

# Saint Matthias Parish

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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

“He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.” - Jn 16:14-15

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### Celebrations of the Eucharist

#### The Lord's Day

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#### 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 12

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.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, June 11

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

Sunday, June 12

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

Monday, June 13

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

Tuesday, June 14

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

Saturday, June 18 with Baptism

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

Sunday, June 19

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 11

Paul Cote — Healing

Sunday, June 12

John & Laura Sousa  
John & Deolinda Roque — Memorial

Sunday, June 18

Prayers for St. Matthias Parish Community

Sunday, June 19

Peter Paul — 1-Year Anniversary Memorial

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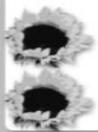
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for the occasion of his  
birthday memorial.

*Thank you!*



O Lord, our God, how  
wonderful your name in  
all the earth!



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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Readings—The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ  
June 18 and June 19

*First Reading:* Genesis 14:18-20

*Second Reading:* 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*Gospel:* Luke 9:11b-17

**From Fr. Fran**

**The Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time**

In our church year we transitioned this week from the Easter Season into what is known as **Ordinary Time**. This season is probably the most misunderstood of our seasons in our church year, simply because of its name. Ordinary Time is “ordered time” when we count liturgical time not by seasons but by weeks. Ordinary Time began last Monday and will end with the first Sunday of Advent. For the next two Sundays we have two of the major feasts in Ordinary Time. We celebrate the Holy Trinity this weekend and the Body and Blood of Christ next weekend. After that, while there is no particular “theme” to the season, our gospel readings at mass form a continuous reading of the gospel according to Luke. This year, because it falls on a Monday, Another major feast in Ordinary Time is The Feast of the Assumption of Mary on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Since the feast falls on a Monday this year it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. However, we will still celebrate our regularly scheduled Mass on August 15<sup>th</sup> at 9AM in the downstairs chapel.

Musically, as the liturgical season changes, so too does our mass setting. This summer we will be singing the setting based on the American folk tune *How Can I Keep From Singing*. You will find this music in our worship booklet.

**Parish Finances**

Beginning this week our weekly donations, upcoming collections, special financial notices, and actual vs budget summaries will be all gathered together consistently on one page of the bulletin. This will afford parishioners a good “at a glance” summary of how we are doing financially.

There are just 3 weeks 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 \$11,715.00 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.



Welcome into our faith community through the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, June 18

**Liberty Hope Dawe**

Please pray for *Liberty Hope* and her family as she begins her journey of faith.

**A Note from Peter Brockmann, Director of Music**

I got a call Sunday evening from a woman in Winchendon somewhat distraught. Her son had been involved in a motorcycle accident on May 20 in Gardner, he had died Friday and his funeral would be on next Saturday afternoon. She got my number from the director of music at Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHOM), my friend George, who was not available to play.

Listening to her mothers sorrow really tugged at my heart and I quickly agreed to make it work. We went about carefully selecting the music for the Mass. Of all the songs we picked, the most inspiring is IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL.

The lyric, written by Horatio Spafford with music by Philip Bliss speaks of Horacio’s calmness when confronted with the many tragedies of his life. Although it is quite 19th century with lots of thees and thous, it is overall quite calming and powerful.

He lived in Chicago and had five children, a son and four daughters with his wife Anna. His 4-year old son died and then the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 destroyed all his real estate investments. Then the recession of 1873 further impacted his business interests.

His family planned a trip to England on the SS Ville du Havre, but last minute business made him send his family ahead while he would catch up with them a few days later. Well, the Ville du Havre collided with another ship and sank. Anna survived and sent a telegram to her husband, “Saved alone. What to do?”

Spafford immediately made arrangements for travel to England, and when the ship approached near the spot where his daughters had died, he was overcome with a calmness and was inspired to write these lyrics:

“When peace like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to know,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.”

I’m telling you this story because it is full of the ‘not normalies.’ I’m not normally answering the phone late on Sunday night. I’m not normally agreeing to play at a funeral Mass an hours drive away. My friend John, a retired physician from Northborough does not normally agree to cantor at a funeral an hour away. The choir at IHOM doesn’t normally sing at funerals, but here we are. This is a mission of Mercy. The Holy Spirit got us here.

Please pray for John and Rita.

Let us sing,



**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).



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

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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.  
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](mailto:admin@stmattpar.org).

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St. Matthias is pleased to share that parishioners have pledged \$16,243 as of June 6 toward our 2022 Catholic Appeal goal of \$21,311 (76% 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.

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OR VISIT



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Scan QR code to the right, pick up an envelope at the back of the church or give online at your convenience.

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.*



**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.

**THIS WEEKEND!**  
**St. Vincent de Paul**  
**Clothing Drive**



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

This weekend, a St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) trailer will be parked in the St. Matthias lot as we host SVdP Conference of St. Matthias sponsored clothing drive. **Donations of clean, usable clothes and shoes will be accepted.**

**The organization cannot accept any other items at this time. We thank you for your continued generosity.**



**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.

## PARISH FINANCES

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY Collections — May 28 and 29

Offertory Collection	\$ 2,765.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 975.00
	\$ 3,740.00

**Deficit of the \$4,000 weekly goal: -\$260.00**

Total Mass Count: 167

### Collections — June 4 and 5

Offertory Collection	\$ 2,169.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 760.00
	\$ 2,929.00

**Deficit of the \$4,000 weekly goal: -\$1,071.00**

Pentecost Seminaries Collection \$ 234.00

Total Mass Count: 153

### Special Collections for June

June 11-12 Parish Maintenance  
June 18-19 Promoting the Gospel

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>. WeShare is perfect for summer, while you're away on vacation, the Parish will still receive your donations which supports the Parish's daily operations.



### Financial Update

Fiscal Budget vs. Actual 2022  
July 1, 2021 — May 31, 2022

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

### 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.



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