

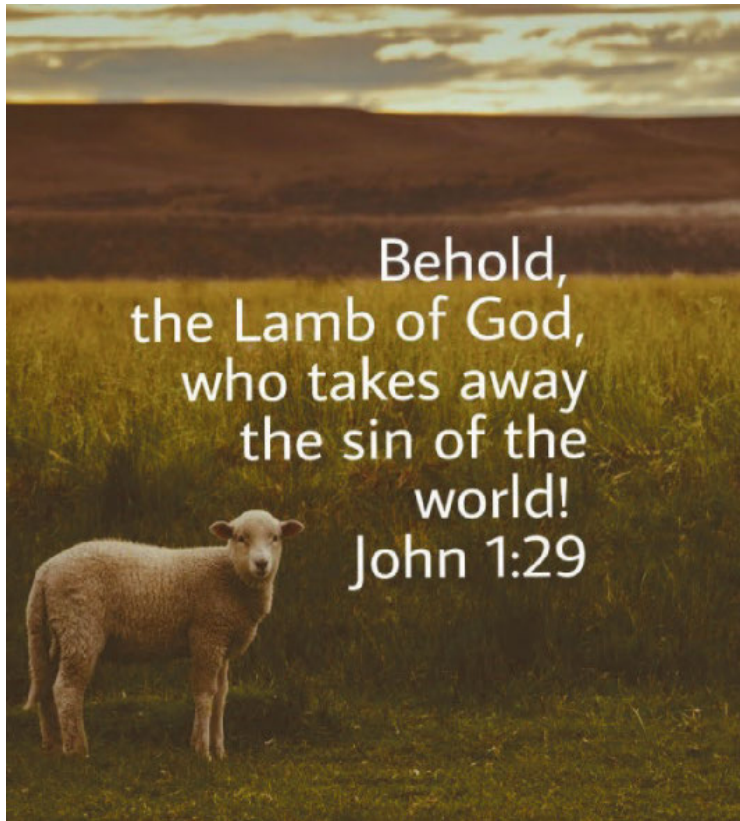
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Celebrations of the Eucharist

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, Tuesdays and Fridays 9:00 AM

Holy Days: As announced

For HELP: St. Vincent dePaul Society
tel. no. 978-493-3037

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 January 15



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

**Office will be closed Monday, January 16
Honor Martin Luther King Jr.**

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, January 14, 4:00p.m.

Rachael Goulet — Healing

Sunday, January 15, 10:00a.m.

Memorial

John and Laura Sousa
John and Deolinda Roque

Saturday, January 21, 4:00p.m.

Enrique Dehesa — 2nd Anniversary Memorial

Sunday, January 22, 10:00a.m.

Deborah Robichaud — 3rd Anniversary Memorial

Sanctuary and Altar Candles Donation for the month of January

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Frank and Leah Calore
Eleanor Laspada
Joseph Calore

From the Bucher Family



THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, January 14

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

Sunday, January 15

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

Monday, January 16

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

Tuesday, January 17

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

Wednesday, January 18

Choir Rehearsal
Church, 7:00p.m.

Friday, January 20

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

Saturday, January 21

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

Sunday, January 22

Faith Formation: Grades 1 through 5
Parish Hall/ Conference Rm 8:45a.m.—9:45a.m.

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

Faith Formation: Grades 6 through 8

Attendance at 10:00a.m. Mass
Parish Hall 11:00a.m.—11:45a.m.

Upcoming Coffee Socials

Sunday, February 12
Sunday, March 12



*Here am I, Lord;
I come to do your will.*

Weekday Mass — Week of January 15

Weekday Mass will be celebrated this week on
Monday, Tuesday and Friday
9:00a.m. Downstairs Conference Room



Pre-recorded Mass can be found posted online on Facebook post Sundays by 10:00 AM. Just search **@stmattpar** OR Visit our website on your favorite browser at www.stmattpar.org to view the recorded Mass from our homepage.

From Fr. Fran

St. Matthias and St. Michael Pastoral Collaborative to begin 1 June 2023

The following is a summary of last week's bulletin announcement on our Pastoral Collaborative. For the full version please go to the bulletin section of our webpage and call up the bulletin for the Feast of the Epiphany, January 8, 2023.

The Archdiocese of Boston has determined that all of the remaining Parish Pastoral Collaboratives will begin on the 1st of June 2023. This means that on June 1st, St. Matthias and St. Michael Parishes will become a Pastoral Collaborative with a pastor appointed to serve both parishes. He will then appoint a pastoral team that will also serve both parishes. He will also gather a group of parish leaders from both parishes to write a pastoral plan for the new Pastoral Collaborative.

I'm sure there are many questions in parishioners' minds as we prepare to become a Pastoral Collaborative. Soon I will be announcing a couple of parish wide sessions that will occur immediately following the 4PM and 10 AM Masses where the process will be explained, and questions will be answered. For now, let me sketch out what our Pastoral Collaborative is and what it isn't.

St. Matthias and St. Michael will remain two independent parishes. *This is not a merger of the two parishes.* While both parishes will share a pastor and pastoral team, the parishes will remain independent of one another.

Many aspects of parish life in a Collaborative may be shared between parishes, including Faith Formation, liturgical formation, sacramental celebrations, and community outreach. This will provide opportunities to expand ministries and combine events resulting in a great number of people from both parishes getting to know and work with one another.

St. Matthias and St. Michael will remain two independent fiscal entities. While both parishes will be assessed for the salaries of the Pastoral Staff according to diocesan guidelines, *each parish will remain fully responsible for their individual financial life.* Weekly contributions, Grand Annual Collections, proceeds from fund raisers and all other donations remain with the parish of origin. Each parish will continue to have its own independent Finance Council as required by Canon Law.

