

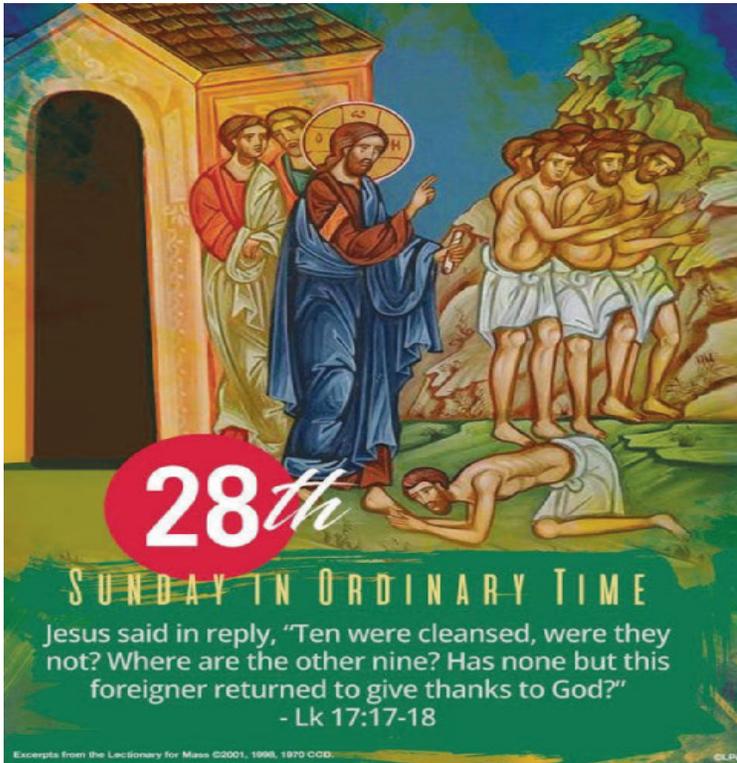
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Celebrations of the Eucharist

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

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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 October 9



Tuesday, and Thursday
9:00AM to 2:00PM

Office will be closed Monday October 10
Observance of Columbus Day

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, October 8

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

Sunday, October 9

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

Coffee Social

Parish Hall, following Mass

Saturday, October 15

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

Confirmation I and II Retreat

Parish Hall 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Church for 4:00 pm. Mass

Sunday, October 16

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

Gifts of Altar and Sanctuary Candles
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Frank & Leah Calore
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 8

Josephine Myers — Memorial

Sunday, October 9

Carole J. Avey — Memorial

Saturday, October 15

Jean Peltak — Memorial

Sunday, October 16

John and Laura Sousa, John and Deolinda Roque
Memorial

Weekday Mass — Week of October 9



**There will be no Weekday Mass
the week of October 9**

Weekday Mass will Resume Monday,
October 17 at 9:00 a.m.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8 and October 9

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29 and October 30

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Pre-recorded Mass can be found posted online
on Facebook post Sundays by 10:00 AM. Just
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to view the Mass from our homepage.



*Music for Celebrations of the Eucharist
October 8 and October 9*

Gathering Song: At The Table Of Jesus
booklet # 7

Preparation: Healer Of Our Every Ill
hymnal # 854

Communion: In This Meal
booklet # 2

Recessional: Rain Down
hymnal # 505

From Fr. Fran

Grateful Discipleship

Our Grateful Discipleship program is in full swing. I'd like to thank our team of parishioners who have put a great amount of thought and effort into this initiative which is being sponsored by the Archdiocese of Boston. There are several key moments coming in the next few weeks which will lead up to **commitment weekend, November 5th and 6th.**

This week all registered parishioners will receive a **letter and brochure** explaining the goal of Grateful Discipleship. We will also have this information available at church next weekend for those not on our mailing list.

Next weekend, **October 15th and 16th we will have a brief talk by one of our parishioners on Grateful Discipleship at the Masses.** I will also be having more to say through the bulletin and homilies.

