

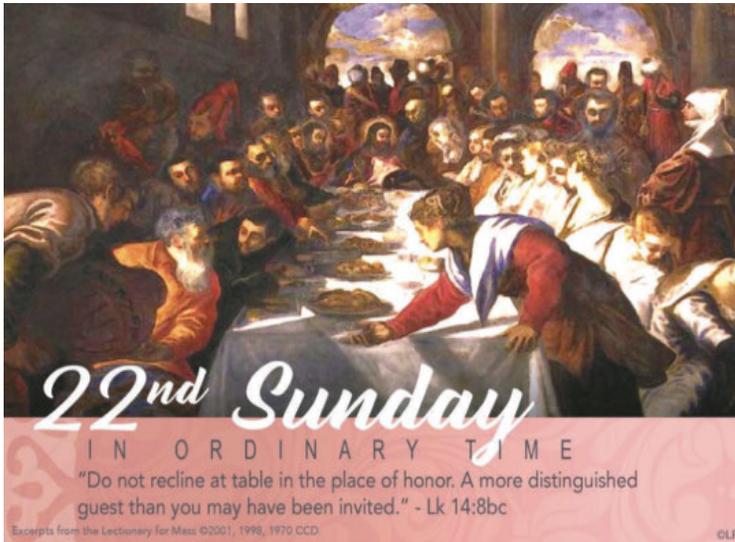
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Celebrations of the Eucharist

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 August 28

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
or leave a voicemail at 508-460-9255.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 27

Mary Masciarelli and David Mauro
Memorial

Sunday, August 28

John Ryan — 10th Anniversary
Memorial

Saturday, September 3

Prayers for St. Matthias
Parish Community

Sunday, September 4

Rachael Goulet
Healing Mass Intention



Music for Celebrations of the Eucharist August 27 ad August 28

- Gathering Song:** All Are Welcome
hymnal # 741
- Preparation:** We Come With Joy
hymnal # 706
- Communion:** I Am The Bread of Life
hymnal # 822
- Recessional:** From This Table
booklet # 1



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, August 27

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

Sunday, August 28

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

Monday, August 29

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

Tuesday, August 30

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

Saturday, September 3

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

Sunday, September 4

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



Weekday Mass — Week of August 28



Weekday Mass will be held
Monday and Tuesday
9:00 AM
Downstairs Conference Room Chapel

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 27 and August 28

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 3 and September 4

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b
Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

From Fr. Fran

It's the time of the year for transitions.

Where did the summer go? I guess we say that every year at this time. Somehow time gets away from us, especially after our concept of time has been altered by the years of COVID.

As we look towards the autumn, there are a number of transitions folks might go through. A new school year, a change of seasons, perhaps a change in employment. Many of us continue to navigate ongoing changes in our health, our relationships, and in our world.

As Catholic Christians we look to Christ to navigate through the various transitions and stages of our lives. The weekly ritual of the Eucharist anchors and grounds us while much may be shifting around us. Coming to Mass weekly to be in community while hearing the scriptures and receiving Christ in the Eucharist helps us to form a relationship with Christ and one another, giving us strength for the journey.

Here at St. Matthias we will be initiating a new phase of our communal journey this fall called **Faithful Discipleship**. As I wrote in an earlier bulletin, this program is designed to help us look at our commitment to our parish community and discern how God is calling us to deeper discipleship and perhaps a deeper commitment to our parish. This is especially important as we move towards the beginning of our Pastoral Collaborative with St. Michael Parish.

As with many parishes, the pandemic took a serious toll on ministries. Many who have been active as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, and Servers have decided to retire from their ministries. Parishes everywhere are struggling to find folks to take up their places in the vital liturgical ministries of parishes. This is even more challenging when the common wisdom is that about 60% of parishioners returned to regular Mass attendance after the pandemic eased. (That sounds about right for St. Matthias.) I am hopeful that as we move into the Faithful Discipleship program, we will be able to build back the ministries that make our parish a place of prayer, comfort, and challenge for so many.

As the New School Year Begins

Please keep in your prayers all those families preparing for the new school year. May the coming months be a time of growth in wisdom and love for all of our children, parents, and guardians.

Please say a special prayer for those who are sending their children of to college for the first time and those finding that they are now empty nesters. As wonderful as it is to give a child wings, it's also challenging to realize that parenting now takes on a new dimension as children go out on their own to create lives apart from the security of home and family.

I recently came across the following prayer by Diana Macalintal, that should give parents comfort as they negotiate a new school year.

A Parent's Prayer When Children are Leaving Home

Gracious God,
 you blessed me with the gift of my child
 and entrusted me with his/her care.
 Now he/she leaves this home
 and begins a new life
 apart from me.
 Surround him/her
 with good people
 and watch over him/her each day.
 And let him/her know that I will always be near
 whenever he/she may need me.
 Heal any hurts we may harbor with one another
 and forgive our failings as we learn
 to be in a new kind of relationship with each other.
 And when the sight of his/her empty room
 pierces my heart with sadness,
 may I find comfort in knowing that my child is your
 child too,
 filled with your grace and sheltered by your love.
 Amen.

