

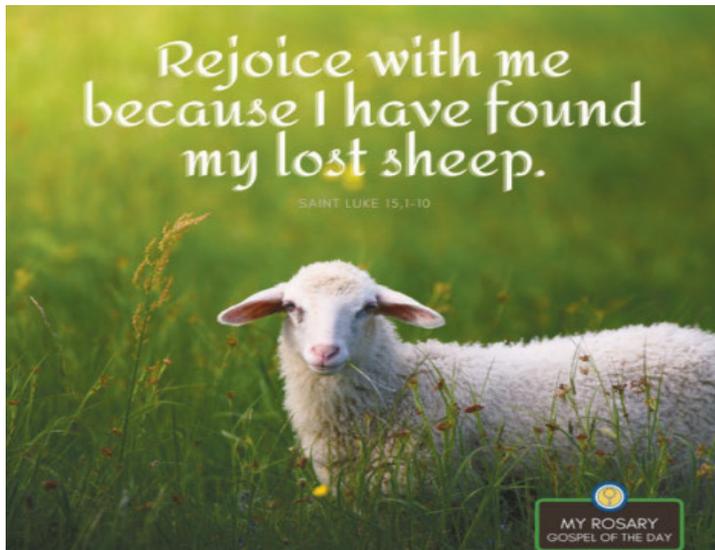
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## Celebrations of the Eucharist

### 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 September 11

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, September 10

William Bruce-Tagoe — Birthday Memorial

### Sunday, September 11

Erika and Anthony Brockmann — Memorial

### Saturday, September 17

Mildred Ponterella — Memorial

### Sunday, September 18

John and Laura Sousa, John and Deolinda Roque  
Memorial

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

### Saturday, September 10

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Church, 4:00 p.m.

**Marlborough Community Cupboard Collection**

Bins located at church entrances

### Sunday, September 11

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Church, 10:00 a.m.

**Coffee Social**

Following Mass—Parish Hall

**Marlborough Community Cupboard Collection**

Bins located at church entrances

### Monday, September 12

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Downstairs Conference Room Chapel, 9:00 a.m.

### Tuesday, September 13

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Downstairs Conference Room Chapel, 9:00 a.m.

### Saturday, September 17

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Church, 4:00 p.m.

### Sunday, September 18

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Church, 10:00 a.m.

**Parish Community Picnic**

Following 10:00 a.m. Mass  
Courtyard

## *Music for Celebrations of the Eucharist September 10 and September 11*

**Gathering Song:** Gather Your People  
hymnal # 742

**Preparation:** Guide Me O Shepherd Of My Heart  
hymnal # 624

**Communion:** In This Meal  
booklet # 12

**Recessional:** We Are Many Parts  
hymnal # 727

## Gifts of Bread and Wine and Altar Candles

Donated for the Month of September



**WILLIAM BRUCE-TAGOE**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10 and September 11

*First Reading:* Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

*Second Reading:* 1 Timothy 1:12-17

*Gospel:* Luke 15:1-32

### Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17 and September 18

*First Reading:* Amos 8:4-7

*Second Reading:* 1 Timothy 2:1-8



Pre-recorded Mass can be found posted online  
on Facebook post Sundays by 10:00 AM. Just  
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your favorite browser at [www.stmattpar.org](http://www.stmattpar.org)  
to view the Mass from our homepage.

## From Fr. Fran

As the fall season moves into high gear it's time to celebrate! **Next Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** all are invited to celebrate the new season and the beginning of Faith Formation at the 10AM Mass, after which we will have **our annual picnic brunch** on the front lawn. This will be a great opportunity for our parish family to gather together and catch up with one another. I'd like to especially invite to the celebration our young families with children beginning Faith Formation sessions as well as those who usually attend the Saturday 4PM Mass. Let's all come together as parish family at the table of the Eucharist and continue that celebration by sharing food and friendship at our picnic.

Once again, this week, let me highlight the upcoming **St. Vincent DePaul Friends of the Poor Walk on Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>**. Your generosity in sponsoring a walker or gathering sponsors for yourself as a participant will go a long way in assisting the work of our St. Vincent Conference in aiding those in our community who are experiencing challenging times. Please find all the details elsewhere in this bulletin.

With the changing of the season there will be a **changing of the musical setting of the Mass parts** we will be singing from now until Advent. While the music is brand new, it was written so that it can be easily learned. (At least the composer thinks so.)

One of the greatest challenges of a liturgical composer is coming up with a setting of the Eucharist that sounds fresh and is sturdy enough to be sung weekly throughout a liturgical season. This is the fourth setting of the Eucharist that I have written and introduced to our parish over the years. I've had the privilege of having two of those settings (the Mass of St. Matthias and the Mass of the Lamb) published and will be soon submitting for publication the Mass based on How Can I Keep From Singing, which we've been using throughout the summer. I'd like to thank our parish for allowing me to try out these and many other pieces of music over the years. I've been able to "fine tune" many pieces after listening to how they are received by our community. With this in mind, please let me know what you think of the new Mass setting. Is it worthy? How could it be improved? Should I go back to the drawing board?

