

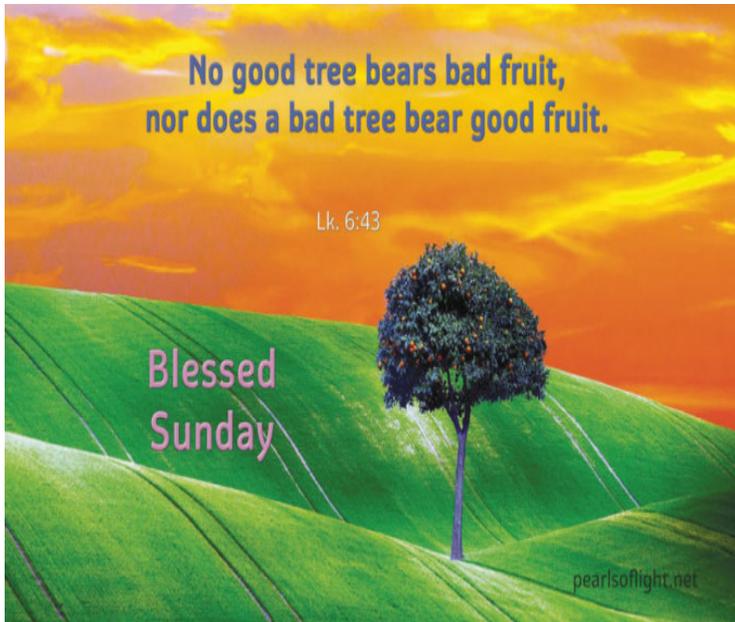
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Celebrations of the Eucharist

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

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**.



In-person Mass, Saturday, February 26, 4PM

St. Matthias Parish Community

In-person Mass, Sunday, February 27, 10AM

St. Matthias Parish Community

In-person Mass, Saturday, March 5, 4PM

St. Matthias Parish Community

In-person Mass, Sunday, March 6, 10AM

St. Matthias Parish Community



Welcome into our faith community through the
Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, February 27

Stephen Michael Ryan III

Please pray for Stephen Michael and his family as he
begins his journey of faith.



Pre-recorded Mass can be found posted
online on Facebook post Sundays by
10:00 AM. Just search **@stmattpar!**

OR

Visit our website on your favorite
browser at www.stmattpar.org to view
the Mass from our homepage.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, February 26

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

Sunday, February 27

Faith Formation Grades 1– 5
Parish Hall, 8:30 a.m. — 9:45 a.m.

Celebration of the Eucharist with Baptism
Church, 10:00 a.m.

Burning of the Palm

Front of Church, following 10:00 a.m. Mass

Faith Formation Grades 6-8

Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m. — 7:10 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2

Celebration of the Eucharist for Ash Wednesday
Church, 9:00 a.m.

Celebration of the Eucharist for Ash Wednesday
Church, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 5

Faith Formation Grades 9 and 10+
Church, 4:00 / Parish Hall or Conference Room,
5:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, March 6

Faith Formation Grades 1– 5
Parish Hall, 8:30 a.m. — 9:45 a.m.

Celebration of the Eucharist
Church, 10:00 a.m.

Faith Formation Grades 6-8
Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m. — 7:10 p.m.

Music for Celebrations of the Eucharist
February 26 and 27

Gathering Song: Deliver Us, O Lord of Truth
hymnal # 660

Preparation: The Servant Song
hymnal # 661

Communion: I Want to Walk as a Child of
the Light
hymnal # 513

Recessional: Halle, Halle, Halle
booklet # 8

From Fr. Fran

“Life is one long Lent” is a phrase that the late Bishop Larry Riley was fond of saying. Depending on your point of view, this can be a good thing or a bad thing.

Lent is the first movement in a three part season we call the Paschal Season. It is followed by the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday) and concluded with the 50-day season of Easter.

Lent began as a preparation period for the catechumens, those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. During Lent the catechumens become the “Elect”, going through an intensive period of preparation for baptism. The value of this time for the catechumens was so evident that the early church decided to extend this period to all the baptized as preparation for Easter.

As a season of preparation, Lent helps us to renew our commitment to our baptismal call of love and service to God and one another. The traditional disciplines of Lent - prayer, fasting and charity, are not ends in themselves. These disciplines should help us to strip away some of the things that hold us back from living lives of love and service and into a deeper understanding of what it means concretely to follow of Christ.

While it’s always worthy to “give up” something we enjoy during Lent, that sacrifice should lead us to “give up” for good some of our attitudes, actions, and thoughts which do not come from God. Lent is a time to ask God to transform us and shape us more closely into our true Christian selves.

So, if life being “one long Lent” means we are always being called to conversion of heart and mind and soul, then bring it on! And may we remember the hard work of Lent gives way to the joy of Easter, and we are indeed an Easter people.

**Note from Our Music Director
Peter Brockmann**

I think you would agree there’s nothing worse then having a smartphone ring during Mass and then realizing to your dismay that it’s YOUR smartphone ringing loudly during the Mass. Turning the phone to vibrate during Mass is at a minimum personally distracting and usually inopportune. Ughh. And for some folks it’s worse to turn a smartphone off at the start of Mass only to miss the important phone call three hours later, because you forgot to turn up the volume after Mass.

Well, life doesn’t have to be like this any more. Both Apple and Google have made dramatic strides with sophisticated “DO NOT DISTURB” features to disable the ring during certain times of certain days and can even disable the ring at certain locations. This way you configure the feature once and leave it alone.

