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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 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).

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 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

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, May 7

Memorial

Anita Mauro — 1 Month Anniversary

Sunday, May 8

Memorial

John and Laura Sousa
John and Deolinda Roque

Saturday, May 14

Memorial

Anna and Joseph Zemejda

Sunday, May 15

Memorial

Gail Sullivan — 2nd Anniversary

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, May 7

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

Sunday, May 8

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

Monday, May 9

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

Finance Council Meeting

Downstairs Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 10

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

Saturday, May 14

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

Sunday, May 15

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



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.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings — Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 7 and May 8

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52
Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
Gospel: John 10:27-30

Readings — Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 14 and May 15

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27
Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a
Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35



Pre-recorded Mass can be found posted online on Facebook post Sundays by 10:00 AM. Just search [@stmattpar](https://www.facebook.com/stmattpar)

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

From Fr. Fran

Much to Celebrate!

We had a wonderful celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation** last Sunday. Thanks to all who prepared the celebration and worshiped together with our regional bishop, Bishop Robert Reed. Please continue to pray that the young women and men who received the gift of the Holy Spirit will continue to follow in Christ's footsteps, bringing love and compassion into all that they do.

This weekend we celebrate a group of youngsters in our parish coming to receive the **Sacrament of the Eucharist** for the first time at the 4PM Saturday Mass. Our second graders have been preparing all year to meet the Lord in this special way. Let us pray for them and for their families whom we welcome to the Table of the Eucharist on this important day in their journey of faith.

Another great celebration occurs this weekend, that of **Mother's Day**. It's time to celebrate the women in our lives who have nurtured and challenged us, consoled, and encouraged us, and have given faithful witness to God's love by their words and actions. A very blessed Mother's Day to all the mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, aunts, and nurturing women of our parish. May God continue to bless you in your vocation and may the celebration of this day bring you joy and closeness to Jesus' mother Mary. May you reflect her wisdom, courage, and faith in your own life. May her words echo in your hearts: *"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior."*

Don't forget to inscribe in our **May Book of Remembrance** the names of the deceased mothers and other important women in your life. The book can be found at the front of the church, next to the tabernacle. We will

pray for them throughout the month of May.

May 14th brings us the **Feast of St. Matthias**, the patron of our parish. We have the distinction of being the only parish in the Archdiocese of Boston named after Matthias. Our Director of Music Ministries, Peter Brockman has devoted his weekly bulletin column to St. Matthias so check it out!

Two Important Fundraising Campaigns Continue

As the Grand Annual Collection is to St. Matthias Parish, so is the Annual Appeal to the Archdiocese of Boston. Many thanks to all who have contributed to these campaigns so far. Both are still going strong but we have a way to go to meet our goals.

On the Archdiocesan level, for the Catholic Appeal, we need \$7,488.00 to reach the assessed goal of \$21,311.00. (If we don't meet the assessment the Archdiocese will take the balance out of our savings). On the home front, for our Grand Annual Appeal, we are at the 81.8% mark and need \$13,635.00 to reach our goal of \$75,000.00. Every penny is spoken for in our operating budget. Not meeting our goal will mean ending the year in a deficit.

If you are able to donate to these important campaigns, please do so now. Our parish books will close on June 30th, when we will have to adjust our 2023 budget according to the outcome of the Grand Annual totals.

The future of our parish depends solely on the generosity of *you*, our parishioners. Thank you so much for all you do to keep our parish alive and vibrant, especially during this time of rebuilding after the pandemic.

A Note from Peter Brockmann, Director of Music

Q. Have you ever wondered about who was St. Matthias?

A. St Matthias was a long-time disciple that had been following Jesus since the time of his baptism. He was, according to the early Christian writers Clement of Alexandria and Eusebius of Caesarea, also one of the 72 disciples that were paired off and dispatched by Jesus (Mark 6:7).

His place in church history originates in Acts 1:21-26, where the surviving apostles chose Matthias to replace Judas Iscariot. Apparently, he was in the upper room where all the Apostles received the Holy Spirit. Although, he's not mentioned again in the New Testament, Matthias ministered in Judea and conducted missions to foreign places, north and east of Jerusalem, in central Turkey and then the region between the eastern Black Sea and the Caspian Sea, a region called Cochis in ancient times, in modern day Georgia (the country not the state) and Armenia. Some suggest he might also have ministered to Ethiopia. It is thought he was martyred by cruxifixction or beheading.

