status who wants to make a real difference in the lives of families and individuals struggling in our community, please reach out to Dan Collopy at (301) 615-0949 or daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

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



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: 17th, and 24th.
- Sunday: August 31st, 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. Please bring a check, money order or exact cash payment.

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, call: **301-459-4814 ext. 205**

Spiritual Retreats with Spiritual Direction

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center offers a wide variety of retreats including mini-retreats for women, reflections for men, marriage enrichment retreats, as well as one-day, weekend, and week-long retreats. Click on the following link and use the Retreat tab to find the retreats offered.

<https://ourladyofbethesda.org/retreats>

