

Saint Matthias Parish

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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."
- Jn 2:1-3

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Celebrations of the Eucharist

The Lord's Day

Pre-recorded Mass on-line Sundays by 10:00 AM at www.stmattpar.org and facebook: [@stmattpar](https://facebook.com/stmattpar)

Weekend Masses

Saturdays 4:00 PM

Sundays 10:00 AM

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 online at <https://www.stmattpar.org/parish-registration> or register at the parish office. We look forward to welcoming you to our parish community.

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH

St. Matthias Parish Office Hours



Tuesday and Thursday

9:00AM to 2:00PM

During off-hours you may e-mail the office at any time at admin@stmattpar.org or leave a voicemail at **508-460-9255**.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 17 in Observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, January 15

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 16

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 22

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 23

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 10:00 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS OFFERED FOR

Saturday, January 15, 2022, 4 PM

St. Matthias Parish Community

Sunday, January 16, 2022, 10AM

St. Matthias Parish Community

Saturday, January 22, 2022, 4 PM

St. Matthias Parish Community

Sunday, January 23, 2022, 10AM

Barbara Eldridge—Memorial

Sanctuary and Altar Candles Donations

In Loving Memory of

**Frank and Leah Calore
Joseph Calore
Eleanor Laspada
Robert Bucher**

From the Bucher Family

Music for Celebrations of the Eucharist January 15 and January 16

Gathering Song: Sing a New Church
hymnal # 644

Preparation: One Spirit, One Church
booklet # 3

Communion: Ubi Caritas
booklet # 5

Recessional: Oh God, Beyond Praising
booklet # 7



WELCOME TO ST. MATTHIAS

Update to Masking Mandate from the Archdiocese of Boston

As of January 6, 2022, masks are required at Masses, meetings and events until March 3, 2022. This is an extension from the previous mandate.

Current Masking and Seating Protocols at St. Matthias

- 1) Masks are required at Masses, meetings and events at St. Matthias until March 3, 2022. Children under the age of five are not required to wear masks. Children under the age of two should not wear masks.
- 2.) The right side of the church will remain with physical distance markers for attendees.

*Thank you for understanding and keeping
our community safe.*

From Fr. Fran

The COVID Beat Goes On

I hope everyone is taking precautions during this current surge of the COVID virus. Even though the latest strain seems to be less severe, its transmissibility seems astounding. While we continue doing everything we can to keep our church environment as safe as possible, there may be times when folks are present with the virus. That is why it is important that we keep the windows open and ask everyone to wear a face covering.

As you may know, it is suggested that with the Omicron variant we “step up” our masking game. N95s and KN95s are highly recommended, with surgical masks coming in second and cloth masks, which many of us have been wearing, coming in just above no face covering at all. We are trying to secure masks for availability at Mass in case you forget yours, but we have found it difficult to find them in stock. We will do our best to keep a supply on hand.

As I mentioned last week, if you test positive in the days after you’ve been to Mass, please let us know. If you’ve come in close contact with someone who is positive, you don’t need to inform us, but you certainly should follow the CDC guidelines.

The Archdiocese of Boston has extended the mask mandate for those attending Mass until at least until March 3rd.

Cancellations

With the winter weather upon us, as well as the Omicron variant, from time to time we may need to cancel Mass, Faith Formation Sessions, and other on-site activities. Please check our web site and Facebook page frequently for updated schedules. We will also announce cancellations through our phone system voicemail.

Parish Finances

Our Parish Finance Council met last week to go over our current fiscal status. While we are holding our own in these difficult times, the most pressing financial issue we uncovered was the deficit in our weekly offertory. We are running about \$10,000 dollars short of budget for the first six months of the fiscal year. On the flip side, our expenses continue to come in underbudget. However, with the heating season and snow removal season in full swing, we could easily come up to or exceed what we have budgeted during the next few months.

Our Grand Annual Campaign is doing very well as you can see in the recent rise in our campaign thermometer. We are at \$44,230.00 which is 59% of our goal.

Throughout the almost two years of the pandemic St. Matthias parishioners have been extremely generous. Thank you for your continued support. If you haven’t donated to the Grand Annual, now is the time! If you are able to increase your weekly donation, that would help us a great deal in erasing our offertory deficit. Thanks in advance for your commitment to our parish family.

