

Saint Matthias Parish



*409 Hemenway Street
Marlborough, MA*

St. Matthias Parish

Office Hours for the Week of April 9

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.



Parish Office Will Be Closed

Monday, April 10
In Observance of Easter

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, April 8 — Easter Vigil

Celebration of the Eucharist — Easter Vigil
Church, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 9 — Easter Sunday

Celebration of the Eucharist
Church, 9:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Reception

Parish Hall, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 11:00 a.m.

Monday, April 10

Parish Office Closed
Observance of Easter

Tuesday, April 11

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

Wednesday, April 12

Choir Rehearsal
Church, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 14

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

Saturday, April 15

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

Sunday, April 16

Celebration of the Eucharist
Church, 9:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, April 8 — 8:00p.m

The communities of St. Matthias and St. Michael

Sunday, April 9 — 9:00a.m.

Memorial

John & Laura Sousa

John & Deolinda Roque

Sunday, April 9 — 11:00 a.m.

Memorial

Annie Verhallen

Tony & Erika Brockmann

Saturday, April 15 — 4:00 p.m.

Michael Bailly — Memorial

Sunday, April 16 — 10:00 a.m.

Antonio Barcinas—Memorial



Weekday Masses for the Week of April 9

Tuesday and Friday

9:00 a.m. in the

Downstairs Conference Room Chapel

For Mass updates, please check the
website and voice message
on the Parish Office phone.



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST WORSHIP BOOKLET

The Worship Aid for the Easter Sunday Mass will be distributed at the entrances. This booklet contains Mass responses as well as our musical selections. Lift your voices in celebration.

After use, please return the booklet to the basket located at the church entrances. *Thank You.*

HAPPY EASTER

WELCOME TO ST. MATTHIAS PARISH

The St. Matthias Parish Community and Staff welcome the many friends and family members to our Easter Celebration. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to one another.

An Easter Coffee Social will be held in the parish hall following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

All are welcome. Thank you for attending.

FROM FR. FRAN

Happy Easter!

Welcome to our celebrations of the great mystery of Christ's resurrection. Let me extend warmest Easter blessings to everyone from the St. Matthias Parish Staff. Whether you celebrate with us weekly or on an occasional basis, or are here visiting family and friends, know how much your presence means to the entire parish this day.

Since that morning when he rose, Christ has been calling disciples to do his work in the world. We are the latest in a long line of believers who are challenged to take up his call to love and serve. This is all the more challenging as we live through the difficulties of the present moment. Yet, as Catholic Christians, we are always people of hope, for our faith tells us that even in the midst of wars and threats of wars, Christ is risen. Even as gun violence continues to take the lives of our youngsters, Christ is risen. Even when an unjust war continues to take the lives of innocent people in Ukraine, Christ is risen. Even when refugees and exiles flee to countries that shut them out, Christ is risen. Even when women and men continue to experience prejudice, discrimination, and exploitation, Christ is risen. Even as we struggle with a great divide within our nation, Christ is risen.

This belief in the risen Christ doesn't mean we sit back and let God take care of everything. If we did that, we would be greatly disappointed, for Christ continues to work in the world *through us*, though our words and actions on his behalf.

He calls us to reach out and become more involved in our communities, to build them up, whether they are the communities of city, church, family, school, or workplace. He calls us to share what we have, no matter how little or how much. He calls us, not to retreat and feel helpless in the midst of the world's problems, but speak to the issues of violence, discrimination exploitation, and rejection as we find them playing out in our lives and our communities. He invites us to reboot our lives in the light of Easter.

For Catholic Christians, the most important community to which we belong is our Church and, in particular, our parish. If a parish is doing the work of God well, it will be open to all people, it will be striving to develop into a more caring community, it will reach out, not only to its own members, but to those in need throughout the neighborhood and the world.

In a few short weeks, the work of our parish will be joined with the work of St. Michael Parish in

Hudson as we become a Pastoral Collaborative. This will be a challenging time as everyone gets to know one another, share resources, staff members, ministries, and mass times. Let us pray on this Easter Day that our two parishes will work together to form even stronger disciples who will continue Christ's mission on earth, to bring his love, forgiveness, and compassion into a world in need.

Financial Notes

Today's Easter Sunday Collection: Each year the Archdiocese of Boston designates the Easter Sunday Collection in support of our retired and infirmed priests who have served our parishes faithfully over the years. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Special Easter Season Parish Donation: Since our parish will be losing its normal Sunday collection on Easter, I'd like to invite parishioners to consider a special donation during the Easter Season, if you are able. You can do this online at WeShare, or by bringing an envelope with your donation to Mass from *April 16th (the Second Sunday of Easter) through May 28th (Pentecost Sunday)* and mark it "Special Easter Season Donation". Thanks!

