

Saint Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

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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

SEPTEMBER 7, 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.

23rd Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, September 8th

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Marie-Cecile Groelsema (L)**

Tuesday, September 9th

St. Peter Claver, Priest

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

Wednesday, September 10th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Miryan Cabrera (L)**

Thursday, September 11th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Lucille Snowden (D)**

Friday, September 12th

The Most Holy Name of Mary

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

Saturday, September 13th

St. John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor of the Church

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **William Chappell (L)**

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Readings

Numbers 21:4b-9

Philippians 2:6-11

John 3:13-17

Saturday, September 13th

4:00 PM: **Joseph Daly (D)**

7:00 PM: **Concepción Linares (D)**

Sunday, September 14th

8:00 AM: **Alfred Atanga (D)**

9:45 AM: **John Anyanwu (D)**

11:30 AM: **CWA Intentions (L)**

1:30 PM: **Yasmin De León Sanchez (L)**

6:00 PM: **Mildred L. Davis (D)**

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; 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; John Mattimore; Carol Mattimore; Michelle Feaster

For our military, protect them from all harm.

For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.

Saturday, September 13th

4:00 PM | Fr. Nicholas

7:00 PM | Fr. Henry

Sunday, September 14th

8:00 AM | Fr. Canice

9:45 AM | Fr. Avelino

11:30 AM | Fr. Canice

1:30 PM | Fr. Avelino

6:00 PM | Fr. Pious



Stewardship Report

Due to early submission the Stewardship Report for August 31st, will be in the next bulletin.

Thank you for your understanding.

Congratulations!

**25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
Rev. Fr. Canice Chinyeaka Enyiaka**



Family Connection

Provide your children with a list of things that they are responsible for interspersed with things that they like to do—for example, make their beds, take out the garbage, go to the park, do homework, watch television, have a snack, feed the cat. The list should reflect their responsibilities and favorite recreations. Tell them to pretend that company is coming and ask which of the things listed should be done first. Explain that this is called setting priorities.

Paraphrase the Gospel story for the children. Ask them what Jesus says is the most important thing for them to do. Jesus tells us that the number-one priority is to follow him. But just as it is not always easy to do the things we are supposed to do before doing the fun things, it is not always easy to be a follower of Jesus. Yet when we put Jesus first, we will be truly happy.

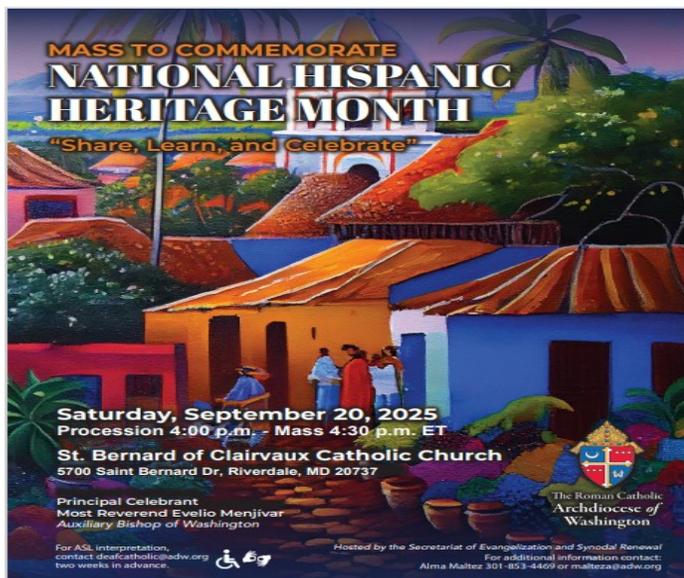
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

School News

Parishioners interested in enrolling their children in the Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle for School Year 2026-2027, please note that information about financial aid for eligible families will be available in this bulletin and on the school website later in September. The application process will begin as early as October. Don't miss out on available resources to provide your student with an education "Rooted in Faith and Growing in Excellence!"

Commemoration of the National Hispanic Heritage Month

Please join us for the annual Mass commemorating National Hispanic Heritage Month on Saturday September 20, 2025. Procession 4:00 p.m. - Mass 4:30 p.m., at **St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Church (5700 Saint Bernard Drive Riverdale Park, MD, 20737.)** Come and celebrate our Hispanic communities' achievements, identity, beauty, and richness. Bishop Evelio Menjivar, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington will be the principal celebrant.



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](#).

SAINT MATTHIAS YOUTH MINISTRY

Growing in Faith, Friendship & Fun!

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers..."
- 1 Timothy 4:12

JOIN US!

- ★ **WHO:** Youth ages 14-18
- 📅 **WHEN:** Every 2nd & 4th Sunday (October to June)
- 🕒 **12.30 PM - 2:30 PM**
- 📍 **WHERE:** Hughes Center, Saint Matthias

WHAT WE DO:

- ★ Dive into scripture
- 🎵 Praise & worship
- 🎮 Fun activities & games
- 🗣️ Community service
- 📖 Meaningful discussions & grow in faith!

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THEMES FOR THE YEAR:

- 🏠 October - Rooted in Christ
- 📖 November - Rooted in the Word
- 🙏 December - Rooted in Prayer
- 👤 January - Growing in Identity
- 🌱 March - Growing Through Challenges
- 🌍 April - Living on Mission
- 🏆 June - Finishing Strong & Celebration

Come as you are - and bring a friend!
You belong here. Together we'll explore faith, serve others, and have fun along way!

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>

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.**

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

