

# 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

**SEPTEMBER 21, 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.

**25th Week in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, September 22nd**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Fr. Pious Malliar (L)**

**Tuesday, September 23rd**

*St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Florence Nwadije (L)**

**Wednesday, September 24th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Marcella Emi Nzefili (L)**

**Thursday, September 25th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Kayla Batson (L)**

**Friday, September 26th**

*SS. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Dharmesh & Naomi Naik (L)**

**Saturday, September 27th**

*St. Vincent de Paul, Priest*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Jero Lewis (D)**

**26th Week in Ordinary Time**

**Readings**

Amos 8:4-7

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

**Saturday, September 27th**

4:00 PM: **Ishmail Jabbie (L)**

7:00 PM: **Maria Obono Esono (D)**

**Sunday, September 28th**

8:00 AM: **Alton Davis Sr. (D)**

9:45 AM: **Clare Kanofsky (L)**

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

1:30 PM: **Maria de Jesus Montoya (D)**

6:00 PM: **Bridie Peoples (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; 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; Hildegard Jorgensen

*For our military, protect them from all harm.*

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

**Saturday, September 27th**

4:00 PM | Fr. Canice

7:00 PM | Fr. Avelino

**Sunday, September 28th**

8:00 AM | Fr. Canice

9:45 AM | Fr. Pious

11:30 AM | Fr. Avelino

1:30 PM | Fr. Avelino

6:00 PM | Fr. Pious



**Stewardship Report**

**September 14**

**Offertory 7,727**

**Faith Direct 2,586**

**Total 10,313**

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Faith Formation**

**Classes will begin on Sunday October 5, 2025 at 10:30 AM**

**In Friendship Hall**

For more information please contact our Coordinator of Faith Formation,

**Jacqueline Sotelo**

**faithformation@stmatthias.org**

**Family Connection**

Talk with your children about some things that they have done to show that they can be trusted. Talk a bit about what it means to be responsible. Responsibility often means that we put aside something of passing value for something of greater value.

Read together the short form of today's Gospel, Luke 16:10-13. Talk about the importance of responsible use of money and our material possessions. As a family, commit to one action that you will take this week to show that your family serves God and not money.

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### The Academy of Saint Matthias

**“Save the Date: Financial Aid Information Night — week of Oct. 14; final date will be announced next week.”**

The school is planning to schedule in-person financial aid orientation sessions for eligible parishioners and new families interested in enrolling their children in the Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle for School Year 2026-2027. More information will be available in this bulletin and on the school website, as the application process will begin in October. Don't miss out on available resources to provide your student with an education “Rooted in Faith and Growing in Excellence!”

#### Recent & Upcoming Events

**Fall Activities:** We're finalizing fall offerings (tutoring, clubs, and enrichment). We'll share specifics as they launch.

#### Parish Volunteer Invitation

We welcome parishioners with talents in **tutoring, chess, knitting, cooking, and other skillsets** to support our scholars. Volunteers must complete **ADW VIRTUS/Safe Environment** requirements; we'll guide them through it.

#### Teacher/Staff Highlights

We'll begin a **monthly “Mustang Spotlight”** feature introducing a teacher/staff member to the parish.

#### Blessing of Teachers & Staff

Sunday, October 5 at 9:45 AM Mass.

### World Mission Sunday is October 19

Established in 1926 by Pope Pius XI, World Mission Sunday is coordinated by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies. Its purpose is to sustain more than 1,124 mission territories — places where the Church is young, often materially poor, and sometimes persecuted, but where the seed of the Gospel is being planted and nourished. World Mission Sunday is the one Sunday each year when the entire Catholic Church comes together in prayer, reflection, and sacrificial giving for the missions. On that day, there is a global collection in every parish, in every diocese, in every country for the support of the missions.



Attention All St. Matthias Active Volunteers

**SAVE THE DATE**

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

October 4, 2025

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Submit RSVP by Sunday, September 21

### 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 Office.**



### 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>