Preparation for a New Pastor The archdiocese will be conducting a listening session on Tuesday, January 24th here at St. Matthias. Invited to this

session are members of the staffs, Parish Pastoral Councils, and Finance Councils of our two parishes. The meeting will be facilitated by Fr. Paul Soper and Sr. Pat Doyle from the Office of Pastoral Planning. The agenda will be to provide a perspective for the Clergy Personnel Board when they are called upon to make a recommendation to Cardinal Sean about who the pastor of our two parishes should be. **If you would like to contribute your thoughts, please email them to me before January 20th and I will have them compiled and given to the archdiocesan representatives.**

2023 Grand Annual: Half-way to \$75k!

I am happy to announce that we are over half-way to our Grand Annual Collection goal of \$75,000 dollars. Many thanks to those generous parishioners who have donated so far. If you are able, now would be a great time to write out a check or visit our online giving program WeShare.

All of your donations to the Grand Annual go directly into our FY2023 operating budget. That means each dollar is already spoken for. (And for future reference, when we become a Pastoral Collaborative with St. Michael Parish, all your donations will remain within the parish.)

Heating System Issues

You may remember back almost 10 years ago we converted our boiler from oil to gas. At that time a number of original parts to the heating system were deemed operable and were not replaced. Unfortunately, some of those original parts have now come to the end of their service. This resulted in a loss of heat for a few days at Christmas and during the following weeks. Some parts have already been replaced and we are getting quotes for others. So.... if it feels cold in the church over the next few weeks, it isn't the miserly pastor saving a penny, it's just the age of the system.

Thank You, St. Vincent Conference

Last Sunday our St. Vincent DePaul Society Conference hosted a wonderful Epiphany breakfast for the parish. This was our Vincentians' gift to our parishioners in thanksgiving for the amazing generosity parishioners have shown throughout the year in our collections and other efforts to assist those within our community who come to us for help. Many thanks to the members of our St. Vincent Conference for their hospitality to us last Sunday and for the important work they do in our community throughout the year.

January 15, 2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation meetings for 2023:

Due to the Martin Luther King Remembrance weekend, January 15/16, there are no Faith Formation gatherings.

January 22:

Grades 1 through 5 8:45AM — 9:45AM

Grades 6 through 8 10:00AM Mass then meeting in Parish Hall until 12:00 Noon.

January 29:

Confirmation I and Confirmation II

Participate in 10:00 a.m. Mass followed by meetings with Deacon Paul and Mrs. Salafia until 11:45 a.m.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14 and January 15

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21 and January 22

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Peter Brockmann — Director of Music

From time to time, we schedule an instrumental work during the Mass. This happens somewhat randomly (except during Lent, or a Baptism during Mass when we have been doing it for the recessional).

It's meant as an aid to prayer and reflection on the Gospel and the homily. Usually, the instrumental at the Preparation of the Gifts - that interval between the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist - is solemn and serious, but not sad. Sometimes I choose the accompaniment of a new hymn we will sing, or I might improvise something out of thin air.

More recently, however, I've tended to choose works by Johann Sebastian Bach, one of my musical heroes and a prolific composer for piano and organ. Over the past three years, I've been studying his Well-Tempered Clavier, Book I (BWV 846-893) - a collection of 24 preludes and fugues, in each of the 24 major and minor keys of the scale, first published in 1722. It has been a delight to work on this material, but also a challenge and a wellspring of ideas and disciplines that have helped my technique and deeper appreciation of his genius quite a bit.

Having an unexpected moment, specially set aside for prayer during Mass - is hopefully spiritually fruitful for you,

Let us sing,



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Donna Anastas	Andrea Durant	John O'Malley
Phil Anastas	Craig Fallon	Ayn Paoella
Conor Canavan	Alfred Giancola	Jennifer Reis
Brittney Chiasson	LeAnne Gogel	Steve S.
Stephen Chiasson	Tyler Hendrix	Raymond Sotek
Lorraine Chute	Cathy Lajeunesse	Rick Smith
Paul Cote	Derek Ledoux	Joseph Sousa
Alice Cox	Joe McCabe	Muriel Swenor
Joseph Cox	Maura McGuinness	Andrew Tivnan
Aline Desjardin	Debra Natoli	Linda Thomasino
Richard Desjardin	Chris O'Brien	Jane Walsh
		Lydia Whitcomb

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

Music for Celebrations of the Eucharist

January 14 and January 15

Gathering Song: Christ Be Our Light
booklet # 6

Preparation: Instrumental

Communion: Bread of Life, Cup of Salvation
booklet # 1

Recessional: Your Wonderful Love
hymnal # 649



PARISH FINANCES

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Collections — January 7 and January 8

Offertory Collection	\$ 1,836.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 1,645.00
	\$ 3,481.00

Offertory collection \$519 under weekly goal.

Parish Maintenance Collection: \$792.00

Mass Attendance 186

Clergy Collection — December 24 and December 25

Clergy Collection	\$ 4,067.75
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JANUARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Church in Latin America: January 21 and 22



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

SCAN ME



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.



GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FY 2023

St. Matthias 2023 Grand Annual Collection is in full swing. This is our most important fundraiser of the year. Our goal this year is to raise \$75,000 dollars. All of which goes directly into our operating budget!

Donation Total:	\$39,835.00	100%
Remaining to reach goal:	\$35,165.00	90%
Percentage: towards goal	53.1%	80%
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