

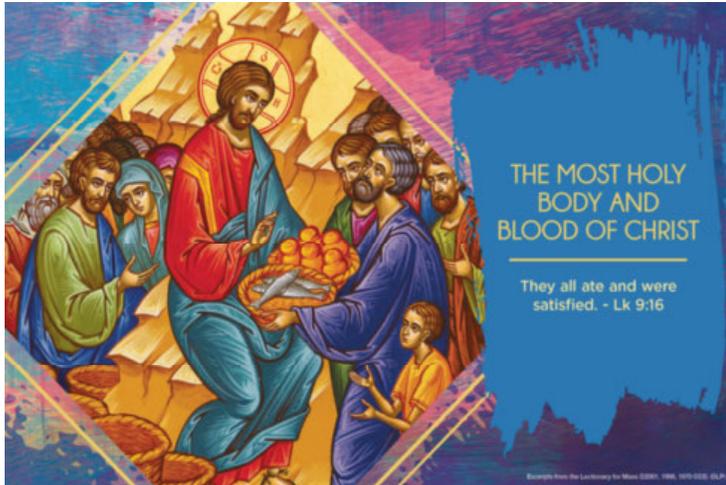
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Celebrations of the Eucharist

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Week of June 19

Tuesday, and Thursday



9:00AM to 2:00PM

The office will be closed on Monday, June 20 due to the federal holiday.

During off-hours you may e-mail the office at any time at: admin@stmattpar.org or leave a voicemail at 508-460-9255.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

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.

WEEKDAY MASS IS

CANCELED FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, June 25

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

Sunday, June 26

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 18

Prayers for St. Matthias Parish Community

Sunday, June 19

Peter Paul — 1-Year Anniversary Memorial

Saturday, June 25

David Mauro — Memorial

Sunday, June 26

Sophie, Charles and Dorothea Czechor — Memorial



Sanctuary/Altar Candles for the Month of May

were lovingly donated in memory of

Robert "Bob" Bucher

for the occasion of his birthday memorial.

Thank you!



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

Liberty Hope Dawe

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Readings—Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 25 and June 26

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21
Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18
Gospel: Luke 9:51-62



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

Happy Father's Day!

The origin of Father's Day has European Catholic roots that go back to at least the Middle Ages, when, on each March 19th, the church would celebrate the vocation of fatherhood on the Feast of St. Joseph. In this celebration Joseph was referred to as the "Nutritor Domini," the "Nourisher of the Lord."

The celebration was brought to the Americas by the Spanish and Portuguese and continued to be celebrated on March 19th. It wasn't until the mid-twentieth century that Father's Day (outside of Catholic tradition) became widely celebrated in the United States. In 1966 President Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation that stated the third Sunday in June was designated as Father's Day. In 1972 Father's Day was signed into law as a national holiday.

That the holiday has its roots in the Feast of St. Joseph resonates with us today. Joseph's vocation to Jesus and Mary is our touchstone for fatherhood. So, to all the fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, uncles, and all men who live the vocation of nurturing others: may God's blessing be upon you today and may St. Joseph inspire and guide you in your vocation.

Parishioners are invited to inscribe the names of deceased fathers, grandfathers and father figures in our Book of Remembrance located in the front of the church beside the tabernacle.

Parish Finances

As I mentioned last week, information on weekly donations, upcoming collections, special financial notices, and actual vs budget is now found gathered together on one page of the bulletin. This affords parishioners a good "at a glance" summary of how we are doing financially. Thanks to all those who contribute each week, and thanks to those who have recently increased their donations. If you are able to do so at this time, an increase in your weekly donation will be much appreciated.

We are in the home stretch of our 2022 Grand Annual Collection. There are just 2 weeks to go before we close the books on the 2022 fiscal year. We are \$11,565 away from this year's goal of \$75,000. If you haven't made your contribution, now is the time!

Once again, 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. 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.

A Note from Peter Brockmann, Director of Music

One of the challenges of owning and operating an acoustic (meaning mechanical) instrument, is that the tuning of the strings and pipes changes with the seasons. Steel strings tighten in colder weather, wooden components such as the sound board under the piano frame and strings stretch or expand in periods of high humidity. Even our digital organ (originally installed in 1983 or 1993) is vulnerable to these laws of physics.

There are magnetic switches that detect that this pedal has been depressed and due to the humidity of summer time, these magnetic elements, embedded in the wooden pedal or the frame of the instrument, sometimes adjust their placement just enough that the switch stays open even though the pedal is no longer depressed. So far, this season, so good. It's been pretty reliably responsive.

