

# 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 24, 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.

**21st Week in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, August 25th**

*St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest*  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Ali Martinez (L)**

**Tuesday, August 26th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Kelechi Osuji (L)**

**Wednesday, August 27th**

*St. Monica*  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **All School Children (L)**

**Thursday, August 28th**

*St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Chris & Amajah (L)**

**Friday, August 29th**

*The Passion of St. John the Baptist*  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Elizabeth K. Dikibo (D)**

**Saturday, August 30th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Lucas Naik (L)**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings**

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29  
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

**Saturday, August 30th**

4:00 PM: **Fr. Avelino Gonzalez (L)**  
7:00 PM: **Olivia Donis (D)**

**Sunday, August 31st**

8:00 AM: **Bishops, Priests & Deacons (L)**  
9:45 AM: **Vocations for Priests & Consecrated life (L)**  
11:30 AM: **Kelechi Osuji (L)**  
1:30 PM: **Belen Olaya Hortua (D)**  
6:00 PM: **Pope Leo XVI (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.*

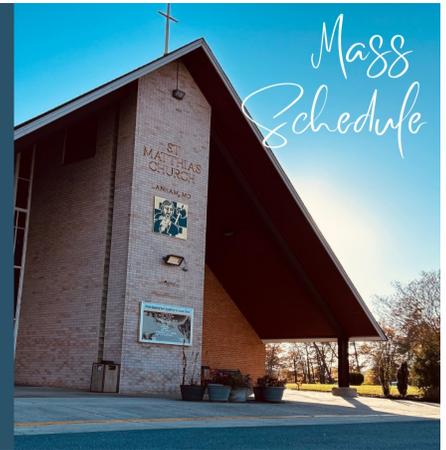
*For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.*

**Saturday, August 30th**

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

**Sunday, August 31st**

8:00 AM | Fr. Avelino  
9:45 AM | Fr. Pious  
11:30 AM | Fr. Canice  
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 take advantage of certain days throughout the year to celebrate individuals in the family and to make sure that they know that they are not taken for granted. As a family, recall all of the days that someone in the family was celebrated in the past year—birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day, anniversaries, graduations, and so on. Next, challenge each individual to recall what gifts were received on the day(s) on which he or she was celebrated.

Emphasize that these days are intended to express appreciation in a special way but are not meant to replace the appreciation that we should always show. Point out how, at times, families can take one another for granted. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a story about some people who took something for granted and paid a price. Read aloud Luke 13:22-30. Explain that, in this story, some people took it for granted that they could enter the house whenever they wanted, but the master locked the gate and would not let them in after hours. Point out that Jesus was warning his listeners not to assume that they will have eternal life in heaven and not to take this invitation for granted.

As a family, commit to showing appreciation for one another in the days ahead, striving to not take for granted any of the many things that family members do in their roles as parents and children.

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### The Academy of Saint Matthias

Our first day of school is Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025. **Please be mindful of students' safety as you enter the parking lot area.**

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](mailto:daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org) to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

### September 7, World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly (US)

**“Blessed are those who have not lost hope!”** This scripture passage from Sirach 14:2 proclaims Christian hope for those who grow in loving relationship with God as they mature into their elder years. This theme flows from the current Jubilee Year which invites all Christians to be *Pilgrims of Hope*. Grandparents are cherished members of our family who offer wisdom and love. They share their faith and tell stories of God’s merciful presence in their lives. We thank God for their example and ask that God bless them with happiness and good health. The U.S. bishops have approved the transfer of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in the U.S. to the first weekend after Labor Day (September 6 and 7, 2025) to coincide with [National Grandparents Day in the United States](#).

Reminder: 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: 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **Sunday: August 31<sup>st</sup>, is the last day to register**
- Classes will begin on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

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**

### Labor Day is Monday, September 1st

**The parish office will be closed Monday, September 1st, in observance of Labor Day.**

**There will be no Adoration, Confessions due to the holiday.**

### 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>