

# 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

**OCTOBER 12, 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

Mrs. 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.

**28th Week in Ordinary Time****Monday, October 13th**Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Emmanuel Osuji (D)****Tuesday, October 14th***St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **George H. Johnson (D)****Wednesday, October 15th***St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Emmanuel Osuji (D)****Thursday, October 16th***St. Hedwig, Religious;**St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Emmanuel Osuji (D)****Friday, October 17th***St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Irene Trias (D)****Saturday, October 18th***St. Luke, Evangelist*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Ermenia Tabigni (D)****29th Sunday in Ordinary Time****Readings**

Exodus 17:8-13

2 Timothy 3:14—4:2

Luke 18:1-8

**Saturday, October 18th**4:00 PM: **Geoben & Julia Oleru (L)**7:00 PM: **Dora Osorio (D)****Sunday, October 19th**8:00 AM: **Deborah Wheeler (D)**9:45 AM: **Souls in Purgatory (D)**11:30 AM: **Azuka Davis (L)**1:30 PM: **Anastasia Mendez Varilla (D)**6:00 PM: **Geoben & Julia Oleru (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; Michele Feaster; Dorothy Johnson

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

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

**Saturday, October 18th**

4:00 PM | Fr. Art

7:00 PM | Fr. Mario

**Sunday, October 19th**

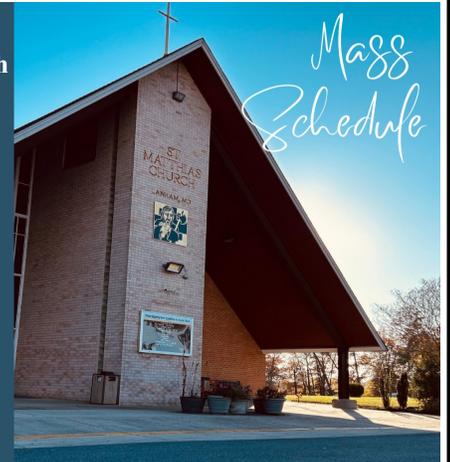
8:00 AM | Fr. Pious

9:45 AM | Fr. Canice

11:30 AM | Fr. Avelino

1:30 PM | Fr. Avelino

6:00 PM | Fr. Pious

**Stewardship Report**

**Due to early submission the Stewardship Report for October 5th, will be in the next bulletin.**

***Thank you for your understanding.***

**The Parish Office will be closed Monday, October 13th, in observance of Columbus and Indigenous Peoples' Day.**

**Family Connection**

Jesus heals 10 lepers, and one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks.

Children fluctuate between moments of deep, heartfelt gratitude and an attitude of entitlement. These fluctuations are normal. Among our tasks as parents is to help foster the gift of gratitude, particularly gratitude to God for all God's goodness to us.

Read today's Gospel, Luke 17:11-19. Make a poster showing some of the gifts from God to your family. Display this poster in a prominent place and, as a family, write a prayer of thanksgiving for all of God's goodness to you.



## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mustang Moments

Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle  
*Rooted in Faith; Growing in Excellence*

#### From the Principal:

Dear St. Matthias parish family,

As we continue our journey through October, the Month of the Holy Rosary, we pause to give thanks for the faithful witness of our teachers—past and present—who have helped generations of scholars grow in faith, knowledge, and virtue. Their dedication reminds us that Catholic education is not just about academics, but about forming disciples who live their faith with courage and joy. Please continue to keep our students, teachers, and families in your daily prayers.

Dr. Coretta Streat, Principal

#### Faculty & Staff Spotlight:

##### Mrs. Mary Gillis — Algebra I Teacher

Born in Washington, D.C., Mrs. Gillis has lived in Brentwood, Adelphi, Hyattsville, and now Glenwood, Maryland. She began her teaching career at High Point High School before taking a 20-year hiatus to raise her children and work in business. In 1997, she returned to the classroom at Concordia Lutheran School, where she taught until its closing in 2012. That same year, Mrs. Gillis joined the St. Matthias family, serving in Grade 6, Middle School Math, and Grade 5 before retiring from full-time teaching two years ago. Today, she continues to bless our community as the Algebra I teacher.



Mrs. Gillis holds a B.S. in Secondary Education and a Maryland State Teacher's Certificate from the University of Maryland. Her Confirmation verse, *John 14:27*, guides her daily walk:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you. Not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

A woman of faith and reflection, she prays daily for her students and families and treasures how the St. Matthias community shares its love of Jesus through forgiveness, encouragement, and joy. In her Algebra I class, students can expect to be challenged, supported, and taught to be self-advocates—even when they "don't understand...yet." Outside the classroom, she enjoys reading, playing piano, and mowing the lawn on her riding mower. Contact: [mgillis@stmatthias.org](mailto:mgillis@stmatthias.org)

#### Alumni in Action: Giving Back to the Mustang Family:

This week, we celebrate our former students who have returned to serve as volunteers and mentors. Their presence is a reminder that the seeds of faith and service planted at St. Matthias continue to bear fruit long after graduation.

Our alumni step back into the halls they once called home—helping in classrooms, tutoring younger students, and assisting with events—not because they have to, but because they *want to*. In doing so, they model what it means to give back to a community that gave so much to them.

As one alum recently shared, "*Coming back to St. Matthias feels like returning to family. It's a blessing to give back to the school that helped shape who I am.*"

We are grateful for their example of stewardship, gratitude, and faith in action. Once a Mustang, always a Mustang!

### Mustang Moments-Continues

#### Parish Call to Action: Lead an After-School Club!

Do you have a gift you'd like to share with our Mustangs? We're inviting parishioners to lead a 6–8 week after-school club (1 day per week, ~3:15–4:15 PM) this fall. You bring your passion—we'll provide the space, a staff liaison, clear routines, and help with simple materials.

Great club ideas: Chess • Rosary Makers • Gardening • Coding/Robotics (LEGO) • Dance/Step • Art & Crafts • Spanish Conversation • Choir/Music • Book Club • Money-Math/Entrepreneurship • Sports Skills & Fitness

When caring adults share time and talents, students see faith come alive in community, discover new interests, and learn leadership through joy and service. Give back to the community that formed you—help our scholars grow in wisdom, courage, and creativity.

**Ready to help? Email [principal@school.stmatthias.org](mailto:principal@school.stmatthias.org) or call 301-577-9412 with your club idea, preferred day, and any supply needs. (All volunteers must complete ADW Child Protection/VIRTUS requirements—our office will guide you.)**

#### Upcoming Events:

##### High School Application Workshop

**Saturday, October 18th, 2025 • 9:30 AM–12:30 PM • Friendship Hall**

Bring a device and drop in for hands-on help completing applications.

Our **Middle School** team and **Front Office** staff will be available to answer questions, help upload documents, and ensure forms are submitted correctly. Plan ~45–60 minutes.

#### Looking Ahead:

Fall Festival: Friday, October 31st, 2025 6:00–8:00 PM

#### Questions or interested in supporting St. Matthias?

📞 **Call the school office at 301-577-9412. We're grateful for your prayers and partnership!**

### Teen Youth Ministry Fall Volunteer Opportunity

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. 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.

### 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.