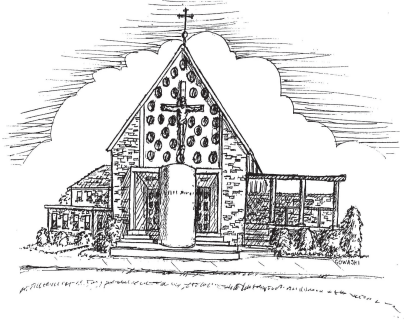


Saint Matthias Parish

*A Stewardship Parish offering Spirituality,
Community and Hospitality*



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Celebrations of the Eucharist

The Lord's Day

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Liturgy of the Word for Children is

Celebrated at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on the 1st

Sunday of the month (Beginning Sunday, Oct 2)

Weekday

Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days

9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Mission Statement

To live out the message of Jesus Christ and become, in fact and appearance, a true Christian community.

Faith Formation

Faith formation is a lifelong process: an ongoing interaction with God's creative goodness. We allow the Gospel to transform us and then bring transformation to the world. The Faith Formation Program at St. Matthias Parish provides opportunities to grow as individuals and as a community. We offer classroom sessions for children, a comprehensive Confirmation program, intergenerational learning in a variety of formats, and an adult enrichment program. For more information, contact Theresa Salafia (tsalafia@stmattpar.org).

Community Prayer Line

Our prayer line, coordinated by Marie Mangan (978-562-2891) offers prayers for you, your loved ones and friends. Requests may also be placed in the "Prayer Request" box at the rear of the Church. All requests will be kept confidential.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Those who are not baptized or have been baptized into another Christian community and are interested in learning more about initiation into the Catholic faith are invited to speak with Theresa Salafia (tsalafia@stmattpar.org).

Infant Baptism

Our parish celebrates the sacrament of Baptism for infants and children under the age of 7 at regularly scheduled Sunday Masses. Please call Deacon Doug at any time during pregnancy or at least two months in advance for information on baptismal catechesis and the choosing of godparents.

Adult Confirmation

Adults desiring to complete their Christian Initiation with the sacrament of Confirmation are encouraged to contact Fr. Fran

Reconciliation

This sacrament of God's infinite forgiveness, also known as Penance and Confession, is celebrated on Saturdays at 3:15PM or by appointment with Fr. Fran. Communal celebrations of the sacrament occur during Advent and Lent.

Anointing of the Sick

The Church encourages all who are ill, about to undergo surgery, or confined to their homes due to illness to be prayed over and anointed with sacred oil. This can take place at a parish Mass, in the home or in the hospital. Please speak with Fr. Fran for more details.

Marriage

Congratulations to engaged couples! Please contact Fr. Fran eight months to a year before your wedding to plan a program of marriage preparation.

Welcome New Parishioners!

We invite you to share in our life as a Eucharistic Community. Please complete a registration card found at the church entrances or register at the parish office. We look forward to welcoming you to our parish community.

INTENTIONS OF THE
EUCHARIST

Saturday, August 20 — 4:00 p.m.

Paul Murphy — 5th Anniversary Memorial

Sunday, August 21 — 10:00 a.m.

Gloria Zerella-Mason — 27th Anniversary Memorial
Howard Zerella—Memorial

Saturday, August 27 — 4:00 p.m.

David Mauro — Memorial

Sunday, August 28 — 10:00 a.m.

Joan Martin —Memorial



Weekday Masses for the Week of August 22

Monday, Tuesday and Friday
9:00 a.m.

Downstairs Conference Room



**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
MUSIC**

Gathering Song: **Bring Forth The Kingdom**
hymnal # 640

Preparation of Gifts: **Instrumental**

Communion: **Make Us One**
booklet # 3

Recessional: **Sing A New Song**
hymnal # 541



THIS WEEK AT
ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, August 20

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 21

- **Celebration of the Eucharist with Baptism**
Church, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, August 24

- **Shawl Ministry**
Downstairs Conference Room, 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, August 25

- **Bereavement Group**
Downstairs Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 27

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 28

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.

Office Hours for the Week of August 22



Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday
9:00 a.m. — Noon

SCRIPTURE READINGS

You are encouraged to pray these readings at home during the week as you reflect on this Sunday's Word and prepare to celebrate next week's Eucharist.

Readings for August 20, 21 — 21st Sunday in Ordinary time

Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

Readings for August 27, 28 — 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24A;
Luke 14:1, 14-17

FROM FR. FRAN

As a result of conversations at our last Parish Pastoral Council meeting, the PPC has established a subcommittee to help us gather information about who we are as a parish. During the summer, members of the committee have been formulating a plan that will commence in the fall.

While the plan is not yet finalized, the group has come up with a few areas to focus in on. First and foremost, the group would like to get a picture of who we are. To that end we will be developing a parish directory. It has been many years since a project such as this has been undertaken. Over time the face of our parish has changed. For a number of years we have been using a computer program called ParishSoft to keep track of registrations, births, deaths, family sacramental moments, and faith formation info. With a parish directory we will be able to update all of that information.

The second area of focus will be the development of a questionnaire in which parishioners will be able to express their feelings about parish life, needs, and future pastoral programs.

In doing research for this part of the project, I came upon the results of the last parish questionnaire from twenty or so years ago. It was very interesting to see what the concerns were back then, and what the parish is about today. Looking through the responses brought to mind a similar survey I was a part of in one of my former parishes. In that survey many people said how welcoming the parish was, and at the same time others expressed how cold people were to each other. The music program was highly praised by some and derided by others. In one of my favorite comments, the respondent declared that the piano should be chopped up and used for firewood.

