

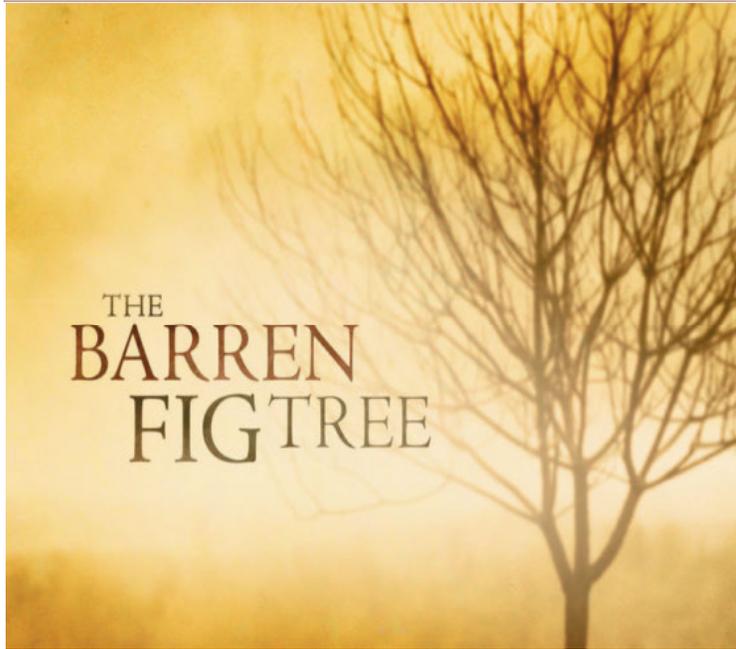
# Saint Matthias Parish

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

### Weekend Masses

**Saturdays 4:00 PM**

**Sundays 10:00 AM**

**Weekday: Monday and Tuesday — 9:00 a.m.**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@stmattpar.org)  
or leave a voicemail at **508-460-9255**.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 19, 4PM**

Deacon James Casapulla — Memorial

**Sunday, March 20, 10AM**

Diane Alkins — Memorial

**Saturday, March 26, 4PM**

Eileen M. (O'Brien) Barry — Memorial

**Sunday, March 27, 10AM**

Frank Ponterella — Memorial



### ***Thank you for your prayers***

Claire and I would like to thank our St Matthias family for all their prayers for our son Craig. He was operated on Ash Wednesday with his first follow-up appointment on March 15th. Craig posted the following to his FaceBook page:

"So, two weeks ago I went into the hospital for surgery to remove my tumor. Today I went in for a follow-up and learned there were clear margins and everything is looking good so far. Obviously, there's still a long way to go but I feel like the worst is finally in my rearview mirror.

Thanks to everyone for their well-wishes and positive thoughts and prayers. It has been very helpful." Craig Fallon

Thank you all, *Claire and Mike Fallon*



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## THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

**Saturday, March 19**

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

**Sunday, March 20**

**Faith Formation Grades 1– 5**  
Parish Hall/Conference Room/Classroom,  
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.

**Monday, March 21**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Conference Room Chapel, 9:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, March 22**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Conference Room Chapel, 9:00 a.m.

**Friday, March 25**

**Lenten Penance Service**  
Church, 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, March 26**

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

**Sunday, March 27**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

### ***SPECIAL COLLECTION***

**Catholic Relief Service CRS—Aid for Ukraine**  
**March 19 and March 20**

Cardinal Sean O'Malley has authorized this weekend, March 19 and March 20, for a collection to be taken up throughout the Archdiocese of Boston to aid in the relief efforts for Ukraine. Monies collected will be distributed through the Catholic Relief Service CRS.

Please visit: <https://support.crs.org/donate> to make a secure payment on-line. Additional details can be found in Fr. Fran's bulletin piece.

### **LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The Parish Community is invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation with our Faith Formation First Eucharist students during the Lenten Penance Service in the church.

