

**Father Matthew Himes**  
**Our Lady of the Fields Catholic Church**  
**Millersville, MD**



Father Matthew Himes grew up in Perry Hall in Baltimore with his parents, Tom and Betty Himes, and his younger sister, Rebecca. From grades K-12, he attended public school and graduated from Perry Hall High School. He then enrolled at Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD and graduated in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in elementary and special education. After college, he taught 4th grade at a Catholic elementary school for two years in Brighton, Massachusetts (outside of Boston) and participated in a two-year volunteer teaching program called the Urban Catholic Teacher Corps, a corps of teachers who live together in a former convent and study towards a master's degree in education at Boston College. Through his meaningful and transformative time at Mount St. Mary's and in Boston, Father Matt was able to discern God's will for his life. After his time in Boston, he decided to attend St. Mary's Seminary and University in Roland Park in Baltimore. Father Matt was ordained a priest in June 2019 and serves his first assignment as Associate Pastor at Our Lady of the Fields in Millersville, MD. He enjoys watching movies, traveling, photography, and spending time outdoors with friends. He is eager to get to know and develop close relationships with parishioners at Our Lady of the Fields, and he plans to get involved with the liturgy, youth and young adult ministry, as well as the parish's outreach to the poor and vulnerable in our area.