

St. Matthew Catholic Church

5403 Loch Raven Boulevard

Baltimore, MD 21239

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH SEEKS TO PROVIDE A
SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL

In order to provide a safe environment for children and youth, the following are ways in which we will do this.

- Children under the age of 12 are NOT allowed to use the elevator or go to the Church Hall alone. They MUST be accompanied by an adult.
- Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times during Church services, in vestibule of Church, and at all events in the Hall.
- Children and youth, under the age of 18, may not be in the rectory alone.

WE ASK THAT ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS STRICTLY ADHERE TO THESE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SAFETY OF THOSE ENTRUSTED TO THEIR CARE.

UPDATE TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- Beginning March 19th – Access to the Church doors during Mass will be limited. We are trying to ensure a quiet and respectful atmosphere at Mass and trying to increase safety for all:
 - After the Start of Mass (Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:45 and 11:00 am) the doors **closest to the altar** will be locked (from the rectory and Mary garden).
 - If you arrive prior to the start of Mass you will be able to enter through these doors.
 - Once Mass has started you will need to enter via the Loch Raven Parking Lot or the glass door by the wellness center.
 - In an emergency **you will be able to exit through all doors** by simply pressing the bar in the center of the door.

CALL TO MINISTRY

- We are seeking families and individuals to welcome parishioners to Mass. You will be asked to distribute music sheets and bulletins, and welcome people. You will then be able to attend Mass with the community.
- We are also seeking individuals to act as Safety Ministers to ensure that the building is secure and areas throughout the Church and Hall are safe. If enough ministers volunteer, we expect that you would serve once per month.
- Safety Ministers will not be able to be present in the Church during the celebration of the Mass.

Please respond to these Calls to Ministry by notifying Chris Heemann (Administrative Assistant) in the Rectory Office at 410-433-2300 or at cheemann@archbalt.org