

# *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

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

#### Week of June 5

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, June 4

Ernest & Albina Mauro and  
Ernest A. Mauro — Memorial

#### Sunday, June 5

Prayers for all 2022 Graduates

#### Sunday, June 11

Prayers for St. Matthias Parish Community

#### Sunday, June 12

John & Laura Sousa and  
John & Deolinda Roque — Memorial

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

#### Saturday, June 4

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

#### Sunday, June 5

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

#### Monday, June 6

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

#### **PPC Meeting**

Downstairs Conference Room, 7:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, June 7

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

#### **Finance Committee Meeting**

Downstairs Conference Room, 7:15 p.m.

#### Saturday, June 11

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

#### Sunday, June 12

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

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### 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

#### Readings—Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity June 11 and June 12

*First Reading:* Proverbs 8:22-31

*Second Reading:* Romans 5:1-5

*Gospel:* John 16:12-15



### 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](http://www.stmattpar.org) to view the Mass from our homepage.



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.

## From Fr. Fran

**Come Holy Spirit**

With this weekend's celebration of the Feast of Pentecost we come to the end of another Easter Season. At St. Matthias Parish it's been a time of great joy with Baptisms, First Eucharists, and Confirmations. Also, it's great to see more folks coming back after the long COVID winter. There seems to be new life all around us.

Yet, in this Easter Season we've witnessed horrendous losses of life through the senseless war Russia is waging in Ukraine and the recent mass shootings in our own country. It's almost too much to bear.

A psychiatrist from one of the teaching hospitals in Boston put forth in a recent article that one can experience PTSD level symptoms of anxiety by becoming immersed in the news about these tragedies. The author suggested limiting the time we engage with these stories in social media, television and in print, not to block them out, but to put them into perspective. The article also encouraged folks to channel anger and disgust in healthy ways by getting involved with activities that can make a positive change in their communities.

It seems to me that what this mental health professional is talking about is very much in line with our Catholic Christian life. Sure, we wonder where God is in all of this and we can become as angry and despairing as anyone else, but our faith calls us to *do* something beyond getting caught in the loop of life's tragedies.

While we often feel helpless in these times, we are invited to let the Holy Spirit enter into our hearts and be the guide that helps us to become healers in times of pain. The Holy Spirit invites us to go beyond the politics, emotions, and chasms that divide us and live in the realm of Christ's love for all of humanity.

Perhaps the next time you feel yourself becoming overwhelmed with the madness of the world, you might turn off the noise around you and let the Holy Spirit speak in the quiet of your heart. You might be amazed at what happens and what the Holy Spirit may call you to do to bring more understanding and kindness into the world.

**Congratulations!**

As May turns into June the graduation season continues. Let me express, on behalf of our St. Matthias family, another round of congratulations to all the graduates in our parish! We applaud your achievements and pray that the Holy Spirit may always be beside you, giving you wisdom and grace as you go on to the next part of your journey. Know that our parish family will be behind you all the way with support and prayers as you and your families begin the next part of your journey.

**Another Financial Reminder**

There's less than a month to go before we close the books on the 2022 fiscal year. There is still time to contribute to our 2022 Grand Annual Collection! We are \$11,965 away from this year's goal of \$75,000. Will you help us achieve our goal? The health of our parish depends upon *you!*

Also, 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. Once you set up your account you won't have to worry about writing checks or sending your donation via "snail mail" Check out our parish webpage for all the information; or feel free to call or visit the Parish Office where April Lowe will be happy to assist you.

**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.

**INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT  
INTO YOUR LIFE**

**FAITH FORMATION**

**IMPORTANT UPDATE:** Faith Formation families will receive Safe Environment materials entitled "Empowering God's Children" provided by the Archdiocese of Boston Office of Protection of Children via US mail this week. Since the pandemic caused parishes to change methods for completing Faith Formation curriculum, the Safety Program was a challenge to manage. These materials will help families cover the content and strategies for safety training in the home at convenient times. The cover letter will outline how to incorporate all the lessons for each level. Please know if you have questions about this Safety Program please contact Theresa Salafia (x107) or April Lowe (x101) at the Parish Office 508-460-9255.