- Diana Macalintal

A Note from Peter Brockmann, Director of Music

Last weekend we had instrumental music during the Preparation of the Gifts. I chose to play Fugue XIX in 3 voices, BWV 864 by Johann Sebastian Bach. Fugues can be played on the organ, however this particular piece is from *Das Wohltemperierte Klavier* a famous (among classically trained pianists) collection of 24 Preludes and Fugues composed early in Bach's career, and most often expressed on the piano.

I would say that fugues are a fantastic compositional work, in my opinion, because of the intricate details of the structure of the work and the care necessary to play them well. I can't say if I play them well or not, but I can say that I've enjoyed concentrating on learning the 24 preludes and fugues over the past four years - only five more to go. Studying music and these works in particular, teaches me many things, such as patience, strategic insights, better technique, musicality and a deeper appreciation of the musical genius who wrote these works so many centuries ago.

Let us sing,



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation registration is on-going through the month of August for the 2021-2022 year. Forms are available on-line or by contacting the parish office. It is helpful for planning purposes if registrations are completed as soon as possible. If you have questions regarding the registration process please contact April Lowe in the parish office at 508-460-9255 x101.

If you know families who have moved into our area and are interested in our Faith Formation meetings please let them know they are welcome to join our program and to either contact the office or provide mailing address so information can be forwarded to them.

If you are a new family who has moved into the area and would like your child(ren) to attend this coming year, blank registration forms are available to print out and fill out on our website at: <https://www.stmattpar.org/ffregistration110> or at the entrances to the church.



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 Conor Canavan
 Lorraine Chute
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 Jeanette Kirk
 Derek Ledoux
 Maura McGuinness

Edward McManus
 Debra Natoli
 Chris O'Brien
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 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

FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:30 AM

This past year, our St. Vincent de Paul conference has found an increase in phone calls from friends needing help in these trying times. Our friends often call the St. Vincent de Paul society when they are having difficulty paying rent or utilities due to lay offs, unplanned expenses or to help with food when they have become sick and can't work, and the eviction moratorium ended, we have had several calls from friends who are in the process of being evicted, or who find themselves homeless. The St. Vincent de Paul societies work with those struggling to live with dignity and respect. St. Vincent de Paul helps regardless of race, religion or creed. In the past year, our conference has made 159 visits to friends, helped 548 persons, and spent \$13,555.

The St. Vincent de Paul societies in Marlborough are funded totally through donations. We have one fundraiser every year: The Friends of the Poor Walk. This year the Walk will be held in person on Saturday, September 24, 2022.

We ask that you join St. Matthias parish for our annual St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk. All proceeds from the walk will benefit Marlborough residents in need. Due to the ending of the eviction moratorium, we have found the need greater than ever. The funds raised from our Walk are needed more than in previous years.

To make a donation visit: <https://www.fopwalk.org>

You can donate to a walker by looking up the walker's name. Currently the following persons have registered to walk to benefit St. Matthias:

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| Evan Boudreau | Sue Dolesh |
| Helen Curry | Betty Guimond |
| Kevin Curry | Therese Noury |
| Dale Dolesh | Maureen Pulice |

You can also write a check made out to St. Matthias SVdP and either place it in the offertory collection box or mail it c/o St. Matthias Parish, 409 Hemenway Street, Marlborough, MA 01752.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Luke 14:13-14

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

PARISH FINANCES

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Collections — August 13 and August 14

Offertory Collection	\$ 1,699.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 630.00
WeShare Fees:	\$ - 25.91
	\$ 2,303.09

Deficit of the \$4,000 weekly goal: \$1,696.91

Monthly Maintenance	\$ 475.00
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Collections — August 20 and August 21

Offertory Collection	\$ 2,212.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 760.00
WeShare Fees:	\$ - 27.26
	\$ 2,944.74

Deficit of the \$4,000 weekly goal: \$1,055.26

WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you are new member or family to the parish who has not yet registered, please take a moment to complete a Parish Registration card. The card gives you the option to receive weekly envelopes. The envelope service, *Our Sunday Visitor*, will mail a package of Envelopes to you each month in advance of the weekly mass for your cash or check donations and includes envelopes for regular weekly collections and special collections. By using envelopes you will receive a statement of donation at the end of the year that can be used for tax purposes. Parish Registration cards are at the entrances to the church and accessible on-line.



JOIN WESHARE

JUST A FEW SIMPLE STEPS

To set up one-time or recurring donations to the Regular Offertory, using our online giving platform, WeShare by Ministry Brands, please use the QR-code or go to: wesharegiving.org/app/giving/stmatt.

SCAN ME



Donations throughout the summer are vital to the financial health for our Parish.

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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