A Tearful Goodbye

Our beloved friend and choir member, Fritz Giesen, died suddenly last week. Our prayers and condolences go out to his family and to our parish choir who loved him dearly. Fritz was one of a kind. He was full of life, love, and optimism, even through his most challenging days. As a faithful member of the choir, he was the entire bass section! As a member of our bereavement choir, he sang the Ave Maria beautifully at countless funerals. At the Easter Vigil he sang the story of the Israelites passing through the Red Sea and we all felt as if we were there. At our Spring Flings he would be game for just about anything, including embodying Tevye the milkman and even having his hair washed onstage.

We were blessed to have this faith filled man among us. The light of Christ shone brightly through him. Fritz, may the angels lead you into paradise.



SAFETY REMINDER

When visiting the restroom during mass and activities in the Parish Hall, children will need to be accompanied by an adult or sibling over 16 years of age. Doors are unlocked for worshippers to enter church, including the glass door near the bathroom. Please note that the doors adjacent to the parish hall are unlocked during mass and other community meetings. Let’s work together to keep our children safe.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY GOAL \$4,000.00

Offertory Collection for January 8 and January 9

Offertory Collection	\$ 1,440.00
WeShare Offertory	<u>\$ 1,190.00</u>
	\$ 2,630.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 425.00
WeShare Parish Maintenance	<u>\$ 310.00</u>
	\$ 735.00

Mass attendance: 133

January Special Collections

Church in Latin America January 22 and 23

January 16, 2022

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH FORMATION GATHERINGS

Faith Formation meetings for Grades 1-8 will resume Sunday, January 23.

Grades 1-5 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.
Grades 6-8 6: 00 - 7:10 p.m.

LOVE GROW SERVE



January 16, 2022 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

“To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” (1 CORINTHIANS 12:7)

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God’s plan? How are you helping to build God’s kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don’t do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Conor Canavan
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Richard Desjardin
Lars Dwyer
Craig Fallon
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Jeanette Kirk
Derek Ledoux
Marie Leigh
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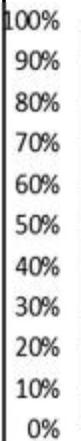
Maura McGuinness
Richard Murray
Debra Natoli
Nick DiNitto
Chris O’Brien
Ayn Paolella
Rose Pillings
Jennifer Reis
Raymond Sotek
Andrew Tivnan
Jane Walsh

NOTICE: If you would like to add a loved one to this prayer list, please email: admin@stmattpar.org.

FY 2022 GRAND ANNUAL

Grand Annual Donations as of January 3, 2022

Grand Annual FY 22 Goal: \$75,000
Total Received (Thank you!): \$44,230
Total to Reach Goal: \$30,770



Percentage of Goal: 59%
No. Families Contributing: 78

Our campaign is off and running and runs through **February 1!** If you haven’t already, please donate online through WeShare, or drop your donation in the Offertory Box (use envelope provided in pew or use the one sent home if you are on our mailing list).

2022 Grand Annual Collection

As you can see by our donation thermometer, we are doing pretty well, but we still have a long way to go to reach our 2022 Grand Annual goal. Every dollar of our goal is spoken for in our 2022 budget. Your donations will go towards salaries, utilities, and the work of our ministries.

As with most parishes, our finances have been tight during the pandemic. Even as St. Matthias’ parishioners have been very generous over these last two years, we’ve had to cut back on staff hours, janitorial hours, and other expenses. In order to avert any further cutbacks, it is crucial that we meet our 2022 Grand Annual goal. If your finances allow, please consider a donation to this year’s campaign. And a huge thank you to those who have already contributed.

You may make your donation online through our WeShare donation tool, by dropping your contribution in the Offertory box, through the mail, or by visiting us during office hours.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15 and January 16

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Gospel: John 2:1-11

Readings—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 22 and January 23

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**ST. MATTHIAS AND THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS PROJECT
"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"**

The Knights of Columbus in collaboration with St. Matthias Parish joined with participants of the Faith Formation in raising awareness of ways to **Keep Christ in Christmas**. Through discussion among the children in classes and the making of posters the real reason of Christmas was made manifest to families and friends in an enjoyable exercise. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their ongoing support to our community.



Financial Update

Fiscal Budget vs Actual 2022
July 1 — December 31, 2021

	<u>Budget \$</u>	<u>Actual \$</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
<u>Offertory</u>	\$96,383.51	\$85,686.60	-\$10,696.94
<u>Maintenance</u>	\$18,796.04	\$17,134.40	-\$1,661.64

**END OF YEAR DONATION
STATEMENTS**



Beginning this week, Contribution Summaries for 2021 will be sent to parishioners who requested a report last year. If you are unsure if you received one last year and want to confirm or to request a 2021 statement, please call the parish office at 508-460-9255 or email: admin@stmattpar.org.



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