

# *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 in the Church**

**Saturdays 4:00 PM**

**Sundays 10:00 AM**

### **Weekdays in the Conference Room Chapel**

**Mondays and Tuesdays 9:00 AM**

**Holy Days:** 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 currently celebrated 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)



### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, April 23, 4PM**

Joe Miele — Memorial

**Sunday, April 24, 10AM**

Gerard & Irene Chevrette — 1st & 6th Anniversary  
Memorial

**Saturday, April 30**

The Community of St. Matthias

**Sunday, May 1**

Gladys M. Bonilla  
Myrna Milagros Torres — Memorial



### OFFERTORY GIFTS

Please place your weekly or special collection offertory gifts in the Offertory box at the main entrance to the church. There will be no passing of the basket during Mass until further notice.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

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OR Visit our website on your favorite browser at [www.stmattpar.org](http://www.stmattpar.org) to view the Mass from our homepage.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

**Saturday, April 23**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Church, 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday, April 24**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Church, 10:00 a.m.

**Monday, April 25**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Downstairs Conference Room Chapel, 9:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, April 26**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Downstairs Conference Room Chapel, 9:00 a.m.

**Saturday, April 30**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Church, 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 1**

**Celebration of the Eucharist with Confirmation**

Church, 10:00 a.m.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings — Second Sunday of Easter,  
Sunday of Divine Mercy  
April 23 and April 24

*First Reading:* Acts 5:12-16

*Second Reading:* Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

*Gospel:* John 20:19-31

Readings — Third Sunday of Easter  
April 30 and May 1

*First Reading:* Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

*Second Reading:* Revelations 5:11-14

*Gospel:* Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

## From Fr. Fran

We experienced a wonderful celebration of the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday. It was hard to believe that Easter of 2019 was the last time we were able to celebrate together fully!

A heartfelt thank you to the many parishioners who gave of their time and talent to make our celebrations so prayerful and joy filled. Special thanks to our Holy Week/Triduum Team who prepared all our liturgies, the members of our music ministry who led us so beautifully in sung prayer, those who decorated our church environment gloriously, both inside and outside, and those who served so well in the various liturgical ministries.

It was also great seeing folks together again at our reception after the 9AM Mass. Many have asked when our Sunday Coffee Hours will return. We are looking forward to starting up again, at first on a monthly basis. If you would like to help prepare a coffee hour, please call the parish office.

For the fifty days of the Easter Season the Church celebrates Christ's resurrection and invites us into his glory. We will mark this joyous time at St. Matthias Parish by sharing in the sacraments of **Confirmation** next Sunday, **May 1<sup>st</sup>** at the 10AM Mass, and **First Eucharist**, Saturday, **May 7<sup>th</sup>** at the 4PM Mass. Please keep our young parishioners in your prayers as they make their final preparations for these sacraments.

## FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation gatherings for all levels is complete until the Fall. Information for registration starting October 2022 will be sent to families in July. If you have questions please contact Theresa Salafia, Faith Formation Director, at the parish office, 508-460-9255, or [tsalafia@stmattpar.org](mailto:tsalafia@stmattpar.org).

### Upcoming Sacramental Celebrations

#### Confirmation

May 1 during 10:00 a.m. Mass

#### First Eucharist

May 7 during 4:00 p.m. Mass



### CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL

Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the church

### FIRST EUCHARIST BANNER MAKING

Mrs. Lowe will be in touch with the First Eucharist class to arrange a date and time to make your First Eucharist banners.

## Triduum Reflection by

### River Maria Kaplun, Parishioner

Last Sunday, having journeyed with the Christ through Lent toward his death and resurrection, we celebrated Easter, the exultation of which will continue for the Easter season. The Easter Triduum is the culmination of our entire liturgical year. It begins with the solemnity of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, plunges us into a reflection on sorrow and sacrifice on Good Friday, and reaches its high point on Saturday night with the "mother of all vigils."

I was baptized as an adult on Easter Vigil twelve years ago, and so this Mass lives in a special corner of my heart. I love its beauty, its mystery, and the metamorphosis of darkness into blinding and irrepressible joy. It is on this night—as we move into the dark church holding the candles lit from the Paschal flame, as we hear the readings and the music that take us from emptiness of time before the world to God's tender promise to become water for our thirst, as the lights come on in the sanctuary and the bells ring triumphantly while we sing glory to our risen Lord—it is on this miraculous night that we can almost experience the wonder of Jesus's resurrection.

Twelve years ago on Easter Vigil I was handed my first communion, and it took me several minutes before I was able to put it to my lips. It felt too holy, too sacred, too long-awaited to finally be one with it, and when eventually I did take it, I broke down in sobs. I still cry sometimes after the Eucharist because it's just so hard to believe.

Twelve years ago on Easter Vigil I and one other stood clad in white before the baptismal font in a small Pennsylvania church. Before our congregation, who'd seen us through a long year of RCIA, we were asked if we renounced sin and if we believed, and together we answered, "We do." Everybody laughed because we were supposed to answer each for ourselves, "I do," but I think our instinct, the reflexive move of the heart from newcomers to the faith, was not wrong. We come to this faith together, and together we are the Church of Christ. We sing as one voice and act as his hands, and only together can we experience the mystery of life that triumphs over death.

### UPCOMING CONFIRMATION

As our Confirmation candidates approach their reception of the sacrament of Confirmation please join with them and their families in prayer that they will be open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

**Spirit of wisdom and understanding**, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity.

**Spirit of right judgement and courage**, guide and make us firm in our baptismal decision to follow Jesus' way of love.

