

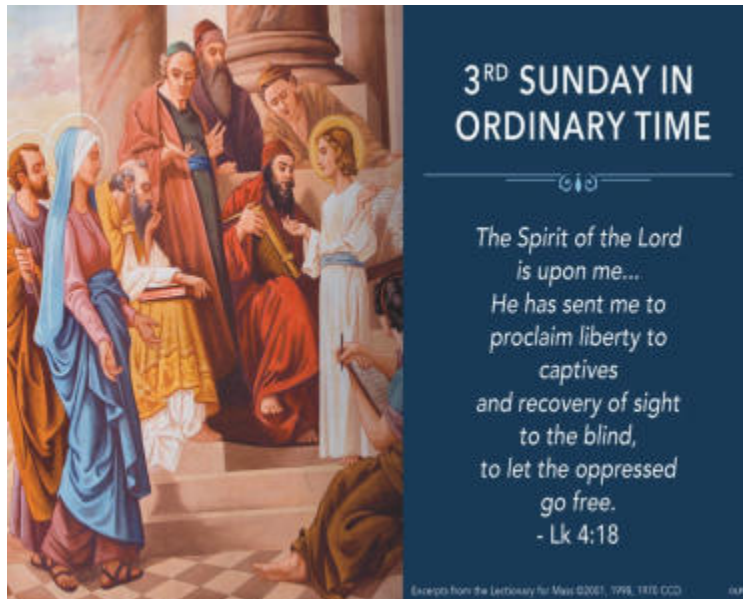
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Celebrations of the Eucharist

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



Monday, 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.



Internet Mass for January 23, 2022, 10AM

Barbara Eldridge — Memorial

Internet Mass for Sunday, January 30, 2022, 10AM

Laura Sousa — 1-month anniversary Memorial

St. Matthias Notice

Suspended Mass for January

COVID 19 continues to be a problem in our community. Fueled by the Delta and now Omicron variants, we have seen a tremendous increase in the number of people who are being diagnosed with the virus. Despite the fact that it appears that Omicron is less severe than past variants, individuals, especially those who are at risk, continue to be impacted. The Safety Committee at St. Matthias Church in Marlborough met on Tuesday, January 11 to discuss what actions could be taken to protect our congregation. Based on the deliberations of this group, which includes people from the medical and public health community, **masses and all in-person activities at St. Matthias** will be suspended until the weekend of **February 5 and 6th**. Although this is a difficult decision, we believe it is the best interest of our parish and the Marlborough community to do so.

We urge those who have not been vaccinated, to consider receiving the vaccine, and for those who are concerned about their health status to act cautiously and in accordance with medical advice.

Mass will continue to be recorded and posted on Facebook (@stmattpar) and our website (www.stmattpar.org).

The St. Matthias Safety Committee



Music for the Celebration of the Eucharist January 23

Gathering Song: **Gather Your People**
 hymnal # 742

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: **One Bread, One Body**
 hymnal # 813

Recessional: **Send Down the Fire**
 hymnal # 877



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COVID and Parish Masses

By now most parishioners know that we have put a pause on in-person masses until February 5/6. Please see the article elsewhere in the bulletin for the details. I'd like to thank our parish COVID Safety Committee for the care with which they made this decision. I'd especially like to thank Dr. John Broach and Dr. Rich Pulice, our medical specialists, for helping us understand the current situation and why it is advantageous to take a break right now. And to you, our faithful parishioners, thank you for *your* understanding. These days are not easy for any of us. I know that coming to celebrate mass is an anchor of normalcy for many. I invite you to participate in our parish masses over the next two weeks by watching our recorded celebration of the Eucharist which is found on our web page and Facebook page. Let us pray that the Omicron variant keeps subsiding at a swift pace and that soon we will be able to gather together again safely.

Since the COVID situation is very fluid, please check in frequently with our updates which are posted on our web page, Facebook Page, and on our parish voice mail. Just a reminder that when we return to in-person mass the archdiocese has issued a mask mandate until at least after Ash Wednesday. Also, the City of Marlborough has issued a mask mandate that went into effect on Friday.

Change in the Forming of Pastoral Collaboratives

As you know the Archdiocese of Boston has been forming parishes into Pastoral Collaboratives over the past number of years. St. Matthias has been scheduled to begin a Collaborative with St. Michael in Hudson, for some time now.

The archdiocese has been forming these Collaboratives in phases. Before COVID-19 hit, we were scheduled for the phase beginning in June of 2021. Due to the pandemic, that date was moved to June of this year, 2022.