**From Fr. Fran**

**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal**

Many thanks to Deacon Russ Morey for his witness talk last weekend on the work of the Archdiocese of Boston's Annual Appeal. As last weekend, you are invited to fill out a pledge card (which you will find at the ends of the pews) and drop it today in the collection box at the rear of the church. It is important that parishioners return the pledge cards this weekend so that they will be counted towards our "in pew" campaign. (15 or more are needed to ensure that we will be able to receive any money donated over our goal and to apply for an abatement if we do not reach our goal). Many thanks to all who have and will be supporting the important work of our archdiocese through the Annual Appeal.

**Aid to Ukraine**

As the assault on Ukraine continues there is a great need for assistance. As I mentioned a few weeks ago the Catholic Relief Service, CRS is mounting an important response. This weekend a collection will be taken up throughout the Archdiocese of Boston to aid this relief effort.

At our parish masses you will be able to donate at the end of Mass in the rear foyer of the church. Just look for parishioners with baskets. **If you are donating by check, please address it to St. Matthias Parish with "Ukraine Relief" in the memo.**

Below is Cardinal Sean's message on the collection.

*Due to the unprecedented needs brought about by the devastation of the attacks on Ukraine and the immigration of millions of victims fleeing the ravages of the war, I am authorizing a special collection to be taken up at all parishes on the weekend of March 19 and 20. The proceeds from the collection will be sent to Catholic Relief Services, the overseas relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, and to the Vatican agency for outreach to the Churches in Eastern Europe.*

*Through news coverage of the war, we have witnessed the immediate human crisis needs, including those caused by the horrendous bombing of a maternity hospital. There will also be longer term needs, for rebuilding churches and hospitals, and other recovery and reconstruction programs.*

*The people of our Archdiocese have a long history of generosity in times of local, national, and international disasters and for assisting with relief of human suffering. Please join me in supporting the people of Ukraine through our prayers, our concern, and our contributions.*

God bless,  
Cardinal Seán

**A Note from Peter Brockmann  
Music Director**

Choir rehearsals are normally on Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary starting at 7 pm. Our goal is to review and reflect on the music planned for the weekend liturgies and develop our appreciation for the musical arts and each other. Typically, we start with a prayer and then stretching and warm up exercises. Our instrument is our bodies, so we need to remove upper body stress, set aside the distractions of our daily lives and promote relaxation for optimal sound production and meaningful delivery of the lyric.

A big part of being successful as a choir is to practice listening to each other - for balance, volume and tone. The best choirs vary volume so some passages are soft, and others loud and some start loud and end soft or start soft and end loud, to help make the lyrics say more than just the words. We also strive to start and stop together and that means delivering the consonants at the beginning and end of words - at the same time! No small feat. Generally, this is a lot harder to achieve when the director is directing 'from the piano,' but it is not impossible.

We also like to practice breathing. (This is harder sometimes than it sounds). Following the punctuation of the lyric is a very helpful clue about when to breathe (take a breath at periods, comas, semicolons, colons) which leads to a more musical or pleasing rendition of the text with emphasis consistent with the composers' goal.

We conclude our rehearsals with a prayer.

Lately, we have begun to rehearse the many hymns, songs and elements that make up the Holy Week celebrations at St Matthias. As most of these are sung but once a year, they seem to easily return to our collective memories pretty quickly. And for new choir members, the sheer volume of works can easily seem overwhelming. That's where fellowship and trust in each other fits in perfectly. After all, music ministry is a ministry - the sharing of the faith in a journey together.

If you would like to join the choir or have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Peter Brockmann  
[pbrockmann@stmattpar.org](mailto:pbrockmann@stmattpar.org)  
508-904-0171



**FAITH FORMATION GATHERINGS**

During our Lenten Penance service scheduled for **Friday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m.** our children who are preparing for First Eucharist, along with their families, will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Please include these children in your daily prayer that they may experience peace and forgiveness in their lives.