IPHONE USERS:

Settings > Focus > Do Not Disturb > in the section called TURN ON AUTOMATICALLY tap the (+) Add Schedule or Automation and choose the day of the week and time. If you’re a frequent worshipper like me, I use the location where I specify the parish address: 409 Hemenway St. So, whenever I’m at the parish, my iPhone doesn’t ring. Callers go right to voice mail. Ahhhh.

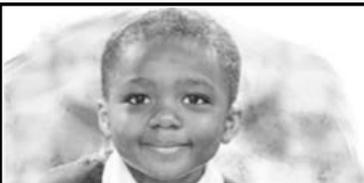
ANDROID USERS:

Pull down the Control Center by swiping from the top of the screen. Hold for 2 seconds: Do Not Disturb icon (-). Turn on as scheduled... and complete your selections.

Now using advanced smartphone features like DO NOT DISTURB, the distractions of our daily lives can ‘automatically’ be set aside for a few minutes to help us more fully enter the sacrifice of the Holy Mass.

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Next weekend, the 2022 Catholic Appeal will be officially announced here in our parish and across the Archdiocese. In addition to supporting the programs and operations of our parish, the Appeal also puts faith into action in our schools and in our broader communities. We invite you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift to this year’s appeal. When our parish reaches its goal in paid pledges, a portion of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our parish. To make a gift online scan the QR code or visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate-now. Thank you!

February 27, 2022

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH FORMATION GATHERINGS

Faith Formation meetings for **Sunday, February 27** are as follows:

Grades 1-5 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.

Grades 6-8 6:00 - 7:10 p.m.

Faith Formation meetings for **Sunday, March 6** are as follows:

Grades 1-5 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.

Grades 6-8 6:00 - 7:10 p.m.

Confirmation I (Grade 9) and Confirmation II (Grade 10+) will participate in 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 5. **Following Mass meetings** for both groups will be held in the conference room with Deacon Paul and parish hall with Mrs. Salafia.



Important Dates

First Eucharist

May 7 during 4 p.m. Mass

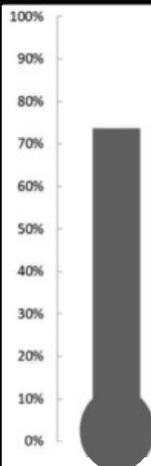
Confirmation

May 1 during 10:00 a.m. Mass



FY 2022 GRAND ANNUAL

Grand Annual Donations as of February 20, 2022



Grand Annual FY 22 Goal: \$75,000

Total Received (Thank you!): \$55,250

Total to Reach Goal: \$19,750

Percentage of Goal: 73.7%

No. Families Contributing: 101

We have extended our Grand Annual Campaign through the end of February, but please know you are still able to make contributions through June 30, 2022! We are closing in on our goal and as you know these dollars go directly towards the operating budget. If you haven't already, please prayerfully consider a donation online through WeShare, or drop into the Offertory Box. Thank you to those who have donated!

WEEKLY OFFERTORY GOAL \$4,000.00

Offertory Collection February 19/20

Offertory Collection \$ 1,697.00
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 \$ 3,622.00

Mass Attendance: 124

Special Collection — February 2022

Support of the Church Around the World Feb. 26 - 27

Financial Update

Fiscal Budget vs Actual 2022
 July 1 — January 31, 2022

	<u>Budget \$</u>	<u>Actual \$</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
Offertory	\$112,942	\$95,559	-\$17,383
Maintenance	\$21,929	\$19,526	-\$2,403

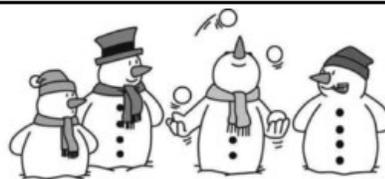


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 Chris O'Brien
 Ayn Paoella
 Jennifer Reis
 Raymond Sotek
 Andrew Tivnan
 Jane Walsh
 Lydia Whitcomb

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



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings — Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 26 and February 27

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Readings — First Sunday of Lent
March 5 and March 6

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Second Reading Romans 10:8-13
Gospel: Luke 4:1-13



LENT IS COMING!

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. **To take part: 1. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the church entrances this weekend!**

2. Join our Team at <https://mobilizecrs.donordrive.com/team/5913> and find the calendar and stories online at: www.crsricebowl.org/families



Ash Wednesday Masses

Ashes will be received during the Celebration of the Eucharist.

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

9:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

WELCOME TO ST. MATTHIAS

Current Masking and Seating Protocols

Masks are still currently are mandated to be worn at Masses, meetings and events until February 28, 2022. This is an extension from the previous mandate.

- 1) Masks are required at Masses, meetings and events at St. Matthias until February 28, 2022. Children under the age of five are not required to wear masks. Children under the age of two should not wear masks. Should you forget a mask, masks will be available at the main entrance to the church. **Note: All indications are that N95 or KN95 masks are best against the current variant. Doubling up surgical masks or wearing a surgical mask is still better than a cloth mask for your protection and the protection of others.**
- 2) The right side of the church will remain with physical distance markers for attendees, but it is **strongly encouraged that all attendees follow physical distancing guidelines as this is the best way to lessen each others risk of getting COVID.**

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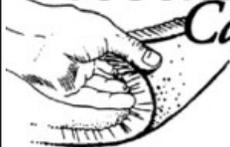
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