

# Saint Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

9475 Annapolis Road Lanham, Maryland 20706-3020

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## OFFICE HOURS—SCHEDULE

8:00 am-4:00 pm Monday and Wednesday

8:00 am-12:00 pm Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

**OCTOBER 26, 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

9473 Annapolis Road • Lanham, Maryland 20706-3020 Telephone: 301-577-9412 • Fax: 301-577-2060

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.

**30th Week in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, October 27th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Fr. Avelino (L)

**Tuesday, October 28th**

*St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Michael Nwadije (L)

**Wednesday, October 29th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Antonio Martinez (L)

**Thursday, October 30th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Vivian (Bibbie) Wanden (D)

**Friday, October 31st**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Ladies of Charity (L)

**Saturday, November 1st**

*The Solemnity of all Saints*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Edith Padonu (D)

**THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

**Readings**

Wisdom 3:1-9

Romans 5:5-11 or 6:3-9

John 6:37-40

**Saturday, November 1st**

4:00 PM: **The Solemnity of All Saints**

7:00 PM: **The Solemnity of All Saints**

**Sunday, November 2**

8:00 AM: **All Souls & Elizabeth Dikibo (D)**

9:45 AM: **All Souls' Day**

11:30 AM: **All Souls' Day**

1:30 PM: **All Souls' Day/**

**Anastasia Mendez Varillas (D)**

6:00 PM: **All Souls' Day**

*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; John Mattimore; Carol Mattimore; Michele Feaster; Dorothy Johnson; Romaine Pinchback

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

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

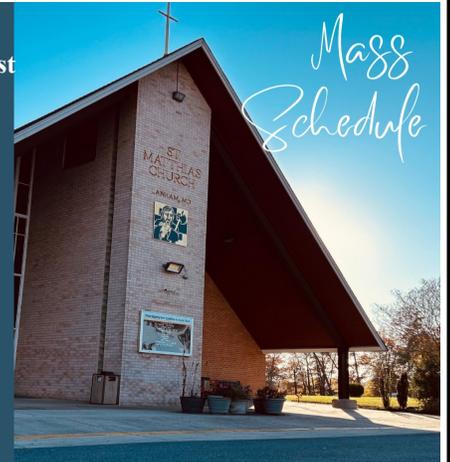


**Saturday, November 1st**

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

**Sunday, November 2**

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



**Stewardship Report**

**October 12th**

Offertory 8,287

Faith Direct 2,586

**Total 10,873**

**October 19th**

Offertory 9,213

Faith Direct 2,586

**Total 11,879**

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Family Connection**

Jesus teaches what it means to be happy. One of the great gifts of our Catholic tradition is remembrance of and prayer with the saints. The Church offers us an official canon, or list, of saints. On All Saints Day, we recall and pray with these saints. It is important to continue to tell these stories of saints and saintly people to our children so that they have ample models of people of faith for their own lives.

Together as a family, name and tell the story of favorite saints. Together prepare a list of some of the traits that these people have in common (generosity, courage, prayerfulness, and so on) After preparing this list, read together today's Gospel, Matthew 5:1-12. Identify how the attitudes described in the Beatitudes are reflected in the lives of the saints and people you named.

Pray together as a family a Litany of the Saints. (For example, the leader prays, "St. Elizabeth," and the children are invited to reply, "Pray for us.") Include in your list the saints and holy people you named in your discussion. Conclude by praying that your family will follow the example of these people as disciples of Jesus.

**Adult Faith Formation**

The Adult Faith Formation program began Tuesday, October 7th and Thursday, October 9th. The programs will continue Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the school library. Participants may attend class either evening. Contact Deacon Davis [adavis804@aol.com](mailto:adavis804@aol.com) for more information or to register

**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.**

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mustang Moments

A Weekly spotlight on the Academy  
St. Matthias the Apostle

*Rooted in Faith; Growing in Excellence*

#### A Message from Dr. Streat, Principal

This week, I invite us to celebrate the *beauty of our differences*. Scripture reminds us: “Just as a body, though one, has many parts ... so it is with Christ” (1 Corinthians 12:12). Our cultures, languages, and stories reflect the fullness of God’s creation. May we recognize His image in one another and rejoice in how His light shines through our students and families.