Throughout this process I invite you to reflect upon your relationship to our parish community and how you may strengthen it through volunteering for one of the many ministries which will be outlined in the coming weeks. It is so important for us to strengthen our parish especially as we face the challenges of rebuilding after COVID, and as we look toward becoming a Pastoral Collaborative with St. Michael Parish. Thank you for your continued support of our St. Matthias parish family.

Scripture Study Opportunities

In conjunction with our Grateful Discipleship program, we will be holding a **series of scripture study sessions** which will explore the biblical basis for our program. This will be a pilot program in which parishioners will be invited to gather together, listen to a particular scripture passage on stewardship, and reflect upon how this can be applied to our daily lives and the life of our parish.

These sessions will be held over a **two-week period beginning the week of October 16th.** There will be two morning and two evening sessions for you to choose from.

The morning sessions will be led by Terry Salafia and Deacon Doug. They will happen on **Friday October 21st and 28th after the weekday Mass, at 10AM in the parish hall.**

We are still finalizing the times and dates of the **evening sessions** to be led by Deacon Paul.

Please plan now to participate in these get togethers which will help us understand more fully how the Holy Spirit is calling us to be the voice of Christ in our parish and beyond.

Sacrament of the Sick at Masses 29, 30 October

Our parish family will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick, (also referred to as the anointing of the sick), **during the weekend Masses on October 29th and 30th.** The gift of the sacrament is to strengthen the sick person and to install God's inner peace and healing.

Many of us, of a certain age, may remember the anointing with sacred oil referred to as "Last Rites". While, at one time, the sacrament was reserved for those who were close to death, with Vatican II's renewal of the rite, the Sacrament of the Sick is offered to Catholics experiencing

an illness – physical, emotional or spiritual at any time in their lives. The anointing unites the sick person with the parish community and Christ in asking God to guide the sick person with grace and courage through their journey and provide them with the inner peace found in giving one's suffering to God.

From the earliest days of the church, communities have gathered around those who are ill and, led by a priest, prayed for the sick, invoking the Holy Spirit's presence and anointing them with sacred oil. The forehead and hands of the sick person are anointed with the Oil of the Sick, blessed by the bishop at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week. The anointing is accompanied by the words: "Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up". Powerful words that serve as a reminder of God's healing power and forgiveness.

It is up to each individual to discern if a sharing in this sacrament would be a helpful and comforting experience during a time of illness – physical, emotional or spiritual. Also, those who will have surgery or testing in the next weeks are invited to the sacrament as well as those feeling the effects of aging.

GRATEFUL DISCIPLESHIP

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH

The Grateful Discipleship Program: MOVING FORWARD
As you know, St. Matthias Parish is now involved in The Grateful Discipleship Program.

In recent weeks our parish has been preparing for the initiative by recruiting volunteer leadership, updating parish records and producing initiative materials. Soon all members of St. Matthias Parish will be invited to participate in The Grateful Discipleship Program. We hope you will respond positively and with generosity.

This week you should receive a letter from Father Fran describing the initiative and how each parishioner can be involved. This is an opportunity to take an active role in growth of our parish and for each parishioner to practice the principle of stewardship — giving back a portion of our blessings to God.

In conjunction with the Grateful Discipleship Program, we will be having a series of scripture study sessions on stewardship to which all parishioners are invited. There will be two daytime and two evening sessions scheduled for the last two weeks of October. The morning sessions will be on Friday October 21st and 28th at 10AM in the parish hall, following the daily Mass. The evening sessions will be announced in next week's bulletin. Stay tuned for more information.

On the weekend of November 5th and 6th, each parishioner will be asked to make a commitment to the parish. Please pray about your participation in this important effort.

FAITH FORMATION

Due to the Columbus Day holiday there will be no classes October 9.

All are welcome to Mass and Coffee Social after Mass.

Saturday, October 15

Confirmation students grades 9 and 10 begin the year with a retreat in the Parish Hall on Saturday, October 15 starting at 11AM and ending with Mass in the church from 4-5PM.