In-person Faith Formation meetings for Sunday, **April 3** are as follows:

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

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN SCHEDULE FOR CONFIRMATION I AND II from April 2 to April 9.**

Confirmation I and II will meet **Saturday, April 9** beginning with Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by meeting in parish hall with Deacon Paul, Mrs. Salafia and guest, Jim Flanagan, Youth Minister at Holy Name Parish, West Roxbury. A light supper will be served followed by a discussion with Jim focusing on the preparation for Confirmation II taking place May 1, 2022 and Confirmation I Class for Spring 2023. This evening's gathering will conclude at 6:45 p.m.

**Financial Update**

Fiscal Budget vs Actual 2022

	<u>Budget \$</u>	<u>Actual \$</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
<b><u>Offertory</u></b>	\$126,027.36	\$105,488.60	-\$21,330.76
<b><u>Maintenance</u></b>	\$25,061.26	\$22,110.80	-\$2,950.56



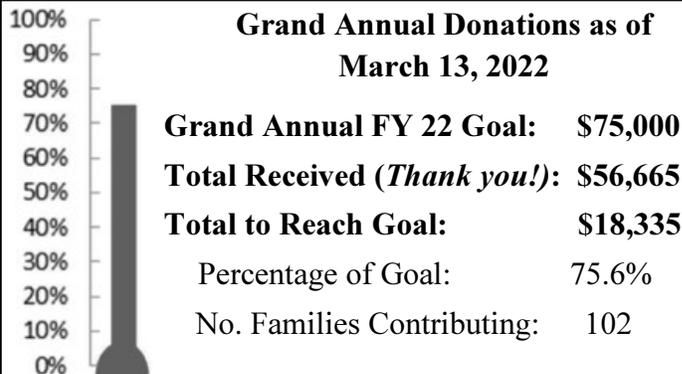
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*in your prayers*

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 Craig Fallon  
 LeAnne Gogel  
 Jeanette Kirk  
 Derek Ledoux  
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Edward McManus  
 Debra Natoli  
 Nick DiNitto  
 Chris O'Brien  
 John O'Malley  
 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](mailto:admin@stmattpar.org).

**FY 2022 GRAND ANNUAL**



**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 March 12 and 13**

Offertory Collection	\$ 1,328.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 1,285.00
	<u>\$ 2,613.00</u>
Parish Maintenance Collection	\$ 1,328.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 1,285.00
	<u>\$ 2,613.00</u>

Mass Attendance: 137

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Readings — Third Sunday of Lent**  
**March 19 and March 20**

*First Reading:* Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15  
*Second Reading* 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12  
*Gospel:* Luke 13:1-9

**Readings — Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 26 and March 27**

*First Reading:* Joshua 5:9a, 10-12  
*Second Reading* 2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
*Gospel:* Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



### Our Lenten Journey

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 [crsrice-bowl.org](http://crsrice-bowl.org) to learn more. **To take part:**

- Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the church entrances this weekend!**
- Join our Team at <https://mobilizecrs.donordrive.com/team/5913> and find the calendar and stories online at: [www.crsricebowl.org/families](http://www.crsricebowl.org/families)**



### Catholic Appeal 2022

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are asked to support their parish and the ministries of the archdiocese through the Catholic Appeal. Please visit [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate-now](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate-now) to make an online donation.

When our parish reaches its goal of \$23,311 in paid pledges, a portion of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our parish.

The Catholic Charities Appeal brings hope where hope is needed most. Your gift helps put faith into action in countless and far-reaching ways. Thank you!

### TRIDUUM PLANNING TEAM

If you were unable to attend the St. Matthias **Triduum Planning Meeting last Tuesday**, and would like to volunteer, please call the office for information. Let's plan and pray together.

### Donations for Paschal Candle

As the Easter season approaches, St. Matthias parish will purchase a new Paschal Candle. The Paschal candle is blessed and is ceremoniously lit every year at Easter, and it is used throughout the Easter season and then throughout the year for sacramental celebrations, such as baptisms and funerals. If you would like to make a donation toward the candle, please call the office. The cost of the candle is approx. \$750.00. The current candle is returned to Marklin Candle for recycling and the parish receives a credit towards the new purchase.

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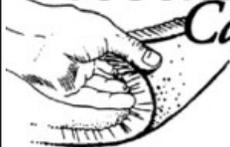
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