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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

Parish Office hours are **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00AM to 3:00PM.**

You may also e-mail the office at any time: admin@stmattpar.org.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST PRAYER INTENTIONS



In Person Saturday, May 22, 2021, 4PM

Robert Bucher – Memorial

In Person Sunday, May 23, 2021, 10AM

**Confirmation Candidates
Prayer Intention**



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

Robert Bucher

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.

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 29, 4PM and Sunday, May 30, 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.

From Fr. Fran

**St. Matthias Celebrates
The Sacrament of Confirmation**

This weekend we celebrate the end of the Easter Season with the Feast of Pentecost. It is a joy for our parish to also be celebrating the **Sacrament of Confirmation** at the 10AM Mass this Sunday. The prayers of our entire parish are with the young women and men who will complete their initiation into the Catholic Church with the reception of this sacrament. As they mature in knowledge and wisdom, we pray that the Holy Spirit will deepen their faith and their baptismal commitment to bring Christ's message of love, mercy, forgiveness, and welcome to all those whom they will encounter in their lives. We welcome them and their families and friends to the table of the Eucharist both in person and via the internet.

Once again this year, our regional bishop, Bishop Robert Reed, has designated me to be the celebrant of the sacrament. While it is always great to have a bishop with us, it is also an honor and joy for me to be conferring the sacrament.

COVID-19 Guidelines

One of the unfortunate things about our bulletin having to be submitted to the printer on Tuesday afternoons is that, on occasion, what I write about on Tuesday may be old news or changed by the time you read this. Also, I might not have the information you have due to the way the week has gone.

This is the case at the present moment as COVID-19 regulations are changing quickly. We are awaiting guidance from the Archdiocese of Boston on how the church will respond to the end of the governor's emergency order and the CDC relaxation of mask wearing. Our parish COVID Safety Team will have met on Friday, May 21 to discuss our implementation of the new guidelines. Watch for details in next week's bulletin.

Our Parish Pastoral Council met via Zoom on May 17 to discuss the questions and issues parishioners may have as parish life begins to return to normal. We agreed that there will be a certain amount of hesitancy on the part of parishioners to return to Mass. We all need time to adjust to a new normal and it will take time to recover from the way life has been disrupted over the past 15 months. We will be working on ways to get the word out that all are

welcome to come back to celebrate the weekend Masses. We realized that while our bulletin, website and Facebook page reach a number of parishioners, there are still many more who are unaware of the resumption of activities. Whatever you can do to get the word out is greatly appreciated.

Those on our PPC who are parents of young children communicated a new frustration with the relaxed mask guidance from the CDC. Since children under 12 may not be vaccinated until the fall, young families are worried about taking children into situations where there are unmasked folks who are not vaccinated. We are working to come up with a solution for the parish that will address parents' fears and help us all to understand that the protecting of the unvaccinated is more important than ever.

While the particulars of how we will go about doing this are still being worked out, I think that the underlying mission of our baptism comes into clear focus right now. While we should feel great about what we can do as the newly vaccinated, we are called to care for our sisters and brothers who have yet to be vaccinated. This may mean masking up for a while longer and taking other precautions as well.

Unvaccinated folks are on the honor system to wear their masks until they are fully vaccinated. Human nature and American culture being what it is, some may be tempted to ditch the mask regardless of their vaccination status. This could be a danger to them and most importantly to the vulnerable people around them. This is certainly not compatible with Christ's message to love one another as you love yourself.

Our parish policies will continue to have the care and safety of all parishioners front and center. If some of our guidelines continue to make you feel inconvenienced, please remember that we make decisions to protect the most vulnerable in our midst.



FAITH FORMATION — THERESA SALAFIA

Congratulations and prayers to the 2021 Confirmation class of Saint Matthias faith community.

Thank you to their families, friends and everyone at Saint Matthias for their care and understanding during the years leading up to this day.

Those confirmed by Father Fran this weekend are :



Nicholas J. "Mark" Benoit
 Luke Mauro "Joseph" Barrett
 Murphy Christopher "Francis" Doona
 Ryan Genaro "Matthew" Dudek
 Erin Eileen "Elizabeth" Dwinells
 Keira Noelle "Joan" Gallant
 John William "John" Giugno

Samantha Ruth "Brigid" Hill
 Robert Stephen "Robert" Kyle
 Megan Christa "Margherita" Lowe
 Matthew William "Mark" Martell
 Samantha Ann "Antoinette" Miller
 Kelly Tu Lam "Maria" Nguyen
 Kathleen Susan "Anne" O'Malley

May 23, 2021
Pentecost Sunday

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."

- 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

FAITH FORMATION— FIRST EUCHARIST

First Eucharist Celebrations

Saturday, June 5 at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 6 at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 12 at 4:00 p.m.



Please continue to pray for the children and their families as they approach this sacred time.

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.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY: GOAL \$4,000.00

Offertory Collection for May 15 and May 16

Offertory received Week of 5/10/21	\$ 485.00
4:00 PM Mass Offertory	\$ 274.00
10:00 AM Mass Offertory	\$ 662.00
WeShare Offertory	\$1,572.55
	\$2,993.55
Parish Maintenance Mail 5/10/21	\$ 45.00
4:00 PM Mass Maintenance	\$ 5.00
WeShare Maintenance	\$ 645.00
	\$ 695.00

Upcoming Special Collections:

May 23 Pentecost—Seminarians

CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021

As of May 12, Saint Matthias donors (41) have gifted or pledged \$11,965.00 toward the St. Matthias parish Catholic Appeal assessment of \$22,754.98. It is the obligation of each parish to meet the assessment goal. If a parish cannot meet its assessment goal through donations from parishioners and friends, the parish will need to pay any remaining balance from its budget funds. All donations are graciously accepted to help Saint Matthias reach its stated goal. Thank you.

To make a donation for for additional information, please visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org

"The Catholic Appeal is the annual fund that supports more than 50 central ministries that enrich parish life, Catholic schools, and the lives of those who turn to the Church for assistance."

Archdiocese of Boston—Catholic Appeal

MONTH OF MAY PRAYER

Pope Francis May 2020

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

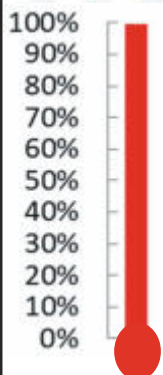
We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

2021 GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN THANK YOU!



Grand Annual Goal: \$70,000.00

Total Received :	\$ 71,792.00
Total Exceed Goal:	\$ 1,792.00
Percentage of Goal:	102.6%
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.

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