**A note on some housekeeping for mass-goers.** Please remember that the driveway directly **in front of the church is a fire lane**. We request that you do not park there during Mass times. Feel free to drop off and pick up folks before and after Mass in front of the church, but please don't wait there for an extended period of time.

We have been visited this summer by *a lot* of wildlife, particularly **wild turkeys**. They tend to leave their "calling cards" on the paths and in front of the doorways leading inside the church. Please be aware of this as you enter and exit.

**Parents, please escort your children to the rest room when the need arises.** We want to make sure they are safe at all times, as the restroom is not visible from the main church.

We are still having some **issues with our new sound system**. Thank you for your patience as we work them out. I am still very interested in your experience with the sound at Mass. Please feel free to drop me a line or chat with me after Mass with your reviews.

While not required, we continue to encourage folks to wear a **face covering** if you so desire. We have extra face coverings at the doors of the church as well as bottles of water and hand fans for your use. The parking lot side of the church continues to be set up for social distancing. While we may be through with COVID, it isn't through with us, so please continue to be respectful of those parishioners around you who might be taking COVID precautions.

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

While last week I was encouraging you in this space to renew your commitment to 'better worship' (and to join the choir), Fr Fran was busy completing a new Mass setting for our consumption this fall. Thank you Father Fran!

Called '**A Mass for Ordinary Time**', the setting is both simple to sing and play.

To make it easy to remember, and consistent with what seem to be Mass-composing 'Best Practice', Fr Fran has created and then reused a simple motif in the opening of the Gory To God, Holy, Holy, Holy, Great Amen and the Lamb of God. It's also used a few times during the Glory to God, at the beginning statement of new ideas in this important prayer of praise. The reuse of this distinct melody and rhythm are among the keys to good memory and fullest congregational singing. That's also why we like to repeat new songs a few times before we add them to our routine repertoire.



I hope you'll be able to make a special effort to join in this new setting this weekend, as soon as you can. We will play it before Mass and will sing through the Glory to God with you beforehand. See if you can find this motif.

We've also crafted a new worship booklet, as this weekend corresponds with a natural 'seam' in the fabric of the season of Ordinary Time (remember from an earlier 'note' that ordinary refers to the numbered time of year) - the separation of summer from fall.

Let us sing!

Weekday Mass — Week of September 11

Weekday Mass will be held

Monday and Tuesday

9:00 AM

Downstairs Conference Room Chapel

**FAITH FORMATION**

Welcome to a new year of Faith Formation, a year we all grow in "wisdom, age and grace." Faith Formation gatherings begin **Sunday, September 25 for levels 1-8.**

**Grades 1 through 5** 8:45AM — 9:45AM

Parish Hall/Classrooms

**Grades 6 through 8** 10AM Mass in church

Parish Hall 11:00AM—12 Noon

Thank you to the many families who have completed family registrations. Early registration helps in planning for the year. Our community is blessed to have volunteers willing to share their faith to the future generation. There is always room for more volunteers. If you are interested in exploring the areas that need help please contact the Faith Formation Office, 508-460-9255 Ext. 107.

Your prayers for the children, their families, and the Catechists are welcome.

We welcome you all back to Mass followed by our community picnic on Sunday, September 18.



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Paul Cote  
Alice Cox  
Joseph Cox  
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**NOTICE:** To add a loved one to this prayer list, please email: [admin@stmattpar.org](mailto: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:

- |               |               |                |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Evan Boudreau | Betty Guimond | Therese Noury  |
| Helen Curry   | Sharon Levy   | Maureen Pulice |
| Kevin Curry   | Steve Levy    | Richard Pulice |
| Dale Dolesh   | April Lowe    |                |
| Sue Dolesh    | Chris Lowe    |                |

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.



**PARISH COMMUNITY PICNIC**  
**Sunday, September 18—11:00 AM**

Welcome Back! St. Matthias Parish is hosting a picnic "Brunch" after mass on Sunday, September 18. Please mark your calendars and join your parish family for food and conversation.

**Blessing of the Animals**  
**Sunday, October 3 - 12:00 Noon**

The Blessing of the Animals will be held Sunday, October 3 in celebration of St. Francis. Refreshments will be served for all in attendance.

## PARISH FINANCES

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY

#### Collections — September 3 and 4

Offertory Collection	\$ 2,920.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 1,140.00
	\$ 4,060.00

**Surplus of the \$4,000 weekly goal: \$ 60.00**

### Clergy Benefit Trust—September Collection September 17 and September 18

Next week, we will have a special collection to benefit Clergy Trust which cares for the health and well-being of all our active and senior priests in good standing through health and wellness programs, a dedicated care team, and a residence for senior priests. This collection is one way we can give thanks for the many ways our priests continue to serve our parishes, schools, and communities.

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

New member or family to the parish? Please take a moment to complete a Parish Registration card. You have the option to receive weekly envelopes. *Our Sunday Visitor*, will mail a package of Envelopes 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 go on-line to [smattpar.org](http://smattpar.org) click button for Parish Registration.



**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](http://wesharegiving.org/app/giving/stmatt).

SCAN ME



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

### OFFERTORY GIFTS

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