Information for fall classes will be available beginning in July. Please check your inboxes, the website and the bulletin for information. To ensure you receive emails, if you haven't already, please add the following emails to your trusted contact list: [admin@stmattpar.org](mailto:admin@stmattpar.org), [tsalafia@stmattpar.org](mailto:tsalafia@stmattpar.org) and [alowe@stmattpar.org](mailto:alowe@stmattpar.org).

May you walk with God in whatever you do and wherever you go. May you talk to God everyday and in every situation. Blessings to you, your families and all the children of the world.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY GOAL \$4,000.00**

Due to the early submission of this bulletin for the Memorial Day holiday, the financials for the weekend of May 29-30 will be posted in next week's bulletin.

To set up one-time or recurring donations to the Regular Offertory, using our online giving platform, WeShare by MinistryBrands, please use the QR-code or go to:

<https://stmattpar.churchgiving.com/ws/opportunities/RegularOffertory>.

SCAN ME

**Financial Update**

Fiscal Budget vs. Actual 2022

July 1, 2021 — April 30, 2022

	<b><u>Budget \$</u></b>	<b><u>Actual \$</u></b>	<b><u>Deficit</u></b>
<b><u>Offertory</u></b>	\$157,534.18	\$134,134.60	-\$23,399.58
WeShare donations	\$48,621.60	(36% of Offertory)	
<b><u>Maintenance</u></b>	\$30,167.99	\$26,959.20	-\$3,208.79
WeShare donations	\$14,290.20	(53% of Maintenance)	

**A Note from Peter Brockmann, Director of Music****Happy Pentecost!**

Next week, we continue our church calendar with Ordinary Time. It's not called Ordinary Time because it's back to 'regular' or 'routine' church season. No, instead, it's because the weeks of Ordinary Time are **numbered**. The Latin word *ordinalis* has the root *ordo*, which is where the English word 'order' comes from, as in the numbered order of weeks.

Technically, next week is The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, and then the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, and then we get the return of the numbered Sundays - the 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time on June 25/26, 2022.

We do plan to keep our worship lively, engaging and yet familiar over the summer. We'll be saving the Mass

of St Matthias and Halle! Halle! Halle! for the future, and instead singing a *different* Mass setting - the Gloria, Gospel Acclamation, Eucharistic Acclamations and Lamb of God during the next several weeks. This time, it'll be the How Can I Keep From Singing Mass, also by Fr Fran.

The choir will be with us for another two weeks to help us make this a smooth transition to the Mass setting. Then they'll be on summer hiatus until just after Labor Day.

Change is hard. That's why Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit, to give us strength to continue to change our hearts and our world. No doubt, together, this Ordinary Time will be far from ordinary!

Let us sing!

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

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



**NEXT WEEKEND!**  
**St. Vincent de Paul**  
**BUNDLE WEEKEND**



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

Next weekend, a St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) trailer will be parked in the St. Matthias lot for the second 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.**

**We thank you for your generosity once again.**



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

*Donna Anastas*

*Conor Canavan*

*Paul Cote*

*Alice Cox*

*Joseph Cox*

*Aline Desjardin*

*Richard Desjardin*

*Craig Fallon*

*LeAnne Gogel*

*Tyler Hendrix*

*Jeanette Kirk*

*Derek Ledoux*

*Maura McGuinness*

*Edward McManus*

*Debra Natoli*

*Chris O'Brien*

*John O'Malley*

*Ayn Paoella*

*Jennifer Reis*

*Steve S.*

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*Muriel Swenor*

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*Jane Walsh*

*Lydia Whitcomb*

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St. Matthias is pleased to share that parishioners have pledged \$15,743 as of May 23 toward our 2022 Catholic Appeal goal of \$21,311 (74% of Assessment)!

We are so grateful to all those who have participated in the 2022 Catholic Appeal campaign so far. If you have not had the opportunity to support the Appeal yet, we invite you to make your gift today to help us reach our goal. Scan QR code to the right, pick up an envelope at the back of the church or give online at your convenience.

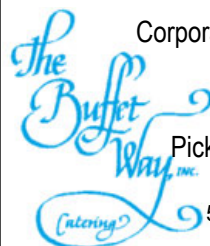
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