

# 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

**NOVEMBER 9, 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 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.

**32nd Week in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, November 10th**

*St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Arthur Friend (D)**

**Tuesday, November 11th**

*St. Martin of Tours, Bishop*  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Cleopatra Guico, Gabriel Isabel, & Gabriel Taporco (D)**

**Wednesday, November 12th**

*St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr*  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Magdelene Ibebuchi (L)**

**Thursday, November 13th**

*St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin*  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Sally & Rosie Carroll (D)**

**Friday, November 14th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Marge & Bill Godwin (D)**

**Saturday, November 15th**

*St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **The Litrop Family (D)**

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings**

Malachi 3:19-20a  
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12  
Luke 21:5-19

**Saturday, November 15th**

4:00 PM: **Alberto Cabrera (L)**  
7:00 PM: **Amber Barahona (L)**

**Sunday, November 16th**

8:00 AM: **Joe & Jackie Bates (L)**  
9:45 AM: **Christopher Agboli & Family (L)**  
11:30 AM: **Christopher Agboli (L)**  
1:30 PM: **Claudio Barrios (D)**  
6:00 PM: **Agnes Ajayi (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; 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; Marion Prout; Ann Lynch

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

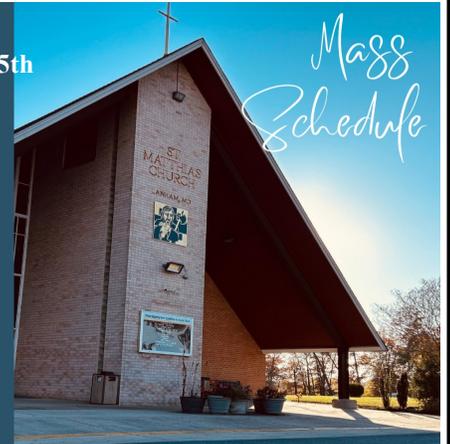
*For the faithful departed, especially Jan Jarus, may they rest in peace.*

**Saturday, November 15th**

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

**Sunday, November 16th**

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



**Stewardship Report**

October 26th	November 2nd
Offertory 9,027	Offertory 10,304
Faith Direct 2,586	Faith Direct 2,586
<b>Total 11,613</b>	<b>Total 12,890</b>

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Family Connection**

Jesus spoke about the temple of his own body. Families take pride in their homes and strive to keep them neat and clean inside and out. Talk as a family about the various chores that each family member has that contributes to the upkeep of the home. Thank each member for doing his or her chores and encourage everyone to take pride in the home. Explain that people's homes are a reflection of themselves and that a home that is clean and welcoming shows respect and hospitality. Point out that this Sunday, the Church celebrates one of its very special homes: the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. Explain that this basilica is the seat of the Bishop of Rome, the pope, and that, as we celebrate its dedication, we are reminded of the people the building represents: the pope and all God's people throughout the world. Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, John 2:13-22. Say: *When we celebrate the dedication of this great church, we are reminded of our own parish church where we gather to celebrate and, even more so, of our domestic church, our home, where we encounter God every day.* Remind family members that when they are asked to do chores that contribute to the upkeep of the home, they are contributing to the upkeep of the domestic church.

**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.

- 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.
- Online visiting [adw.org/rpc](http://adw.org/rpc) to support the collection online via credit card or cryptocurrency.
- 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
- Cryptocurrency: Visit [adw.org/Crypto4RPC](http://adw.org/Crypto4RPC)

# THIRTY-SECOND 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

As autumn fills the air and our students enjoy the beauty of the season, we are reminded that community is one of the greatest blessings of Catholic education. Each day, we witness how faith, family, and learning intertwine to shape the hearts and minds of our children. Whether through shared prayer, small acts of kindness, or the joy of learning together, our students are discovering that they are part of something larger than themselves — a community rooted in faith and strengthened by love.

At The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle, our mission is not only to educate but to form disciples who reflect Christ's light in all they do. As the leaves change and the days grow shorter, may we also pause to notice the quiet ways God is at work in our midst — in the laughter of our students, the dedication of our teachers, and the steadfast support of our parish family.

With gratitude, Dr. Coretta Streat, Principal

### Faculty Spotlight: Mrs. Jacqueline Ramos Gastanaga Spanish Teacher / Children's Choir Director



"I was born and raised in Cusco, Peru, and by the grace of God, I came to the United States eight years ago with my family. While here, my husband and I started a musical project for children at the church. I currently direct the Children's Choir at our San Matias parish, serving at Sunday Mass. Three years ago, I joined the great ASMA family to contribute my best to the goals our school offers. With God's help, I will continue working with enthusiasm and dedication to the students' learning process."

Mrs. Ramos brings both language and joy to our school. In Spanish class, she helps students build confidence in speaking and understanding Spanish — not just with vocabulary and

grammar, but through music, culture, and prayer. She shares, "I love seeing the students' smiles and their determination to learn. Watching them sing and speak Spanish allows me to appreciate the progress they're making in their second language. I also appreciate that the school offers specific activities where students can demonstrate what they're learning in their second home, which is school."

In the coming weeks, students in Spanish will continue to build listening, reading, writing, and especially speaking skills — practicing pronunciation through active participation and learning about the richness of Spanish-speaking cultures.

In addition to her classroom work, Mrs. Ramos serves the parish by directing the Children's Choir at Sunday Mass. Her background includes Early Musical Development, Nursing Technician training, and a Diploma in Marriage and Family. She names Saint Joseph as her patron, and she is especially moved by the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11–32), a reminder of God's mercy and welcome.

When she is not teaching, she loves to sing and dance — and to help our children lift their voices in praise. Contact: [jramos@stmatthias.org](mailto:jramos@stmatthias.org)

### Student Success & Faith in Action

At The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle, we celebrate student success not only in grades, but in formation — mind, heart, and soul. Over the next few weeks, the bulletin board outside the school library (near the doors closest to the church) will be transformed into a living display of our Catholic identity. This space will highlight how our students are living our school theme, "Rooted in Faith; Growing in Excellence," through their academic work, their prayer, and their daily acts of virtue. Each month, the display will feature a Gospel passage the students are praying with, a virtue we are working to practice as a school, and real examples of how our children are putting their faith into action at school, at Mass, and at home. We invite our parish community to take a look when you come for Sunday Mass — your encouragement shows our students that who they are, and how they live their faith, truly matters.

### 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)

### Teen Youth Ministry-Fall Volunteer Opportunity

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. Teens will help bag dry food items like potatoes, rice, and onions to prepare for monthly food distributions.

- Sat, Nov 15, 2025 • 7:00 AM–10:00 AM
- Sat, Nov 22, 2025 • 5:00 AM–11:00 AM
- Sat, Dec 20, 2025 • 5:00 AM–11:00 AM

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

### All Souls Remembrance

Throughout November, we pray for deceased family members and friends. Join us in offering our daily prayers and Masses for those who have touched our lives. Please list the names on an All Souls envelope included in your packet. All Souls envelope are also available in the church Vestibule.



### LOC/Food Bank

Giant Food has selected St. Matthias Parish to participate in a fundraiser at the Giant located at 10501 Greenbelt Road, Lanham. For every reusable Community Bag purchased during the month of November, the Parish will receive \$1.00 for our food bank, which is run by our Ladies of Charity. Please support this worthy endeavor.

