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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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Celebrations of the Eucharist

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

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.

For HELP: St. Vincent dePaul Society

tel. no. 978-493-3037

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Week of March 12, 2023



**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, March 11, 4:00p.m.

St. Matthias and St. Michael Parish

Sunday, March 12, 10:00a.m.

Memorial

John and Laura Sousa

John and Deolinda Roque

Tuesday, March 14, 9:00a.m.

Fr. Raymond Goulet — Memorial

Saturday, March 18, 4:00p.m.

Antonio Barcinas — 1 Month Memorial

Sunday, March 19, 10:00a.m.

Memorial

Gerard Chevrette — 2nd Anniversary

Irene Chevrette — 7th Anniversary

Third Sunday of Lent
March 11 and March 12

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 18 and March 19

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, March 11

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 4:00p.m.

Sunday, March 12

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 10:00a.m.

Coffee Social

Parish Hall, Following Mass

Monday, March 13

Celebration of the Eucharist

Downstairs Conference Room, 9:00a.m.

Tuesday, March 14

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

Wednesday, March 15

Choir Rehearsal

Church, 7:00p.m.

Friday, March 17

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

Saturday, March 18

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 4:00p.m.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Parish Hall, 5:00p.m.

Sunday, March 19

Faith Formation

Grades 1-5 8:45 – 9:45 a.m.

Parish Hall, Classroom & Conference Room

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 10:00a.m.

Weekday Mass — Week of March 12

Weekday Mass will be celebrated this week on

Monday, Tuesday and Friday

9:00a.m. Downstairs Conference Room



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST WORSHIP BOOKLET

The Worship Aid for the Lenten Season can be found in the pews. This booklet contains Mass responses as well as our musical selections. Lift your voices in celebration.

After use, please return the booklet to the book rack located in the pew.

Thank You.



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

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

Many thanks to Deacon Russ Morey for his witness talk last weekend on the work of the Archdiocese of Boston's Annual Appeal. This weekend, after the homily, you are invited to fill out a pledge card (which you will find at the ends of the pews) and drop it today in the collection box at the rear of the church. I will be explaining the procedure after the homily. It is important that parishioners return the pledge cards this weekend so that they will be counted towards our "in pew" campaign. (19 or more are needed to ensure that we will be able to receive any money donated over our goal and to apply for an abatement if we do not reach our goal). Many thanks to all who have and will be supporting the important work of our archdiocese through the Annual Appeal.

Saturday Afternoon Confessions to Resume

Our regularly scheduled Saturday afternoon time for the Sacrament of Penance will resume beginning **Saturday March 18th at 3:15PM** in the Reconciliation Room. Parishioners coming to confession are requested to have a face covering as will I for the time being.

Reflections on our Pastoral Collaborative from Parish Pastoral Council Members

Members of the PPC want to make sure our parish is as ready as it can be for the change in parish life coming this June when our Pastoral Collaborative with St. Michael's begins. This weekend we are beginning a series of bulletin inserts written by PPC members. They touch upon important topics for discussion as we move into becoming a Collaborative with St. Michael Parish.

Today's insert is on openness to the Holy Spirit, written by PPC member and Cantor, Katie Broach. The PPC felt that with the anxiety and fear of change which many may experience, we need to center our situation from within the plan of God for our Pastoral Collaborative. An openness to where the Holy Spirit is leading us may help with our own individual concerns and anxiousness about what is soon to happen.

I invite every parishioner to read over Katie's presentation and bring it to prayer over the next few weeks as we move towards the establishment of our Collaborative.

Our Celebrations of Holy Week and Easter Needs You!

We are approaching the holiest days of our church year. Soon we will celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and then join him at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday as he gives us his body and blood, and, by washing the disciples' feet, gives us a model of service. On Good Friday we will hear once again the story of his passion and death and venerate his cross. Then, on Holy Saturday we will celebrate his resurrection and the Sacrament of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) at the Great Easter Vigil. We will finish up the Paschal Triduum on Easter Sunday with the joyous masses of Easter.

To celebrate these moments well, our parish has assembled a number of parishioners who make up our Holy Week and Triduum preparation team. They are hard at work getting everything ready so that our celebrations will be prayerful and meaningful. *They need your help!*

There are a number of liturgical ministries that need to be filled. If you've ever wanted to be an altar server, a thurifer, a greeter, etc.... now is your chance! Your commitment would be for one of the services of Holy Week that are spelled out in today's second bulletin insert. You will be given all the instruction needed to fulfill your role, and there will be a rehearsal just before Holy Week. Please take a look at the insert and pray about becoming a part of the liturgical ministry of the great Feast of Easter.

You may return your completed form in the Offertory box at the back of the church or email admin@stmattpar.org.

