

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 grade school 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 OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, February 15 — 4:00 p.m.

Memorial

Frank and Leah Calore
Joseph Calore
Eleanor Laspada

Sunday, February 16 — 10:00 a.m.

Yvette Peltak — Memorial

Saturday, February 22 — 4:00 p.m.

Patrick and Carmella Mauro — Memorial

Sunday, February 23 — 10:00 a.m.

St. Matthias Community

Gifts of Sanctuary and Altar Candles
for the month of February are
donated in memory of

*Frank and Leah Calore
Eleanor Laspada
Joseph Calore*

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, February 15

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

Sunday, February 16

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

Monday, February 17

- **Parish Office Closed**
Observance of Presidents' Day

Wednesday, February 19

- **Rosary Recitation**
Church, 6:00 p.m.
- **Shawl Ministry**
Downstairs Conference Room, 6:45 p.m.
- **St. Vincent dePaul Society Meeting**
Parish Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 20

- **Choir Rehearsal**
Church, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 22

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

Sunday, February 23

- **Faith Formation Grades 1 through 5**
Classrooms, 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.
- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Faith Formation Grades 9 and 10**
Mass 10:00 a.m./Downstairs Conf. Rm. 11:15 to Noon
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass
- **Faith Formation Grades 6 through 8**
Classrooms, 6:00—7:15 p.m.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time
February 22 and February 23

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48



MUSIC FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Worship Booklet for Ordinary Time is located in the book rack in the pews. This booklet contains Mass responses as well as our musical selections. At the end of Mass, please return the booklet to the book rack.

Weekday Masses for the Week of February 16

Monday, Tuesday and Friday

9:00 a.m. in the

Downstairs Conference Room Chapel

For Mass updates and cancellations please check the parish website and parish phone voice message

Office Hours for the Week of February 16

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.



**Parish Office will be closed
Monday, February 17
in observance of
Presidents' Day**

FROM FATHER FRAN

Adult Faith Formation



Thank you to all who participated in last Saturday's Adult Faith Formation program on voting issues. We enjoyed a great presentation by parishioner Richard Pulice who walked us through the particulars of a number of topics pertinent to our upcoming elections. Since Rich has worked in numerous areas internationally, he was able to offer us a broad perspective on issues that affect us globally, nationally and locally. Thanks again, Richard for a very informative presentation.

Grand Annual Collection

With just a couple of weeks to go, our 2020 Grand Annual Collection is winding down. For the first time in many years, thanks to your generosity, we have achieved our budgeted goal! There is still time to get in on the action. Every donation from here on in will help us jump start some of the projects put on hold this past year. Please prayerfully consider a donation. You will find packets in the benches until the end of the month. Please visit our St. Matthias webpage if you would like to donate online. Once again, any size donation goes a long way in keeping our parish financially strong.

The Upcoming Liturgical Seasons

In just a week and a half, we begin Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Lent is the first movement in the Paschal Season which comprises the seasons of Lent, Triduum, and Easter. Lent is a season of 40 days or so which prepares us for the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil/ Easter Sunday), which at 3 days, is the shortest, yet most important, season of the Church year. We then celebrate the 50 day season of Easter when we have time to reflect on the great mystery of Christ's death and resurrection together. The entire Pascal Season ends with the celebration of Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit

upon the apostles and upon us. While each of the seasons has its own unique character, they all center around our life in Christ as baptized believers. The Paschal Season is a time for all the baptized to assess our lives against our baptismal promises to love and serve the Lord.

Triduum Preparation Group

Each year a great deal of time and care is put into the preparation of the Easter Triduum by a number of our parishioners. On March 2nd at 7 PM there will be a meeting of all interested parishioners who would like to be a part of the planning process for this year's Triduum. No prior experience is needed, just a desire to prepare a great celebration for our parish community. There are many and varied opportunities on the Triduum committee. If you are only able to give a short amount of time – we have opportunities for you! If you are good at coordinating – we have opportunities for you! If you would like to get more involved in our parish community – we have opportunities for you! Come to the gathering on March 2nd and learn about how our parish prepares for the holiest days of the year.

PALM COLLECTION FOR ASH WEDNESDAY



In preparation for Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020, parishioners are invited to bring in their 2019 blessed palms which will be burned on Sunday, February 23 outside the main doors to the church. Don't forget there are two masses on Ash Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Collection bins for palms are available at the church entrances.

Weekly Financials—Weekly Goal: \$4,000

Offertory Collection - February 8 and 9	\$3,919.55
Of that amount WeShare donations	\$ 877.55
Deficit to meet weekly goal: \$80.45	
Parish Maintenance - February 8 and 9	\$1,925.00
Of that amount WeShare donations	\$ 165.00
Parishioners attending Mass February 8 and 9:	338

Special Collections for February

Church Around the World	February 22 and 23
Catholic Charities	February 26—Ash Wednesday

January 2020 Budget Comparison

Income:	\$ 31,777.58
Expenses:	\$ 30,284.20
Net:	\$ 1,493.38

FAITH FORMATION

There are no Faith Formation meetings Sunday, February 16 due to school winter break. Enjoy your vacation.