**Spirit of knowledge and reverence**, help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in everyday dealings with one another. May we respect life as we work to solve the problems of family, economy and ecology.

**Spirit of God**, spark our faith, hope and love into new action each day. Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence which permeates all creation. **Amen** - Catholic online

## A Note from Peter Brockmann, Director of Music

This past March 31, 2022 was the 337th birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), one of my favorite composers. You may recognize some of his most popular works as Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (BWV 147), the Brandenburg Concertos or perhaps a Prelude and Fugue from Das Weltempiert Klavier (BWV 846-869) that I play on occasion as the recessional during the Lenten season. He wrote over 1,000 works, catalogued in the Bach-Werke-Verzeichnis (BWV), or Bach Work Catalog.

Some interesting bits about Bach:

- one of his works in the catalog, the 'Canon triplex a 6' (BWV 1046) was actually a piece of music in his hand in a portrait painted in 1748.
- the B minor Mass (BWV 232) which is a big orchestral work with two choirs and several soloists takes two hours to perform, was never performed during his lifetime. Despite that, it is today considered one of the supreme achievements of classical music.
- Bach wrote over 200 Cantatas as part of his job as director of church music in Leipzig Germany. Cantatas are musical works with four soloists, a choir, organ and orchestra. The texts were from 18th century poetry, Lutheran hymns of the day and were related to the sacred readings prescribed by the Lutheran liturgy at the St Thomas Church in Leipzig Germany, were sung in German. For a three year period, he introduced a new Cantata at Sunday worship, every week. This took enormous creative energies, but also a gifted orchestra, choir and readily accessible soloists.
- After his death in 1750, his music fell somewhat into obscurity until about 1830 when Felix Mendelssohn (age 20) staged a revival of public performances of Bach's St Matthew Passion, after his grandmother gave him a copy of the manuscript for his birthday five years before. Mendelssohn is credited with igniting worldwide attention on Bach's music.
- the catalog BWV was first published in 1950.
- Six hymns including O SACRED HEAD SURROUNDED #435, SONG OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE #383, AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING #463, A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD #594 in GATHER II were harmonized by JS Bach.

Let us sing.

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY GOAL \$4,000.00

### Offertory Collection—April 9 & 10

Offertory Collection	\$ 2,260.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 1,150.00
	\$ 2,339.00

2nd Collection: Maintenance	\$ 369.00
WeShare Maintenance	\$ 310.00
	\$ 679.00

Total Mass Count: 260

### Holy Week Collections

#### Easter Vigil & Easter, Clergy Trust: April 16-17\*

Clergy Trust Collection	\$ 1,937.00
Mass Count Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday	334

#### Good Friday, Holy Land: April 15

Holy Land Collection	\$ 240.00
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\*Easter Clergy Trust and Good Friday donations by WeShare show in reporting next week.

CRS Rice Bowl Collection still to be calculated.

**REMINDER: There will be a collection for our chapter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul this weekend (April 23-24). Please use an SVdP envelope from the entrances to the church or pew and place in Offertory Box before or after Mass.**

## CORI FORMS FOR FY 2022

If you have not gotten your CORI processed yet, please find a staff member: Theresa Salafia, Darleen Doona, April Lowe or Nina Forster to process your form ASAP. You may also call to make an appointment or just drop by the Parish Office during Office Hours.



When handing in your form, please have a government issued form of ID, such as a driver's license, available for verification purposes. You will receive the Archdiocese of Boston Code of Conduct at this time.

Please note that a new form must be completed even if you have already filled out a form for a school or other organization. If you have any questions, please call April Lowe at 508-460-9255.

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord,  
let us make a joyful noise!

Psalms 95:1





Donna Anastas	Jeanette Kirk	John O'Malley
Conor Canavan	Derek Ledoux	Ayn Paoletta
Paul Cote	Maura McGuinness	Jennifer Reis
Aline Desjardin	Edward McManus	Raymond Sotek
Richard Desjardin	Debra Natoli	Andrew Tivnan
Craig Fallon	Nick DiNitto	Jane Walsh
LeAnne Gogel	Chris O'Brien	Lydia Whitcomb

**NOTICE:** To add a loved one to this prayer list, please email: [admin@stmattpar.org](mailto:admin@stmattpar.org).



## EASTER FLOWERS

Easter is a time filled with joy and reflection of the incredible sacrifice Christ made for us. A small part of that Easter joy is the beautiful arrangements of flowers adorning the church. The floral displays last throughout the 50 days of the Easter season. You may help offset the cost of the flowers with an Easter flower donation. Your contribution may be made in honor of a deceased loved one or other special intention. Easter Flower envelopes can be found at the church entrance. Place envelope with your name and the names of those you wish to honor on it and drop it in the collection bin located at the back of the church. Contributions may be made on-line through WeShare.

## Easter Gratitude

The beauty and prayerfulness of our Easter celebrations reflect the time and talent of many parishioners. Again, a special thank you to all who have shared their gifts with us to help make Triduum and our Easter season memorable.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**St. Vincent de Paul**

**BUNDLE  
WEEKEND**

**(Saturday, June 11 and Sunday, June 12)**

In a couple months, you'll see a St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) trailer located in the parking lot for a clothing drive sponsored by the SVdP Conference of St. Matthias!! At that time, **SVdP will gladly accept clean, usable clothes and shoes.** The organization unfortunately cannot accept any other items. Plenty of time to look through those closets!



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