Boston Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend

We're very excited to launch the Catholic Appeal this weekend at St. Matthias Parish. Thank you to those who have already responded generously to the Cardinal's invitation! As Catholics, each of us shares the responsibility of the Church community – both directly within our parish and to the greater Church.

Envelopes can be found in the pews and at the church entrances. As we need 19 commitment envelopes this weekend, please fill one out and place in the offertory box even if you received them at home or made a commitment already.

Thank you for responding in faith, hope, and charity by making a gift to the 2023 Catholic Appeal.

March 12, 2023

Third Sunday in Lent

FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, March 12

No Faith Formation Gatherings

Sunday, March 19 meetings:

Grades 1-5 8:45 – 9:45 a.m.

Parish Hall, Classroom, & Conference Room

Friday, March 24

Grades 6-8 (All Are Welcome)

Stations of the Cross — 5:30PM

Simple Lenten Supper — 6:00PM



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day
at St. Matthias Parish

**Saturday, March 18 - 5:00 p.m.
in the Parish Hall**

Enjoy an Irish favorite:

Corned Beef and Cabbage

(Lasagna and meatballs for the pasta lovers)

- Buffet Way Caterers -

Beer and Wine available for purchase

Entertainment:

McInerney School of Irish Step Dance

St. O'Matthias Sing-a-long



St. Patrick's Day Dispensation From Cardinal Sean

Given the importance of this feast in the life of the archdiocese and in the lives of many Catholics, Cardinal Seán is granting a dispensation from the Friday Lenten abstinence on March 17, 2023, to those who wish to take advantage of this opportunity. Please enjoy your corned beef.

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Donna Anastas	Michelle F.	Ayn Paoletta
Phil Anastas	Alfred Giancola	Jennifer Reis
William C.	LeAnne Gogel	Steve S.
Conor Canavan	Brian Hendrix	Raymond Sotek
Brittney Chiasson	Tyler Hendrix	Rick Smith
Stephen Chiasson	Derek Ledoux	Joseph Sousa
Paul Cote	Maura McGuinness	Muriel Swenor
Aline Desjardin	Debra Natoli	Linda Thomasino
Richard Desjardin	Dennis Natoli	Jane Walsh
Andrea Durant	Chris O'Brien	Lydia Whitcomb
Craig Fallon	John O'Malley	

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

LENTEN CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Stations of the Cross

Church — 5:30PM

Simple Lenten Supper

Parish Hall — 6:00PM

The families of the Faith Formation Grades 6-8 will provide a simple Lenten meal in the parish hall. All are welcome to join in prayer and supper.

CORI PROCESSING

All recent volunteers at St. Matthias should have received a CORI letter and form in the mail. The form is available online at our website www.stmattpar.org. **CORI Forms will be processed at the back of church this weekend and during the coffee social 3/12/23.**

There are 3 options for verifying your information:

1. Complete and Verify after Mass.
2. Make an appointment with the Parish Office to do your CORI verification in-person with a staff member.
3. Have your CORI form verified by a Notary prior to submission. You will also need to verify receipt of the updated Code of Ministerial Behavior for the Archdiocese of Boston. This will be done by mail or e-mail once the CORI has been submitted.

PETER BROCKMANN, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Well, we're in the full swing of Lent. This is the Third Sunday of the season, and the third time our gathering song is RAISE US UP, by Fr Fran.

And it won't be the last. We will sing this song as the gathering for the Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, too. Although you might think it a bit tedious to do that, I'm hoping that we can move past that emotion and get to a deeper and different response to the music. Instead, I hope that with this repetition of the song, like hitting the nail with the hammer a third, fourth and fifth time, the message of the lyric will sink in a little deeper each time. I hope that you might review the lyric again and within the musical structure of the refrain and verses, sincerely call on God to 'Change our hearts; heal our lives. Raise us up from the ashes again.'

Also, Fr Fran has crafted a third verse that points to the message of today's gospel from John - Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well.

So, we'll be singing the familiar refrain, verse 1 refrain and then the new 3rd verse and refrain. This will become our pattern gathering song for the next three weeks. Next week, we'll substitute the fourth verse and so on. Let us sing!

PARISH FINANCES

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Offertory Collection — March 4 / 5

Collection	\$ 3,356.00
WeShare	\$ 2,190.00
	\$ 5,546.00

\$ 1,546.00 surplus to the weekly goal. Thank you!

Mass Attendance 228

MARCH SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Parish Maintenance March 11/12

Parochial Schools March 25/26

Lenten Rice Bowl — Catholic Relief Services

Rice Bowl at the Church Entrances



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



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:	\$62,915.00
Remaining to reach goal:	\$12,085.00
Percentage: towards goal	83.9%
Participating Families:	98



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