The archdiocese has decided to set aside the phasing system. From now on, the Regional Bishops, in consultation with the Archdiocesan Office for Disciples in Mission, will determine the best time for parishes to form Pastoral Collaboratives.

I spoke recently with our Regional Bishop, Robert Reed, about the new procedure and where St. Matthias and St. Michael fit in. He related that no new Collaboratives will be formed during 2022.

Our status remains that St. Matthias and St. Michael *will* form a Collaborative. However, the date is yet to be determined.

Unless Fr. Ren and I are asked to take on new assignments, we will continue to lead our respective parishes.

One thing that is determined at this time is the continuation of St. Matthias and St. Michael as independent parishes. There is a rumor going around (especially at Market Basket for some reason) that St. Matthias Parish is closing. There are no plans to close our parish or merge us with another parish. However, our status relies heavily on our being able to pay our bills. Our Offertory is about \$10,000 under budget as we begin the second half of the fiscal year. The future of our parish depends on the generosity of our parishioners both financially and spiritually. Thank you for your continued support, especially during these challenging times.

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

**Church in Latin America
Special Collection**

This week's second collection supports various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The Collection for the Church in Latin America funds the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/index.cfm for more information.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY GOAL \$4,000.00**Offertory Collection— Mailed to Office**

Offertory Collection	\$ 750.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 1,530.00
	\$ 2,280.00

January Special Collections

Church in Latin America January 22 and 23

January 23, 2022

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH FORMATION GATHERINGS

Faith Formation gatherings **will not be held January 23 and 30, 2022 for Grades 1-8.** Our parish Safety Advisory group along with Fr. Fran will re-assess the pause in meetings on January 25. It is our hope we will gather again starting the weekend of February 5 and 6.

The schedule is:

Saturday, February 5

Confirmation I (Grade 9) and Confirmation II (Grade 10+) will participate in 4:00 p.m. Mass. Following Mass both groups will meet in the parish hall and conference room.

Sunday, February 13

Grades 1 through 5 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Grades 6 through 8 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.

Sunday, February 27

Grades 1-5 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Grades 6-8 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.



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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 18, 2022

Grand Annual FY 22 Goal: \$75,000

Total Received (*Thank you!*): \$45,450

Total to Reach Goal: \$29,550



Percentage of Goal: 60.6%

No. Families Contributing: 81

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—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

Readings—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29 and January 30

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-7, 17-19

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

FAMILY PRAYER TIME

A great way to keep Christ in your home is to set aside a regular time to pray together as a family—or, if your schedules don't allow for the whole family to pray together, aim to pray together one-on-one or in small groups.

Tips for Getting Started:

► **Find a regular time to pray, and make it a habit.** Your family prayer time might be daily, or once a week (Sunday afternoons or Wednesday evenings, for example). Psychologists say that it can take months of persistence to develop a habit. You can help the process along by hooking family prayer to another family habit. Do your younger kids already have a bedtime routine? Kick it off by sitting down together for prayer. Does your family eat meals together? Work in a short time of prayer at the beginning and end of the meal. The time before Sunday Mass, driving to school, watching TV, brushing teeth—any of these activities might be a trigger for shared prayer.

► **Start small.** Until family prayer time is a habit, you may need to start small. If you can't do a ten-minute prayer service, start with five; if you can't do five minutes, start with sixty seconds, or even a ten-second blessing on the way out the door in the morning.

► **Find a style of prayer that fits your family now.** Try out different prayer practices until you find one that works for your family at this time in your kids' faith development. Suggestions: Teach the Rosary, prayer before bed, prayer at mealtime, prayers for family members etc.

► **Let kids lead.** Giving kids choices, input, and leadership opportunities is a great way to get them engaged, and also prepares them to pray on their own initiative.

Our Family
Is a circle of strength;
Founded on Faith, Joined in Love
Kept by God, Together
forever



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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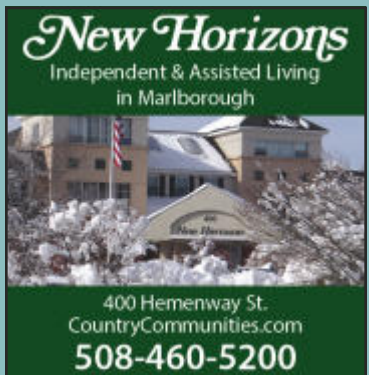
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