The piano is particularly vulnerable to temperature, as you might expect, and the climate of our sanctuary is not quite the same as your living room. To help maintain a good tuning (so far so good), we have installed a humidifier system under the piano, in close proximity to the sound board. This humidifier basically keeps a reservoir of water at a uniform temperature near the sound board. However, it needs to be fed roughly every two - three weeks.

There's even a blinking yellow light to indicate that the reservoir is getting low, so better plan to fill'er up.

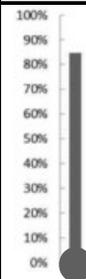
From time to time, you might see me after Mass pouring a watering can full of water into the side of the piano. I've been asked, "What are you doing?" I love to reply, "I'm watering my piano." which of course, sounds absurd, but is totally true.

Let us sing.



FY 2022 GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Grand Annual Donations as of June 12, 2022



Grand Annual FY 22 Goal: \$75,000
Total Received (Thank you!): \$63,435
Total to Reach Goal: \$11,565
 Percentage of Goal: **84.6%**
 No. Families Contributing: **105**

There are just a couple of weeks left to the St. Matthias fiscal year. If you haven't already, please prayerfully consider a donation online through WeShare, or drop into the Offertory Box. Thank you to those who have donated!

FAITH FORMATION

Happy summer to everyone. Faith Formation activities were completed during May with Confirmation and First Eucharist liturgies. School activities will be finished soon. So...summer begins and we wish everyone a blessed and safe summer.

Registration for 2022-2023 Faith Formation meetings will be sent to families during July. New families are welcome to join our journey in faith. If you know of families new to the area please offer information regarding St. Matthias faith community.

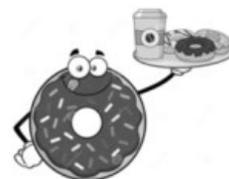
CUSTODIAN POSITION

The St. Matthias Parish has an open Custodial position. The requirements are: maintaining a clean campus including the bathroom. Perform a variety of general building maintenance repairs and services including but not limited to: basic/general carpentry repairs, masonry repairs, electrical systems, plumbing, and prep work and painting as well as special projects. For additional information, please call April Lowe at the Parish Office 508-460-9255.

UPCOMING EVENTS

It is exciting to be able to announce the return of the **Sunday Coffee Social!** The upcoming scheduled dates will be (2nd Sunday of the month):

- July 10**
- August 14**
- September 11**



Coffee and donuts will be served in the Parish Hall following the 10AM mass. Let's get together once again with our friends and fellow parishioners. All are welcome.

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. See this week's insert listing those men commemorated by our parish. Any names received after this week will be in a future bulletin.

We also welcome the return of the Marlborough Community Cupboard Collection weekends. Collections will occur the 2nd weekend of the month (July 9/10, August 13/14 and September 10/11 to start). There will be a bin available during Mass times at the entrances for collection of food/toiletry items for the cupboard. As we take comfort in a small treat with our parish family we can remember those less fortunate by bringing in a donation!



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.
- 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.



St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive

Thank you for your generous contributions to the St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive. On Saturday by 1:30 the trailer was quite full with donation bags. Your contributions will help clothe many friends and neighbors in our community and the surrounding area. We are truly blessed when we help others. If you missed this collection, reminder there are 2 collection boxes in the Stop & Shop parking lot in Hudson.

Weekday Mass — Canceled the Week of June 19

Weekday Mass will not be held June 20 and June 21.
Weekday Mass will resume Monday June 27.
We apologize for the inconvenience.



PARISH FINANCES

WEEKLY OFFERTORY Collections — June 11 and 12

Offertory Collection	\$ 1,984.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 1,590.00
	\$ 3,574.00

Deficit of the \$4,000 weekly goal: -\$426.00

Total Mass Count: 177

Parish Maintenance Collections — June 11 and 12

Parish Maintenance	\$ 530.00
WeShare Maintenance	\$ 225.00
	\$ 755.00

Special Collections for June
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

Please note, we are in the process of a change in our bookkeeping system from Quickbooks to Intacct. Once our data has been transferred we will once again be able to put the year to date update here.

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.



WeShare Changes
by Ministry Brands

To our online giving parishioners: **WeShare, our online giving provider has been upgraded as of June 15th!** When you click the link to the online giving site you will see the new landing page. See the bulletin insert for more details.

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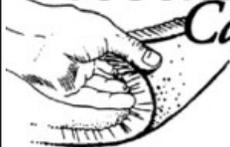
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