

# Saint Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

9475 Annapolis Road Lanham, Maryland 20706-3020

Telephone: 301-459-4814 \* <https://stmatthias.org>

## OFFICE HOURS—SCHEDULE

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

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

**NOVEMBER 16, 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.

**33rd Week in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, November 17th**

*St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*

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

**Tuesday, November 18th**

*The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles*

*St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **John Dowell (D)**

**Wednesday, November 19th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Harry Givens (D)**

**Thursday, November 20th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Maya Hughes/Mabinty Kamar (L)**

**Friday, November 21st**

*The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Felipe Alvarez Cruz (D)**

**Saturday, November 22nd**

*St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Celine Conner (L)**

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**

**Readings**

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Colossians 1:12-20

Luke 23:35-43

**Saturday, November 22nd**

4:00 PM: **Joyce Epps (D)**

7:00 PM: **Walter Aifan (D)**

**Sunday, November 23rd**

8:00 AM: **Emmanuel Osuji (D)**

9:45 AM: **Kenneth Osuji Jr. (L)**

11:30 AM: **Souls in Purgatory (D)**

1:30 PM: **Cesar Alejandro Barahona (D)**

6:00 PM: **Beatrice Midkiff (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 Dgiduch; Dolly Kramer Greene; Genevieve Greenfield; Troi Greenfield; Christopher Inya; Eugenia Ikpi; Nicholas Kniska; Gay Magruder; 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, may they rest in peace.*

**Saturday, November 22nd**

4:00 PM | Fr. Nicholas

7:00 PM | Fr. Joaquin

**Sunday, November 23rd**

8:00 AM | Fr. Matthew

9:45 AM | Fr. Avelino

11:30 AM | Fr. Canice

1:30 PM | Fr. Avelino

6:00 PM | Fr. Canice



**Stewardship Report**

**November 9**

**Offertory** 8,825

**Faith Direct** 1,962

**Total** 10,787

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Family Connection**

Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and warns his followers that persecution will come before the end of time.

Children, while innocently naïve about most world events, are also profoundly sensitive to the concerns felt by adults. We can help children interpret adult concerns by sharing information about current events in appropriate ways. We can also put these concerns in the light of God's kingdom and the assurance of God's care for us.

Discuss with your children one or more current events or a situation in your family which shows difficulties that may challenge our trust in a God who cares for us. Then read together today's Gospel, Luke 21:5-19. Notice how Jesus said that even when his disciples are persecuted, God would be with them.

Together with your children, talk about ways in which God might bring good out of the difficult events you discussed. Talk together about some actions you might take as a family to make better the situations you discussed. Conclude by praying for the needs of the people involved in the events you named. In prayer, place each of these difficult situations into God's hands.

**Career Opportunities**

Interested in sharing your talent and skills with the church? The Archdiocese of Washington is looking for faith-filled employees to fill key positions at our Pastoral Center:

**Archdiocesan Coordinator of Justice and Peace:** This role will serve as a pastoral resource to support parishes in their outreach, advocacy, education, and service initiatives. This role will work with parishes in providing support and theological resources.

**Archdiocesan Coordinator of Life Issues Ministry:** The Archdiocese is hiring a Coordinator to serve as a unifying and strategic resource in the coordination of support to pastors, Parish communities, Catholic faithful and organizations within the archdiocese in their mission to defend life from conception to natural death.

For more information on these positions, please go to the Archdiocese of Washington [Career Site](#).

# THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Mustang Moments

**A Weekly spotlight on the Academy  
St. Matthias the Apostle**  
*Rooted in Faith; Growing in Excellence*

Dear Saint Matthias Parish Family,

November is Black Catholic History Month, and as a Catholic school community that celebrates faith, culture, and identity, we joyfully join the wider Church in honoring the powerful legacy of Black Catholics. This month gives us the chance not only to teach history, but to remind our students that the Church has always been enriched by the voices, gifts, and holiness of Black Catholics.

In our classrooms and morning announcements, we are sharing the stories of holy men and women such as Venerable Father Augustus Tolton, Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman, Mother Mary Lange, and others whose lives witnessed to the Gospel in the face of hardship and injustice. Their example teaches our children about courage, perseverance, and deep love for Jesus and His Church. It also shows them that sainthood looks like all of us.

At the Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle, we want every child to know that they belong — in their school, in their parish, and in the Church. Celebrating Black Catholic History Month helps us do that. It allows us to lift up the beauty of African American Catholic spirituality, music, education, and service, and to give thanks for the Black Catholics in our own parish who have helped build and sustain this community. As we continue through November, I invite our parish and school families to pray for the canonization of these holy witnesses and to keep telling these stories at home. May we remain a community that sees the image of God in every person and celebrates the diversity that strengthens our Catholic faith.

With gratitude and blessings, Dr. Coretta Streat, Principal

**Faculty Spotlight:** Ms. Mali Givens, First Grade Teacher



"I am a proud Washington, DC native, and I was inspired to become a teacher by my mother, who is a retired educator. Teaching has always been a way for me to serve God and help children grow in confidence. I earned my degree in Elementary Education from Morgan State University and later completed a STEM certificate program at Notre Dame of Maryland University. My favorite Scripture is James 2:26, 'For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.' This verse reminds me that our faith should show up in what we do every day — especially in the classroom. At ASMA, I enjoy prayer and strengthening my relationship with God, and I am grateful to be in a community that is truly rooted in faith."

Ms. Givens shares that one of the things she loves most about the Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle is how our students really support one another. She sees a strong sense of community in the school and appreciates that faith is at the center of everything we do.

In first grade this year, students can expect to learn new things and have a lot of fun. Ms. Givens creates a classroom where students are encouraged to try, to read, to explore, and to grow — all while knowing that they are loved by God. With her background in elementary education and STEM, she brings both strong academic foundations and engaging lessons that help young learners stay curious.

Outside the classroom, Ms. Givens enjoys reading and listening to good music. Prayer is an important part of her life, and she is intentional about drawing closer to God so that she can pour into her students. Please join us in thanking Ms. Givens for her service to our school, for more than ten years in education, and for the faith-filled example she offers our students. Contact: [mgivens@stmatthias.org](mailto:mgivens@stmatthias.org)

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Torch

You are invited to participate in the welcoming of the Virgin of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego with the torch on Tuesday, November 25th at 10:00 A.M. A bilingual Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 A.M., and at 2:00 P.M. the torch will depart for its final destination at St. Patrick Cathedral in New York City. If anyone is interested in running, registrations are now available. If interested in ordering sweatshirts, please contact Rosario Andres: 240-603-5936.

## Saint Joseph Sunday Missal

**For your convenience 2025-26 Saint Joseph Missals are on sale for \$5.00 each and are available in the Parish office (Limited copies may be available in the Vestibule or Sacristy)**

## 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 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 envelopes 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.

**Please join us for Mass Thanksgiving Day  
Thursday, November 27th  
8:30 A.M. English ~ 10:30 A.M Spanish**

**The Parish Office will close at 2:00 on Wednesday,  
Nov. 26th and will remained closed Thursday and  
Friday, Nov. 27th and 28th.**

**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING**