

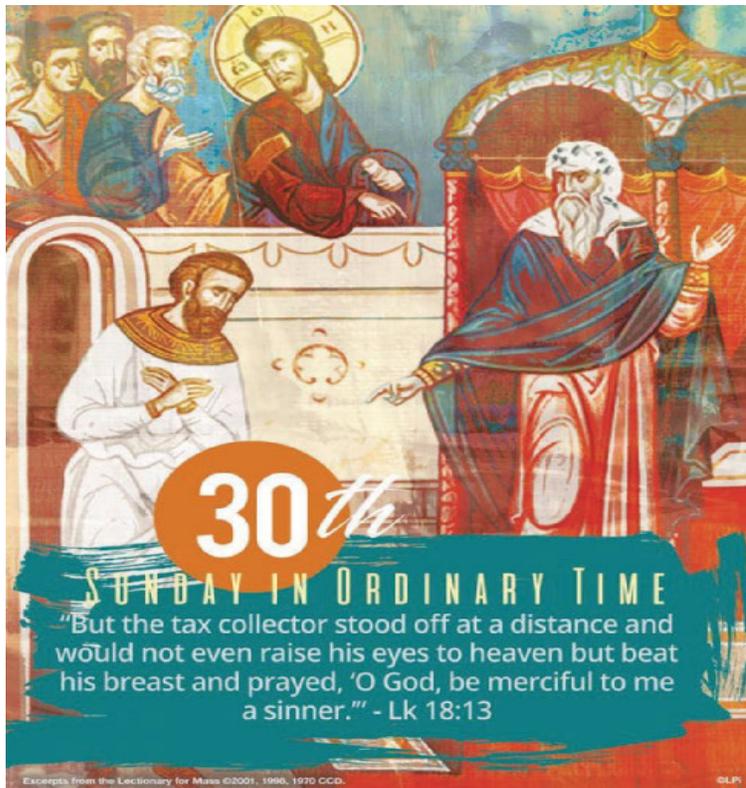
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Celebrations of the Eucharist

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

For HELP: St. Vincent dePaul Society

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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 23



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, October 22

Anna and Robert Barrett — Memorial
Ann Marie Martocci — 1st Anniversary Memorial

Sunday, October 23

Rachael Goulet — Healing Intention

Saturday, October 29

Memorial

Alice Robertson
Irene Dorahush

Sunday, October 30

Memorial

Mary and Gerry Coletti
Frank Hill and Families

Music for Celebrations of the Eucharist *October 22 and October 23*

- Gathering Song:** **Come To Me, O Weary Traveler**
hymnal # 630
- Preparation:** **God's Great Care**
booklet # 5
- Communion:** **Bread Of Life, Cup Of Salvation**
booklet # 4
- Recessional:** **Lift High The Cross**
hymnal # 785

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to view the Mass from our homepage.



THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, October 22

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

Sunday, October 23

Faith Formation Gatherings Grades 1 to 5
Parish Hall, Classrooms, Conference Room
8:45-9:45 a.m.

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

Faith Formation Gatherings Grades 6 to 8
10:00 a.m. Mass
11:00—12:00 Noon Meeting in Parish Hall

Monday, October 24

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

Tuesday, October 25

Celebration of the Eucharist
Downstairs Conference Room Chapel, 9:00 a.m.
Grateful Discipleship Program—Scripture Session
Parish Hall — 6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 28

Celebration of the Eucharist
Downstairs Conference Room Chapel, 9:00 a.m.
Grateful Discipleship Program—Scripture Session
Parish Hall — 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 29

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

Sunday, October 30

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

Gifts of Altar and Sanctuary Candles
Donated for the Month of October



Frank & Leah Calore
Eleanor Laspada

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22 and October 23

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29 and October 30

First Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2
Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

From Fr. Fran

November Politics

You need only watch TV for a few minutes these days to be bombarded by political ads. From ballot questions to candidates for office in Massachusetts (and even New Hampshire), we are subjected to a host of largely negative ads which portray the challenger as “the enemy” and the opposing view of a ballot question as almost evil. As Catholic Christians we need to go beyond this rhetoric and take a deeper look into the people and questions we will be voting on this November.

Our civic responsibility and our Catholic faith call us to vote for candidates and questions that will especially benefit the most vulnerable in our society. Voting on what is personal to me as an individual should take a back seat to what is most beneficial for the wider community.

Many of the ads we see are meant to alarm us and make us fear the opposing candidate or question. We know that as followers of Christ, we are not led by fear but by trust in God. If we vote purely by how political ads influence our emotions, we do a disservice to our civic duty and to our duty as Christians.

Perhaps we can ask ourselves a few questions as we prepare to vote next month. How is my faith informing my decisions? Am I more concerned about my personal needs than the needs of others? Do I let myself be more influenced by negative ads than positive discussions? Do I simply vote “the party line”, or do I research each candidate to discern their strengths and weaknesses? Am I a “one issue” voter or do I put the whole of a candidate’s positions into my deliberations? Do I say, “to heck with it all” or “my vote doesn’t count, anyway” and sit the election out?

Being a disciple of Christ and a good citizen are not mutually exclusive. Let’s all take some time to bring our deliberations to prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to guide our decisions.

On another political note, let me remind you that we do not allow or endorse any political candidates or political signage and leafleting on St. Matthias property. As often happens, signs are placed on the edges of our property or cars are leafleted during Mass. If you see this happening, please bring it to my attention. Thanks!

Maintenance

As there was a chill in the air last weekend there was also a chill in the church. Our boiler is in need of a few replacement parts (just like many of us!). We hope to have the repairs done by the time you read this. We are also replacing the lights in the parking lot as the LED fixtures have come to the end of their life. This should be done by the beginning of next month.

Grateful Discipleship

Many thanks to parishioner Katie Broach who gave a great witness talk as part of our Grateful Discipleship Initiative. In two weeks’ time we will have commitment weekend when all parishioners will have the chance to recommit themselves to our parish community. Please read the accompanying article and pick up a Grateful Discipleship brochure at the doors of the church if you haven’t received one already.

GRATEFUL DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM

Because everything we have comes from and belongs to God, giving some of it back gives expression to how we steward his blessings. Please help St. Matthias Parish to prepare for the coming year of ministry and service by prayerfully considering a commitment to the church that is reflective of your gratitude for God’s abundant grace. You Can Make A Difference in the parish...

BY YOUR GIFT OF PRESENCE

Your gift of time: your presence and involvement in our parish community are powerful statements of your faith. You can make a difference by being here – for on-line or in-person Mass, for prayer services, for Bible studies, for small group gatherings, for Sacramental celebrations, for service activities, for faith formation, and for other parish events.

BY YOUR GIFT OF INVOLVEMENT

Our parish needs many different people with a wide range of abilities. We have obvious needs such as the need for worship and faith formation support. But we also have many needs that are less obvious – including hospitality, clerical, maintenance and technology needs. Your gifts of talent can make ministry happen in your parish.

BY YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE

The money you contribute to the parish in the basket or electronically makes ministry happen. It helps provide salaries and benefits. It helps pay for buildings, equipment, maintenance and materials. It helps fund programs and services which benefit all members of the parish family and those most in need of support. Your gifts given in thanksgiving for the many gifts God has given you, will make a difference in the lives of many people.

Discipleship Weekend for The Grateful Discipleship Program is November 5th and 6th. Please pray about your level of commitment and return your commitment form by that weekend.



OCTOBER 23, 2022

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation schedule for **Sunday Oct 23** is as follows:

Grades 1 through 5 8:45 — 9:45 am

During this time Peter Brockmann, our music director, will help the children learn various music selections that are sung during Mass.

Grades 6 through 8 — 10:00 am Mass followed by meeting in the parish hall until noon.

HOLIDAY SOCIAL - ST. MATTHIAS PARISH

The St. Mathias Parish community will be hosting a Holiday Social on **December 11** following the 10:00 am. Mass. It will be a festive time for everyone. Gift baskets raffle, bake sale, craft table for a special holiday gift giving, delicious treats and a visit from Santa. Mark your calendar. If you would like to help with this special event, please contact the parish office.



**Sacrament of the Sick
October 29 and 30**

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. If you would like to be anointed, please take a pin upon entering the church and we ask that you sit at the end of the pew close to the center aisle. Thank you.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Donna Anastas
Conor Canavan
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Lorraine Chute
Paul Cote
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Richard Desjardin
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Steve S.
Raymond Sotek
Joseph Sousa
Muriel Swenor
Andrew Tivnan
Jane Walsh
Lydia Whitcomb

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

**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.

Following the Mass of Remembrance all are invited to a breakfast reception in the Parish Hall.

Weekday Mass — Week of October 23



Weekday Mass is held
Monday, Tuesday and Friday
9:00 a.m. - Downstairs Conference Rm.

**Grateful Discipleship Program
Scripture Sessions**

Please join us for either two morning sessions or two evening sessions to explore the biblical basis for the Grateful Discipleship program.

Evening Sessions:

Wednesday October 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Day Session:

Friday, October 28 at 10:00 a.m.

PARISH FINANCES

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Collections — October 15 and October 16

Offertory Collection	\$ 2,177.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 865.00
	\$ 3,042.00

Deficit to reach the \$4,000 weekly goal: \$ 958.00

Mass Attendance 215

Upcoming Special Collections

October 23	World Mission
October 30	St. Matthias St. Vincent de Paul



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.

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.



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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.



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