One of the joys and tensions of parish life is that Catholicism truly is “here comes everybody”. We bring all our personal experiences of faith and join together as the Body of Christ at Eucharist and in parish life. Even when we are open to learning from each other and respecting each other’s experience, parish life is always challenging.

Our forthcoming survey is meant to help us discover if we are addressing current spiritual and social needs and what we can do to better support the part of the Body of Christ that is St. Matthias Parish.

A third area that our subcommittee will focusing in on is spreading the word about our faith community within the wider community. As we prepare to become a Pastoral Collaborative with St. Michael’s and Immaculate Conception over the next few years, evangelization, being the centerpiece of the Archdiocesan Disciples in Mission program, will become more and more important. Of course we won’t wait until then to spread the word about our faith community!

Each one of us has an important part to play in developing the faith life of our parish. I encourage you to participate in the initiatives I’ve described above when things get going in the fall. And there’s no time like the present to be “ambassadors” for our parish. In fact, it’s part of our baptismal calling to invite people to the table of the Eucharist and into parish life.



PARISHPAY IN THE SUMMER

The Parish Community continues to wish everyone a safe and fun summer while traveling or enjoying a local vacation. Throughout the summer the work of the parish community continues and can only be accomplished with your continued monetary support through the offertory collection.

ParishPay is a simple and automated way to continue to make your contributions to the Parish offertory. Your contributions are automatically deducted from your checking or savings account or from your credit card. You select whether to make payments once or twice a month. You can sign up directly on their website <https://www.parishpay.com> or call the parish office for assistance.

PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK

Please Pray For...

Richard Abraham, Laurie Burt, Peggy Cronin, Delia Cruz, Connie Cyr, Del Cyr, Clara Mae Dickerson, Emma Johnson, John Gifford, Joe Gillis, Russ Hokanson, Kathryn Keeler, Sean Marrier, David Martin, Frank Mangan, Kay McNeill, Theresa Perry, Jean Peltak, Andy Rivers and Amy Noel Wyman.

To add someone to this prayer list, please call the parish office at 508-460-9255 or email admin@stmattpar.org.



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH FORMATION

Blessed Mother Teresa

KOLKATA, India (CNS) -- A favorite motto of Blessed Teresa of Kolkata was: "Do small things with great love."

But the "small things" she did so captivated the world that she was showered with honorary degrees and other awards, almost universally praised by the media and sought out by popes, presidents, philanthropists and other figures of wealth and influence.

Despite calls on her time from all over the globe Mother Teresa always returned to India to be with those she loved most -- the lonely, abandoned, homeless, disease-ravaged, dying, "poorest of the poor" in Kolkata's streets.

On Sept. 4, Pope Francis, who has spent this year preaching about mercy, will canonize Mother Teresa, who traveled the world to deliver a single message: that love and caring are the most important things in the world.

The Boston Pilot



Faith Formation Gatherings begin **Sunday, September 25**. Families will gather with our extended parish families for Mass at 10:00 AM followed by a parish picnic on the church grounds. Faith Formation participants will take leadership in planning this picnic for everyone to enjoy. This day will unite our community in praying with one another and celebrating blessings for our youth as the new school year begins.

****DID YOU FORGET?*** Some families have yet to respond with their re-registration forms. If you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation office at 508-460-9255 or email salafia@stmattpar.org.

WEDDING BANNS — AUGUST 27, 2016

Please keep in your prayers

*Sean Walsh and
Melissa Skeffington*



As they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, August 27, 2016

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Welcome into our faith community through
the Sacrament of Baptism



Charlotte Marie Brintnall

This Sunday, August 21 during the 10:00 a.m. Mass

As a parish community let continue to pray for
Charlotte Marie and her family. families in our prayers.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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Weekly Offertory Goal: \$4,000.00

Total Collection of August 13, 14	\$4,447.00
Of that amount ParishPay donations were	\$1,137.00*
*This includes \$85.00 which was not posted 8/7.	
Parish Maintenance Collection	\$1,989.00
Of that amount ParishPay donations were	\$ 562.00

Parishioners celebrating Mass August 13, 14.....245

FINANCIALS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Total Income for the Month of July	\$22,847.30
Total Expenses for the Month of June	<u>\$24,332.71</u>
Net Income/Loss:	- \$ 1,485.41*

*This total reflects a deficit of \$1,485.41. Total offertory collection for the month of July: \$15,331.33, which reflects a \$668.67 deficit in our \$4,000 weekly goal.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTERS WANTED

Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 3

The St. Matthias Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Saturday, December 3, 2016, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.** in our Parish Hall. Calling all craft vendors! Enjoy a day-filled with the Christmas spirit as you sell your items. Cost of table is \$50. Call the office for details 508-460-9255. Applications for vendors who participated last year, have been mailed this past week

Crafters are encouraged to join the Craft Team. *Not crafty?* Monetary donations are always appreciated for craft supplies. If you have crafts or items to donate, please contact the Parish Office 508-460-9255 for details.



2016 ST. MATTHIAS ANNUAL YARD SALE— OCTOBER 15, 2016

Preparations for the Annual Yard Sale are in full swing. Everyone can contribute by donating quality used goods: furniture, jewelry, vintage collectibles, gently used and new clothing, and household and children items, as well as books, DVD, and CDs. As you begin rummaging through your summer gear, start a donation pile for your donations. If you need to store your goods off-site contact the office and we can arrange an early pick up of boxed items.

Once again the grills will be cooking up a tasty lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs. Our bake crew will sell their delicious array of home-made baked goodies at our indoor Bake Sale.

Want to DONATE TIME? There are many ways to take part in helping the Parish with this fun-filled fundraiser.

For information or to sign up, call the parish office at 508-460-9255.