Sunday, October 23

Grades 1 through 5 8:45AM—9:45AM

Grades 6 through 8 10:00AM Mass following by meeting until 12:00 noon.

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022**

The annual **Mass of Remembrance** will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 13, 2022**. This celebration provides us with the opportunity to join with our fellow parishioners who have lost a loved one in the past year, and to remind them that we continue to care for them and walk with them. Once again this year we will have a pictorial memorial that will be set up in the foyer of the church November 13 until the first Sunday of Advent. It will display pictures of all of those who died in the past year. This celebration will be for parishioners who had their funeral at St. Matthias as well as those outside of the parish.

All names will be inscribed in our parish Book of Remembrance and roll of names will be read aloud during the Mass of Remembrance. If you have lost a loved one since November 2021 and want them to be included in the celebration, please be sure to contact Deacon Doug as early as possible at 508-460-9255 with the information. We ask that **all photos be submitted by October 31 via email admin@stmattpar.org or drop off in the parish office** to allow ample time to plan and put the display together.



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| Liam Dolesh | John O'Malley | |

NOTICE: To add a loved one to this prayer list, please email: admin@stmattpar.org or call 508-460-9255.

PETER BROCKMANN — MUSIC DIRECTOR

"In all circumstances, give thanks, for this is the will of God for you, in Christ Jesus."

This is the verse of the Gospel Acclamation for the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time, year C (October 8/9, 2022). Check out the Gospel reading this week (Luke 17:11-19) and you'll see how it could nicely summarize the lepers' (and our personal) encounter with Jesus.

One of the parts of our worship that is easily taken for granted or glossed over, is the Gospel Acclamation. No so much the refrain - everybody loves a good Alleluia! to signal that the Good News are about to be heard and to welcome Jesus whom we are about to meet in the Gospel in just a few minutes. I mean the verse that is typically chanted by the cantor.

Often the composer (Fr Fran for example, in the Mass for Ordinary Time which we are singing now) creates an Alleluia with notation for verses of indeterminate rhyme and meter. That makes it easier for trained musicians to put the Gospel Acclamation of the day to music. The cantors and I have notated the written verse to fit the words, make the appropriate emphasis and to change pitch on the same words so it might be better understood.

The verses of the Gospel Acclamation are considered a statement of faith in Jesus. They are also predefined in the Lectionary. However, sometimes, the Gospel Acclamation music doesn't lend itself to this approach. In these cases, often in a seasonal setting, where the musical design of the acclamation is complicated and the music-words match up only fits and makes sense for a few lyrics. I'm referring to the verse to the Halle! Halle! Halle! or the Celtic Alleluia. These well known responses demand a certain rhyme and meter in the verse. In keeping with that view, we have some freedom to choose the seasonal response or other appropriate verse. But this week for sure, the verse is wonderful.

Let us sing!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Tootsie Roll Drive**



This weekend, October 8 and 9, the Knights of Columbus will be outside the church after Masses for the annual fundraising drive to support Intellectually Disabled people, better known as the Tootsie Roll drive. Donations are pooled with other Councils, and then distributed to approximately 25 organizations across the state that provide programs and services for individuals with Developmental Disabilities and their families such as recreation programs, day care, respite care, education, and counseling. As Catholics, we support people who cope with the challenges of life. Please help the Knights continue this worthy tradition.

PARISH FINANCES

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Collections — October 1 and October 2

Offertory Collection	\$ 3,287.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ <u>1,667.50</u>
	\$ 4,954.00

Surplus to the \$4,000 weekly goal: \$ 954.00

Mass Attendance 189

Holy Father—Missionary Collection :

Mass Collection	\$ 245.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ <u>55.00</u>
	\$ 300.00

Upcoming Special Collections

October 9	Parish Maintenance
October 23	World Mission
October 30	St. Matthias St. Vincent de Paul

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.



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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Thank you to *all our guests* who attended the Blessing of the Animals last Sunday. The weather was a bit brisk, however, the prayer and song were heartwarming.



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