#### Faculty Spotlight:

Mrs. Richelle Jackson

Third Grade Teacher | 5th Year at ASMA

Hometown: Berkeley, California



Mrs. Richelle Jackson first joined the Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle as a substitute teacher. When a full-time opening appeared, she stepped in—and the rest, as she says, is history. Now in her fifth year, Mrs. Jackson is a steady, joy-filled presence in our third grade.

With a **Master’s degree in Counseling Psychology**, Mrs. Jackson brings a thoughtful, whole-child approach to her classroom. She emphasizes **reading comprehension across every subject**—math, science, social studies, language arts, and religion—helping students learn to think deeply, make connections, and

explain their ideas clearly. And she always leaves room for “a little fun in between.”

Faith anchors her work. Her favorite Scripture is **Romans 8:31**: “What, then, shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?” She looks to **St. Jude**, patron saint of impossible odds, as a reminder that God is with us in every challenge.

What she loves most about Saint Matthias? “**The community is very welcoming.**” Outside the classroom, Mrs. Jackson enjoys **seeing homes being rehabilitated**—watching neglected spaces restored into something beautiful and useful again.

Mrs. Jackson, thank you for your dedication, your calm, and your commitment to helping every Mustang grow in wisdom and faith. We’re grateful you’re part of the ASMA family!

Contact: [rjackson@stmatthias.org](mailto:rjackson@stmatthias.org)

#### HSA Fall Fundraiser — Otis Spunkmeyer

Be part of the sweet success that powers field trips, classroom resources, and community events! **Place an order this week** and help our Mustangs continue to grow—*Rooted in Faith; Growing in Excellence*.

#### Did You Know? Parish Students Can Play for the Mustangs!

Catholic children who don’t attend a Catholic school are still welcome to join our Mustang basketball teams this season. We’re recruiting now and would love to have them on the court.

Info: Mrs. Leslie Riley • [lriley@stmatthias.org](mailto:lriley@stmatthias.org)

#### Share Your Gifts: Be a Club Leader

Parishioners, consider leading an after-school club—faith & service, arts, STEM, chess, gardening, languages, and more. Even one afternoon a week makes a big difference.

Contact: Dr. Coretta Streat • [principal@stmatthias.org](mailto:principal@stmatthias.org)

### Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

All October, our halls overflowed with color, music, and learning as students honored the faith and traditions of Hispanic cultures. A joyful schoolwide assembly capped the month with dance, song, and student showcases—¡viva la comunidad Mustang!



Thank you for praying with and for our school. Together, we are **Rooted in Faith; Growing in Excellence**. *Faith guides our work, excellence defines it, and service sustains it.*

### Rosary Rally

Thank you to all the parishioners that came out on Saturday, October 11th for the *America Needs Fatima* Rosary rally. We continue to pray for the unity and conversion of our nation and peace in the world.



### 2025 Retired Priest Collection

The Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington Collection will be held November 8th and 9th this year. Our priests enrich our lives in many ways: they baptize our children, comfort us in the confessional, witness our marriage vows and hold our loved ones’ hands as the Lord calls them home. Let us come together to help provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live their retirement in dignity. There are four ways you can support the Retired Priests Collection this year.

1. Using the envelope mailed to you, envelope in the pews or near the entrance of the church or the second collection envelope provided by the parish.
2. Online visiting [adw.org/rpc](http://adw.org/rpc) to support the collection online via credit card or cryptocurrency.
3. Text by texting “Priest” to 301-231-1816. A text with a link to a secure form will be sent back to you to complete your gift
4. Cryptocurrency: Visit [adw.org/Crypto4RPC](http://adw.org/Crypto4RPC)