Faith Formation Classes, Sunday, February 23

Grades 1 through 5 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Confirmation I and II - Grades 9 and 10

Participants in these grades will attend 10:00 a.m. mass followed by coffee social and meeting until noon.

Faith Formation Grades 6 through 8

Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

**Lenten Simple Supper
Friday, March 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
Parish Hall**

Let us join as a community on **Friday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m.** to remember and reflect on the love shown us by Jesus as he walked the path to the cross. Supper will include soup, salad, bread, water, coffee and tea,

If you wish to bring a food item or help in any way, please contact the Chairperson, Judy Smith by phone 774-245-2120 or by email: donnyandjudy@comcast.net.

As a service to others in our community, participants are asked to donate items needed by *Fresh Start* in Hudson. A list of needed items will be forthcoming. Confirmation candidates will be available to receive your donations. If you are unable to attend the Lenten Supper but wish to donate items for *Fresh Start* you may bring them to the parish hall Saturday, March 7 or Sunday, March 8 after mass.

**PRAY FOR THE
HEALING OF THE SICK**



Please Pray For...

Richard Abraham, Donna Anastas, Conor Canavan, William Connors, Carol Chatalian, Danielle and Melissa Chiasson, Steven Chiasson, Joseph Cox, Adelbert Cyr, Kent Dudley, Stella Fettig, Jason Fournier, David Giugno, Russ Hokanson, Emma Johnston, Alice Kimball, Daniel Lopes, Fr. Mike MacEwen, Dave Mackenzie, Doreen Martin, Pat McNeil, Patrick Mauro, Maura McGuinness, Judy McManus, Michael Messom, Theresa Morrill, Deborah Natoli, Jennifer Natoli, Mary and Bob O'Connor, Johnny Pellrine, Theresa Perry, Kathleen Shine, Andrew Tivnan, Pedro Torres, Trunfio Family, Ronald Vaudreuil, Vanessa Viega, AnnMarie Walters, Paul and Jenny Weibel, and Bobby Whelan

Contact the Parish office 508-460-9255 or email admin@stmattpar.org to add a loved one to the Prayer List.

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN
(VIRTUS Training)**

**Saturday February 29, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
Downstairs conference room
Facilitator: Theresa Salafia**

As directed by the Archdiocese of Boston all clergy, archdiocesan personnel and volunteers who minister, work, or serve in a capacity involving children under eighteen must complete the prevention and education programs mandated by the Archdiocese. Also, those volunteers must complete the background checks mandated by the Archdiocese.

If you are new to a ministry or anticipate joining a ministry, and you have not completed this training please contact Theresa Salafia at tsalafia@stmattpar.org or 508-460-9255.

**No Greater Love:
A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion**

No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion is a six week series led by Senior Deacon Russ Morey and Theresa Salafia (Faith Formation Director). The series will lead the walk, **step-by-step with Jesus**, from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Every step of the way, biblical experts reveal how **Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context** shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death.

Sessions will be on Tuesdays with two scheduled times to choose from: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. or 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Series will begin on Tuesday, February 25 and continue on Tuesday, March 10, 17, 24, 31 and concludes April 14.

Please call the office to sign up or you may clip and send in the registration card below. Informational flyers with are also available on the church bulletin boards.

A fee of \$10.00 per person is asked to help defray the cost of the book and workbook (\$24.99).

To sign-up for the series, fill out this form, clip and send with payment to the Parish Office by February 17:

Attendees: _____ 10:00 to 11:30a.m.
_____ 7:00 to 8:30p.m.

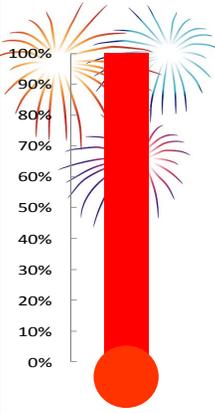
Amt. Due = #Attendees X \$10.00 = _____

Check Cash

Name: _____

Phone # or
Email: _____

2020 GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN



Thank you to everyone who has pledged or given to the 2020 Grand Annual Campaign.

Grand Annual Goal	\$65,000
Total Received	\$67,170
Exceeded Goal	\$ 2,170
Families	118

Contributions are still being accepted. Envelopes are located at the church entrance or you may give on-line through our WeShare program.



Rosary Recitation

Beginning, Wednesday, March 6

(all Wednesdays during Lent)

6 PM — in the Church



Lenten Penance Service

Friday, March 20, 2020

7 PM — in the Church

(Join in celebration with our second year Faith Formation students as they make their First Penance.)

Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Following the 4 PM Mass

in the Parish Hall

(Sign-up beginning the weekend of February 29/March 1.)

Please look for any changes in the schedule in our weekly bulletin.

Lost and Found

Please note that any items left behind in the church or parish hall may be picked up in the parish office. The Lost and Found box will be removed from the church vestibule. Feel free to call the office to see if any misplaced items were turned in.