

Saint Matthias Parish

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LOVE This is My commandment, that you love one another,
As I Have as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this,
LOVED than to lay down one's life for his friends. These things
I command you, that you love one another. John 15



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Celebrations of the Eucharist

The Lord's Day

Pre-recorded Mass on-line Sundays by 8:30AM

www.stmattpar.org and facebook: [@stmattpar](https://facebook.com/stmattpar)

In-Person Mass Saturdays at 4:00PM and

Sundays 10:00 AM by Reservation (Phone In or On-Line)

Weekday: Canceled until further notice.

Holy Day: As announced

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

St. Matthias Parish Office Information

508-460-9255

Though the Parish Office is currently closed to visitors, you may call the office on **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00AM to 2:00PM** with questions, requests for documents or to make an in-person appointment with a staff member. You may also e-mail the office at any time: admin@stmattpar.org.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST PRAYER INTENTIONS

In Person Saturday, May 8, 2021, 4PM

Paul and Mary Cormier – 7th Anniversary Memorial

In Person Sunday, May 9, 2021, 10AM

Helen Grasso — Memorial

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



Robert Bucher

Mass for the Feast of the Ascension Thursday Mass

Thursday, May 13th, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Mass will be pre-taped and available on-line only. There will be no in-person Mass.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Welcome back to in-person Celebration of the Eucharist. The COVID Safety committee has determined in March that our community may return to in-person Mass gatherings after closely monitoring the COVID information in the Marlborough community as well as the Massachusetts State guidelines.

We are blessed that we can once again enjoy one another's presence at the Celebration of the Eucharist.

Please review the Registration process and we look forward to seeing you in church. (Please note the mass will still be available via internet.)

REGISTRATION FOR IN-PERSON MASS

Saturday, May 8, 4PM and Sunday, May 9, 10AM

(Please note: The windows and doors to the church are kept open during the service to help with air circulation, so please dress appropriately.)

Option 1: Phone Registration (508) 460-9255. Call during office hours on Thursdays.


Option 2: Online Registration (www.stmattpar.org)

From our website follow the link to our event in the registration system **EventBrite from Thursday through Saturday (closes at 12PM for Saturday and 3PM for Sunday mass registrations).**

- ♦ Click **Details** (You have the option to click the **Follow** button to view future events.)
- ♦ Click **Register**.
- ♦ One household member may sign-up for the reservation of a pew for his/her household. You are registering for a single pew not multiple seats, but seating is general admission (you will be shown to your pew).
- ♦ Each household will be seated on one side of the pew for safe distancing up to 3/4 people. We are able to seat households larger than 3/4 when alternating with a single parishioner in a pew. We are also limiting the number of people attending to 50-80.
- ♦ For each registration, you must answer COVID questions for ALL attendees in your pew (ie. the answers must apply to all as you will only be asked one time). Questions will be used for screening only and will be kept confidential.
- ♦ Enter the number of household members attending mass as well as list his/her full name(s) and alternate contact information if necessary.
- ♦ Registrant will receive a confirmation email with additional instructions.

Guidelines:

- 1.) If you are sick, please do not register for a reservation to attend.
- 2.) Please arrive by 9:45 AM to allow time for parking and check-in. Parking will be in every other space to provide for safe distancing. Check-in will be in the front of the church building at the side entrance and will be marked for safe distancing.
- 3.) All attendees must be listed on the registration to enter.
- 4.) Please check our website, Facebook or call our parish office for updates, cancellations, etc.
- 5.) Please bring and wear your own mask unless there are health issues that prevent you from wearing a mask. Children under 2 are not required to wear a mask.
- 6.) Bring and use your own personal hand sanitizer.
- 7.) Observe physical distancing.
- 8.) Follow the directions of all ushers, volunteers, and staff.
- 9.) You will be asked several Covid related questions during registration and at the entry point at the church.



Month of May

*Honoring the women who have touched
our lives. Always in our hearts and prayers.*

Carol Baduski

Emma Bastarache

Jewel Besaw

Marjori Bloem

Pauline Boiardi

Barbara Brady

Laura Brazeau

Nancy Bresnahan

Betty Bucher

Laura Bucher

Leah Calore

Mary Chamberlain

Irene Chevette

Marjorie Conner

Anna Consolian

Irene Cote

Curley Family

Peg Daigle

Helen DeDeo

Frances Deibel

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Anna Fanning

Lee Ann Fital

Mary F. Finan

Eleanor Gadowski

Anna Galoci

Margaret Gazza

Josephine Gorczynski

Patricia Grassey

Theresa Grassey

Eleanore Guirlinger

Dot Hall

Margaret Henry

Maureen Henry

Eleanor Hill

Julia Jurkiewicz

Kathryn Keeler

Peg Keeler

Helen Kelly

Judith Kossuth

Mary Kossuth

Alice Landers

Janet Landers

Eleanor Laspada

June Lawrence

Doris Lorentzen

Ruth Lorentzen

Kathleen MacAfee

Kathleen Mahoney

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Helen Marckini

Mary Masciarelli

Nancy Marshall

Elizabeth P. Matta

Albina Mauro

Carmella Mauro

Angeline Maury

Anna McCarthy

Mary E. McDonald

Rollande Moquin

Mary O'Callaghan

Mary Ann O'Rourke

Agnes Packard

Annette Packard

Sandra Packard

Alice Robertson

Frances E. Sack

Nancy Sciore

Elizabeth Sheehan

Cheryl Smith

Helen Smith

Rhea M. St. Germain

Frances Staffenberg

Thomas Family

Anne Thompson

Mary Varcasia

Margarat White

Mary Yodlowski

Alexandra Zemejda

Anna Zemejda

Gloria Zerella Mason

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday Of Easter

FAITH FORMATION — THERESA SALAFIA

FAITH FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered **Pentecost Sunday, May 23, at 10:00 a.m. mass.** Please continue to pray for our candidates and their families at this sacred time.

