

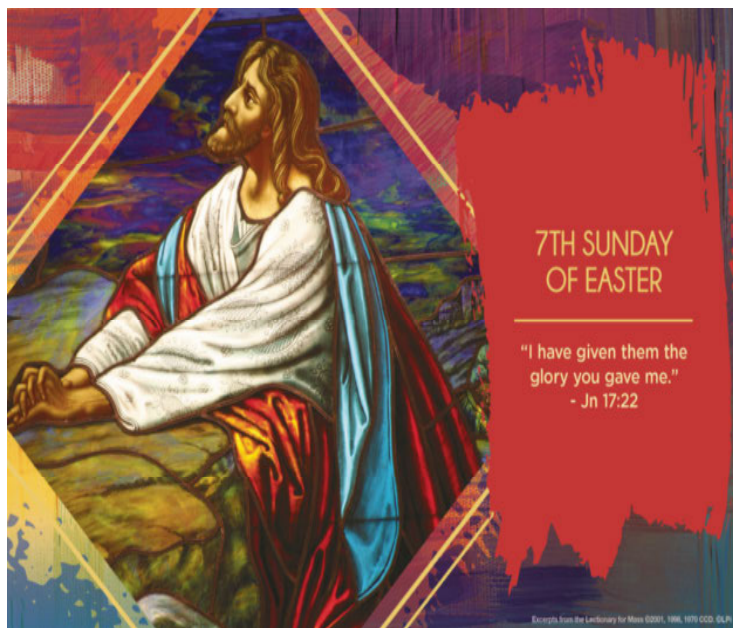
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Celebrations of the Eucharist

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 Week of May 29

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**.

Office will be closed
Monday, May 30
In Observance of Memorial Day

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 28

Myles Heffernan — Memorial

Sunday, May 29

Diane Robertson — Memorial

Saturday, June 4

Ernest and Albina Mauro and Ernest A. Mauro
Memorial

Sunday, June 5

Prayers for St. Matthias Parish Community

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.



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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, May 28

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

Sunday, May 29

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

Monday, May 30

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

Tuesday, May 31

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

Saturday, June 4

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

Sunday, June 5

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

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From Fr. Fran

A Time to Remember

With this Monday's celebration of **Memorial Day**, we take time out to thank God for the lives of those who died in service to their country. We also remember all our beloved dead.

While the holiday has become more of a non-official beginning of summer, let's take time to remember the original meaning of the day. Memorial Day began as "Decoration Day" after the Civil War. Families would pay tribute to their beloved dead by decorating their graves. To this day that tradition lives on for many of us. As Catholics, let us decorate the memory of our loved ones not only with flags or flowers, but with prayers, memories, tears, and laughter, as we recall those who now rest in the arms of our loving God.



Financial Notes

We're coming down to the wire on our fiscal year. If you follow our weekly report, you know that we will end the year on June 30th with a significant deficit in our Offertory. As I've mentioned here over the past few weeks, this will have an adverse effect on our 2023 budget.

I know that this is a challenging time with inflation on the rise, however, if you are able, please consider increasing your weekly giving. The future of our parish depends solely on the generosity of *you*, our parishioners.

During the summertime when folks are away it is crucial that we have a consistent Offertory to meet our obligations. I highly encourage parishioners to take advantage of our online giving program, WeShare. A recurring donation helps provide a stable financial flow to the parish which you only have to set up once. No more writing checks and sending "snail mail".

And if you haven't yet contributed to our 2022 Grand Annual Collection, now is the time! Our books close on June 30th. We are \$ 11,965 away from this year's goal of \$75,000. Thank you so much for all you do to keep our parish alive, especially during this time of uncertainty as the pandemic continues.

A Note from Peter Brockmann, Director of Music

As I ponder the inevitable end of the Easter season (next week is Pentecost), I thought it might be good to take a moment and review what a wonderful and holy Easter season we have just experienced! St Matthias has been very blessed:

- We have been routinely singing the great Easter Alleluia! at the dismissal of every weekend Mass thanks to the confidence of Deacon Doug and Deacon Paul. I think it's really sticking too. I can tell because as I provide a form of up-down-hand signals that helps (I think) the assembly know when to sing higher or lower, I look around the pews and can't help but acknowledge the infectious smiles and joyfulness of the assembly singing the people's part with great enthusiasm and 'gusto'.
- Although I have my hands busy (playing), I can hear many voices joining the Halle! Halle! Halle! Gospel Acclamation with a high level of energy all season long. (It is a fun one for sure).
- We've had a Mass with First Communicants. Fr Fran's homily, tuned for Good Shepherd Sunday was spot on for these young people and their families. AND, it was so nice to see so many young families at Mass - we've missed them for sure.
- We've had the opportunity to welcome Bishop Reed who confirmed the young men and women in our Confirmation Mass.

And, last Saturday, St Matthias hosted four families and their friends and families in the Sacrament of Baptism at Mass. Alleluia!

The faith is very much alive at St Matthias. The Holy Spirit is here!

Let us sing!

Peter Brockmann
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 508-904-0171



May 29, 2022

Seventh Sunday of Easter

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation gatherings have come to an end for the 2021/2022 season.

Many blessings to our Parish families for a safe and healthy summer.

Information for fall classes will be available over the summer. Please check your inboxes, the website and the bulletin for Fall registration beginning in July.

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.



Welcome into our faith community through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, June 5 (Afternoon).

Maggie Frances Kreitman

Please pray for Maggie Frances and her family as she begins her journey of faith.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings — Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 28 and May 29

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Readings—Pentecost Sunday
June 4 and June 5

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

WEEKLY OFFERTORY GOAL \$4,000.00

Offertory Collection — May 21 and May 22

Offertory Collection \$ 1,438.00

WeShare Offertory \$ 820.00

\$ 2,259.00

Total Mass Count: 180

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



REMEMBERING OUR FATHERS



*"When someone you love becomes a Memory,
that memory becomes a Treasure."*

In honor of Father's Day, during the month of June the parish will honor and pray for the many men who have touched our lives. Inscribe your loved one's name in the Book of Remembrance located on the altar and a donation may be made in his name using the Fathers Remembrance envelopes. All special intentions will be announced in a future bulletin in commemoration of these special men.

Weekday Mass

Monday and Tuesday 9:00 a.m.



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



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Conor Canavan
Paul Cote
Alice Cox
Joseph Cox
Aline Desjardin
Richard Desjardin
Craig Fallon
LeAnne Gogel
Tyler Hendrix
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Derek Ledoux
Maura McGuinness
Edward McManus

Debra Natoli
Chris O'Brien
John O'Malley
Ayn Paoella
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Steve S.
Raymond Sotek
Muriel Swenor
Andrew Tivnan
Jane Walsh
Lydia Whitcomb

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 on-line 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!

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