

# 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

**SEPTEMBER 28, 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.

**26th Week in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, September 29th**

*Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael, Archangels*  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Alberto Cabrera (L)**

**Tuesday, September 30th**

*Saint Jerome, priest & doctor of the Church*  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Eugenia Ikpi (L)**

**Wednesday, October 1st**

*Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin & doctor of the Church*  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Mohamed/Ishmail/Jabbie (L)**

**Thursday, October 2nd**

*The Holy Guardian Angels*  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Bruno Cabrera (L)**

**Friday, October 3rd**

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

**Saturday, October 4th**

*Saint Francis of Assisi, religious*  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Edith Padonu (D)**

**27th Week in Ordinary Time**

**Readings**

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4  
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14  
Luke 17:5-10

**Saturday, October 4th**

4:00 PM: **Nancy Davis (D)**  
7:00 PM: **Jaime Andres Lima (D)**

**Sunday, October 5th**

8:00 AM: **Rose Wilson (D)**  
9:45 AM: **David T. Morfaw (L)**  
11:30 AM: **Ikem Ogbuehi (L)**  
1:30 PM: **Francisco De Leon (D)**  
6:00 PM: **Bruno Cabrera (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

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

*For the faithful departed, especially Hildegard Jorgensen and Tameka Patterson, may they rest in peace.*

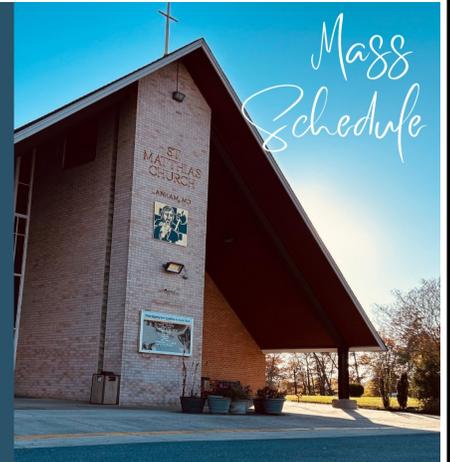


**Saturday, October 4th**

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

**Sunday, October 5th**

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



**Stewardship Report**

**September 21st**

Offertory	8,760
Faith Direct	2,586
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,346</b>

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Faith Formation**



We are pleased to officially welcome our new Faith Formation Coordinator, Ms. Jacqueline Sotelo. We are happy and grateful to have her join our parish staff.

Classes will begin on Sunday, October 5th, 2025 at 10:30 A.M.

In Friendship Hall

For more information please contact our Coordinator of Faith Formation, Jacqueline Sotelo at [faithformation@stmatthias.org](mailto:faithformation@stmatthias.org)

**Family Connection**

Talk with your children about some of the things that they have that can be shared with others. Ask your children to describe a time when they had to share something that they had. Ask if this was easy or difficult and why. Talk about some of ways in which your family shares your possessions. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 16:19-31. Consider together some reasons why the rich man may not have shared his riches with the poor man, Lazarus. Identify some reasons why we might share our possessions with others. Make a commitment as a family to do something this week in which you will choose to share your possessions with someone in need.

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### The Academy of Saint Matthias

“Save the Date: Financial Aid Information Night — week of Oct. 14th; 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. 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!”

The academy will provide on-site assistance for families wishing to enroll their student(s) in a Catholic High School. Dates are Saturday, October 18th and Saturday, November 15th. More information will be available shortly.

#### 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 you through it!

#### Blessing of Teachers & Staff

Sunday, October 5th at 9:45 AM Mass. All are welcome.

### World Mission Sunday is October 19th

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.



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



### Teen Youth Ministry – Fall Volunteer Opportunity

#### Serve with Catholic Charities + SHARE Network

Looking for a meaningful way to give back this fall? Saint Matthias teens are invited to join Catholic Charities in serving with SHARE, a program that provides thousands of families each month with affordable, nutritious groceries across the Washington metropolitan area.

As a volunteer, you will help bag dry food items like potatoes, rice, and onions to prepare for monthly food distributions. It's a hands-on way to make a real difference in people's lives—and a great opportunity to connect with friends and earn service hours!

**Volunteer Day:** Saturday, October 18th, 2025

**Time:** 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM

This is a fun and rewarding way to serve the Lord thru others in need and be part of something bigger than yourself.

To sign up or get more information, contact Ms. Thompson at [ltompson@stmatthias.org](mailto:ltompson@stmatthias.org) for permission slips and details.

Let's come together and make a positive impact in our community!

