

Saint Matthias Parish

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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 (October through April)

Weekday

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

Downstairs Chapel

Holy Day

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

Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.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.

St. Matthias Parish

INTENTIONS FOR THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, May 25 — 4:00 p.m.

Helen, Joseph and Jordan Dedeo — Memorial

Sunday, May 26 — 10:00 a.m.

John Montgomery — 24th Anniversary Memorial

Saturday, June 1 — 4:00 p.m.

Mary Edna Maguire — Memorial

Sunday, June 2 — 10:00 a.m.

Rayfield Johnson — Memorial

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, May 25

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

Sunday, May 26

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, May 27

- **Parish Office Closed**
Observance of Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 29

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

Thursday, May 30

- **Celebration of the Eucharist—Ascension of the Lord**
Church, 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 1

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 4:00 p.m.
- **Celebration For Deacon Doug**
Parish Hall, following Mass

Sunday, June 2

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass
- **St. Vincent dePaul Society Meeting**
Parish Hall, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Chat**
Classroom, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass

Weekday Masses for the Week of May 26

Monday and Tuesday
9:00 a.m. in the

Downstairs Conference Room Chapel

For Mass updates, please check the
website and voice message
on the Parish Office phone.



NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter
June 1 and June 2

Acts 7:55-60; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
John 17:20-26

Office Hours for the Week of May 26

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

Wednesday
9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Parish Office will be Closed

Monday, May 27
Celebration of Memorial Day



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST WORSHIP BOOKLET



The Worship Booklet for the Easter season can be found in the book rack within the pews. This booklet contains Mass responses as well as our musical selection. Please return the booklet to the book rack at the conclusion of Mass.
Thank You.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 30

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

In the church



FROM FR. FRAN

A Time to Remember

With this Monday's celebration of **Memorial Day** we take time out to thank God for the lives of those who died in service to their country. We also remember all our beloved dead.

While the holiday has become more of a non-official beginning of summer, let's take time to remember the original meaning of the day. Memorial Day began as "Decoration Day" after the Civil War. Families would pay tribute to their beloved dead by decorating their graves. To this day that tradition lives on for many of us. As Catholics let us decorate the memory of our loved ones not only with flags or flowers, but with prayers, memories, tears, and laughter, as we recall those who now rest in the arms of our loving God.

New Beginnings

In the Archdiocese of Boston June 1st is the traditional beginning of new assignments for priests and the beginning of new Pastoral Collaboratives. Last week Cardinal Sean ordained thirteen men for service as priests in the archdiocese, one of whom, Fr. Przemyslaw Kasprzak, has been assigned to Immaculate Conception Parish here in Marlborough. Fr. Steve Clemence is now officially the pastor of Immaculate Conception as they begin their mission as a "stand alone" Collaborative on June 1st. This means that, while not pairing with another parish, I.C. will begin the process of developing a plan for mission, as will all the other Collaboratives which begin this week. I.C. is also saying goodbye to Fr. Andrea Filippucci who has been appointed administrator of St. Joseph Parish in Lynn.

Let us keep our friends and priests at I.C. in our prayers as they embark on their new missions. Let's also pray for those parishes beginning Pastoral Collaborative and those parishes experiencing a change of leadership. May the Holy Spirit guide them all in this challenging time.

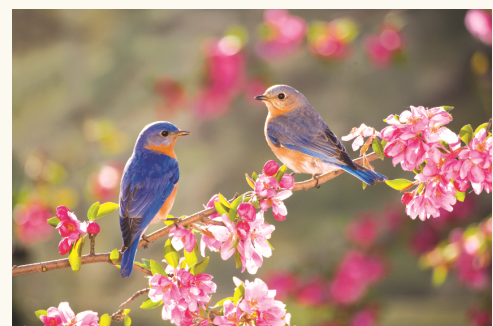
Grand Annual Collection

If you have yet to donate to the Grand Annual Collection, now is the time! No donation is too small. No donation is too great! I can't emphasize enough how important the Grand Annual Collection and our weekly collections are to the health of our parish.

You will find Grand Annual Collection envelopes at the entrances to the church. Please take one home, read through the suggested giving material, and prayerfully consider a donation. It is only by the generosity of our parishioners, working together in so many ways, that we are able to continue the good work Christ has missioned us to accomplish.

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

This Thursday we will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of Christ with Masses at 9 AM and 7 PM. This feast has its biblical origins in the Acts of the Apostles, where, forty days after his resurrection, Jesus brings his disciples to a mountain top where he ascends to his father. In many dioceses of the United States, this feast has been transferred to Sunday. However, in the Archdiocese of Boston, the feast is still celebrated on a Thursday and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Come join in the Eucharistic celebration of Ascension Thursday at 9 AM or 7 PM.



PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Financials May 18 and May 19
Weekly Goal: \$4,000

Offertory collection: \$3,778.05

Deficit of **\$221.95** to reach the weekly goal.

Of that amount WeShare donations \$735.55

Parishioners celebrating Mass 320

Month of June Special Collections

Seminarian Collection — June 8 and June 9

Parish Maintenance — June 15 and June 16

Promoting the Gospel — June 22 and June 23



FAITH FORMATION

Our Confirmation Candidate Recognition Dinner, held May 19, was a wonderful opportunity for families and friends from Saint Matthias and Saint Michael's, Hudson, to join in prayer and friendship. We were honored to have Lexi from Saint Michael's lead us in prayerful song and Angela (Saint Michael's) along with Siobhan, Matthew and Elise from Saint Matthias who shared their thoughts on how Confirmation has influenced their lives. Bishop Robert Reed will administer the **Sacrament of Confirmation to the St. Matthias Candidates on Saturday, June 8, at 4:00 p.m. mass.**

Confirmation rehearsal is Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m. in church. During these next few weeks please remember our candidates, their families and sponsors in your prayers.



REMEMBERING OUR FATHERS

*"When someone you love becomes a Memory,
that memory becomes a Treasure."*

In honor of Father's Day, during the month of June the parish will honor and pray for the many men who have touched our lives. Inscribe your loved one in the Book of Prayers located on the altar and a donation may be made in his name using the envelopes found at the church entrances. All special intentions will be announced in a future bulletin in commemoration of these special men.

PRAY FOR THE
HEALING OF THE SICK

Please Pray For...



Richard Abraham, Conor Canavan, Carol Chatalian, Danielle and Melissa Chiasson, Steven Chiasson, Joseph Cox, Adelbert Cyr, The Del Raso Family, Dale Dolesh, W. Joseph Doyle, Kent Dudley, Stella Fettig, David Giugno, Hannah Gluck, Thomas Gluck, Russ Hokanson, Emma Johnston, Fr. Mike MacEwen, Dave Mackenzie, Kay McNeill, Pat McNeil, Mike Mauro, Maura McGuinness, Judy McManus, Michael Messom, Theresa Morrill, Deborah Natoli, Jennifer Natoli, Mary and Bob O'Connor, Johnny Pellrine, Jean Peltak, Theresa Perry, Andy Rivers, Joan Russo, Kathleen Shine, Andrew Tivnan, Pedro Torres, Trunfio Family, Ronald Vaudreuil, Phil Verdino and Jenny Weibel.

Please let the office know if you would like our parish to pray for the health and support of your loved ones.

EASTER FLOWERS



While Pentecost is two weeks away, the Art and Environment team continues to adorn the church with beautiful floral arrangements. You may help offset the cost of the flowers needed with an Easter flower donation.

Contributions may be made in honor of a deceased loved one or other special intention. Envelopes may be found at the church entrances. Simply place your contribution in the envelope, put your name and the names of those you wish to honor on it and drop it in the collection basket. Contributions may also be made on-line through WeShare. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

ST. MATTHIAS GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

The 2019 Grand Annual collection is still a great opportunity to donate to the parish. **Grand Annual packets are still available at the church entrances or on-line** www.stmattpar.org and click on the On-Line Giving link.

Grand Annual Goal \$80,000

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| Total Pledged | \$49,640 |
| Total Received | \$46,595 |
| Total to Reach Goal | \$33,405 |
| Number of Families Pledged | 101 |

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF
COMMUNION CHAT SESSION
SUNDAY, JUNE 2 — 11:15 A.M.

The next meeting for the *Extraordinary Ministers of Communion* will take place **Sunday, June 2 following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.** This is a change from the original schedule. Grab a cup of coffee and meet in the classroom to the left side of the stage. This is our last meeting before Summer break. Thank you.



You are cordially invited to a
Celebration of the Eucharist and Reception
for the occasion of

**40th Anniversary of the Diaconate
Ordination of Doug Peltak**

on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 4:00p.m.
in the Church and Parish Hall

St. Matthias Parish
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Please RSVP by Monday, May 27 to the
Parish Office (508) 460-9255 or
alowe@stmattpar.org (April).



If you would like to help with Deacon Doug's reception, desserts are a welcome option. You may call the parish office if you would like to help in the preparations, donate a dessert or RSVP. Sign-up sheets are also posted at the church entrances.

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