The relics of our patron saint are said to have been brought to Rome by St Helena (the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine), in the 4th Century, where they were gifted to the Abbey of Santa Guistina, Padua Italy and to the Abbey of St Matthias, Trier Germany. This church in southwestern Germany, is a place of pilgrimage since the 12th Century, when a church reconstruction project revealed the reliquary and renewed the public's attention on Matthias as the only apostle buried north of the Alps.

He is often pictured with an axe and is the patron of carpenters, tailors, those with smallpox and persons suffering from any addictions due to the legend that he frequently preached and prayed for perseverance and hope.

Let us sing,

Peter Brockmann

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May 8, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter

FAITH FORMATION

Congratulations to our children who receive the Holy Eucharist on Saturday, May 7. Blessings to their families and friends who celebrate with them this weekend.

ELIZABETH CLAIRE ADELMAN

MYLES HORRIGAN

MATTHEW HARRISON STACK

MÆVE HILARY TULLY



Holy Communion

To all mothers and those who serve as mothers, thank you for your love and commitment to helping us grow in “wisdom, age and grace.”

Happy Mother’s Day.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY GOAL \$4,000.00

Offertory Collection— April 30 and May 1

Offertory Collection	\$ 2,126.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ <u>775.00</u>
	\$ 2,901.00

Total Mass Count: 322

May 8 — Parish Maintenance Collection

Financial Update

Fiscal Budget vs Actual 2022

July 1 — April 30, 2022

	<u>Budget \$</u>	<u>Actual \$</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
<u>Offertory</u>	\$157,534.18	\$134,134.60	-\$23,39.58
<u>Maintenance</u>	\$31,326.68	\$26,959.20	-4,367.48

Faith in Action, It All Starts with You
Catholic Appeal 2022

St. Matthias parishioners have pledged \$13,723 toward our 2022 Catholic Appeal goal of \$21,311 (64% of Assessment). Our heartfelt thanks go to all who have helped make our campaign a success so far. If you have not had the opportunity to support the Appeal yet, I invite you to make your gift today to help us reach our goal. Pick up an envelope at the back of the church or make an on-line donation at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org.

Your participation in our Appeal is appreciated by our parish and all those who are served by the ministries funded by the Appeal that put faith into action to support all of our parishes, schools, and communities. Thank you.

Weekday Mass

Monday and Tuesday 9:00 a.m.

Please join us in the Downstairs Conference Room Monday and Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. for the Celebration of the Eucharist.



Mass for the Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 26

9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

REMEMBERING OUR MOTHERS

It’s important to remember our Mothers and the women who touched our lives in many ways. During the Month of May, the parish celebrates these special women and honors them with special intentions. Names may be inscribed in our Book of Prayers located on the altar. Donation may be made in their name using the pink Mother’s Day Remembrance envelopes. All special intentions will be announced in a future bulletin in commemoration of these special ladies. Don’t forget to cherish your loved ones this *Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 8.*



<i>Donna Anastas</i>	<i>Jeanette Kirk</i>	<i>Jennifer Reis</i>
<i>Conor Canavan</i>	<i>Derek Ledoux</i>	<i>Steve S.</i>
<i>Paul Cote</i>	<i>Maura</i>	<i>Raymond Sotek</i>
<i>Alice Cox</i>	<i>McGuinness</i>	<i>Muriel Swenor</i>
<i>Joseph Cox</i>	<i>Edward McManus</i>	<i>Andrew Tivnan</i>
<i>Aline Desjardin</i>	<i>Debra Natoli</i>	<i>Jane Walsh</i>
<i>Richard Desjardin</i>	<i>Chris O'Brien</i>	<i>Lydia Whitcomb</i>
<i>Craig Fallon</i>	<i>John O'Malley</i>	
<i>LeAnne Gogel</i>	<i>Ayn Paoletta</i>	

NOTICE: To add a loved one to this prayer list, please email: 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 online through WeShare.

SAVE THE DATE!

**St. Vincent de Paul
BUNDLE WEEKEND**



(Saturday, June 11 and Sunday, June 12)

In June, 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!

ST. JOHN HIGH SCHOOL

Saint John's High School is hosting a Spring Preview Event for prospective middle and high school students **on Tuesday, May 24, at 6:00 pm.** Please visit www.stjohnshigh.org/admissions/visit-us for more information.

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