Confirmation rehearsal is Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. in church. Safety protocols will continue for this rehearsal. Each candidate should have a sponsor or parent/guardian in attendance. If you have questions please contact Theresa Salafia at tsalafia@stmattpar.org or 508-460-9255 (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday).

The children and catechists in Faith Formation offer this prayer for all mothers and those who serve as mothers on this special day.

Loving God,

as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your church.

Bless our mother,

Let the example of her faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, her family,

may honor her always with a spirit of profound
respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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PRAY FOR THE
HEALING OF THE SICK



Please Pray For...

Richard Abraham, Donna Anastas, Cheryl LaJeunesse, Arsenault, Conor Canavan, William Connors, Carol Chatalian, Danielle and Melissa Chiasson, Steven Chiasson, Alice Cox, Joseph Cox, Adelbert Cyr, Richard Desjardin, Kent Dudley, Jason Fournier, Dicky Guild, Russ Hokanson, Debbie Jennings, Emma Johnston, Alice Kimball, Marie Leigh, Daniel Lopes, Fr. Mike MacEwen, Dave Mackenzie, Doreen Martin, Pat McNeil, Patrick Mauro, Maura McGuinness, Marlene Mele, Michael Messom, Deborah Natoli, Jennifer Natoli, Mary and Bob O'Connor, Ann Paterson, Johnny Pellrine, Theresa Perry, Jennifer Reis, Andrew Tivnan, Pedro Torres, Trunfio Family, Ronald Vaudreuil, Vanessa Viega, Jane Walsh, and AnnMarie Walters.



**MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY
CUPBOARD**

Although we are not currently collecting donations at the parish for our local food pantry, we encourage you to donate directly. Just because many major holidays are over (Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter) doesn't mean families no longer need necessities. There is still a great need.

Here is the address of the Marlborough Community Cupboard (MCC) as well as their hours:

55 Main St., Marlborough, MA 01752 • 508-370-4902

Pantry Hours:

Mon. 9am-1pm • Wed. 9am-1pm & 5pm-7pm •

Fri. 9am-1pm

WEEKLY OFFERTORY: GOAL \$4,000.00

Offertory Collection for May 2

Offertory received Week of 4/26/21	\$ 653.00
4:00 PM Mass Offertory	\$ 561.00
10:00 AM Mass Offertory	\$ 318.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 812.55
	\$2,344.55
Parish Maintenance	\$ 520.00

Upcoming Special Collections:

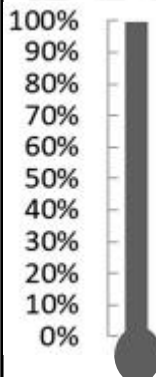
May 9	Parish Maintenance
May 23	Pentecost—Seminarians

**2021 GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN -
THANK YOU!**



Grand Annual Goal: \$70,000.00

Total Received :	\$ 71,547.00
Total Exceed Goal:	\$ 1,547.00
Percentage of Goal:	102.2%
No. Families Contributing:	128



We've exceeded our goal! Thank you. Contributions are still being accepted. If you would like to make a first time donation or if you would like to make an additional contribution to help the parish continue to exceed it's goal.

You may donate on-line at WeShare.com or mail your contribution to the parish office. With your help we can meet and exceed our goal!

FROM FR. FRAN



Happy Mother's Day!

A very happy and blessed Mother's Day to all the women of our parish who share the vocation of nurturing and guiding the next generation along the way. Yours is a challenging vocation, no matter what the age of the children in your life may be. Mothers, thank you for your life-long commitment of love and care. Blessings to all the aunts, sisters, grandmothers, great-grandmothers and friends who share in the vocation of motherhood by sharing their lives and wisdom with us.

Ascension Thursday, Virtual Mass Only

This Thursday, May 13th, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. While we are back to a full schedule of weekend Masses, Mass for Ascension will be internet only. This is because I get my second vaccine on Wednesday the 12th, and I anticipate a couple days of side effects as I had after my first shot. I'm sorry for the inconvenience.

Scammers Are at It Again

Recently staff members and parishioners received an email purportedly from me asking them for a favor. If you receive an email from me, or from anyone for that matter, please look carefully at the address from which the email is sent. If you don't recognize it, don't respond. I assure you that I will not be asking for favors or donations or gift cards for those in need via a text message or email. If the communication isn't from my parish account, it isn't from me.



All Are Welcome

A warm welcome to our parishioners, friends and visitors. It is a blessing to join together this week for the Celebration of the Eucharist.

Happy Mother's Day!

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