2023 Grand Annual: If you take a look at our Grand Annual thermometer found in today's bulletin, you'll see that we are in sight of our \$75k goal! 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 our parish.)



FAITH FORMATION

HE IS RISEN! Choicest blessings to our St. Matthias Faith Community from the children, catechists and families in Faith Formation. Thank you for supporting us as we strive to grow in "wisdom, age and grace."



EASTER FLOWERS

The joy of Easter has arrived; a time of beauty and reflection on the incredible sacrifice Christ made for us. A small part of that Easter joy is the beautiful arrangements of flowers adorning the church. The floral displays last throughout the 50 days of the Easter season. You may help offset the cost of the flowers with an Easter flower donation. Your contribution may be made in honor of a deceased loved one or other special intention. Envelopes may be found at the church entrances. Please be sure to put your name and the names of those you wish to honor on the collection envelope and drop it in the collection box. Contributions may also be made on-line through WeShare. All contributions are greatly appreciated. Please note: Easter flower donations are accepted throughout the Easter season. We will continue to publish additional memorials in upcoming bulletins.

ST. MATTHIAS YARD SALE SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023 PARISH HALL

SPRING IS ON IT'S WAYand with that comes Spring cleaning. St. Matthias Parish will be holding an in-door yard sale; a perfect opportunity to drop off your gently used clothing, household items, sports equipment etc.

It's never too early to step up and offer your time to help make this a smooth running fundraiser for the parish.

More details to come in future bulletins. Please call the office 508-460-9255 to sign up to volunteer to help or for additional volunteer information.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for Sunday of the Divine Mercy
April 15 and April 16

Readings: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel: John 20:19-31

PETER BROCKMANN, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Happy Easter!

What a glorious week of music and liturgy and devotion and tradition and faith we've all witnessed these past few days. Many thanks to the lectors, deacons, assistants, ministers, choir members and our pastor for their commitment, zeal and leadership.

The last several months have involved hours and hours of planning, rehearsal and reflection. Even though we do the same liturgies and prayers, the nuances and subtleties introduced by slightly different music, the circumstances of the participants and the moment of our parish, leads us to a deeper appreciation for these holiest of times. Last week, I wrote about how the Passion Acclamation "Glory, We Glory in the Cross of Christ", is such a stark contrast to the more sombre "Jesus, Remember Me" and hoped that the discomfort would help us more deeply appreciate the fear, despair and sorrow of the disciples. We are not afraid of the Cross.

Similarly, the beautiful offering at Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday, at Preparation of "This is the Body of Christ" composed by John Bell and sung by the choir is a simple prayer. Sublimely constructed, faithfully rendered, we hope this expresses our united faith in the Pascal Mastery and our Christian hope for redemption.

A special thanks is due to Fr Fran, who composed much of the music we sang this past week and throughout Lent. From the opening song of Lent, the Hosanna! on Palm Sunday to the Lamb of God of Easter Sunday, we musicians revel in the gift he has given our parish and our worship. I don't know what the future brings, but I can, with confidence look to the future of our collaborative. I see it as an opportunity to share more broadly and more deeply the treasure of our faith-filled experiences as made available through his many, many beautiful musical prayers.

Let us sing!

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Donna Anastas
Phil Anastas
William C.
Conor Canavan
Brittney Chiasson
Stephen Chiasson
Paul Cote
Aline Desjardin
Richard Desjardin
Andrea Durant
Craig Fallon

Michelle F.
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LeAnne Gogel
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Rosalie Green
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Debra Natoli
Dennis Natoli

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Jennifer Reis
Steve S.
Raymond Sotek
Rick Smith
Joseph Sousa
Muriel Swenor
Linda Thomasino
Jane Walsh
Lydia Whitcomb

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

St. Matthias Parish Invites You to
"Bella Notte"

A beautiful night of food, entertainment
and friendship.

Saturday, May 13 at 5:00 PM

Parish Hall

The Evening in Review

Appetizers, pasta stations, and dessert
catered by Buffetway Way Catering

Wine and beer for purchase

Entertainment—Sing-a-long

Fair Share Raffle

Tickets

Adult: \$20.00

Child: \$10.00



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IN MEMORIAM EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Please keep the following deceased loved ones in your prayers. Thank you to our donors for your generous contributions.

Antonia Amadei
Gothardo Amadei
Tom, Betty & Johnny Arnott
Carol & Edward Baduski
Jewel Besaw
William Bruce-Tagoe
Laura Bucher
Leonard Bucher
Robert Bucher
Frank Calore
Leah Calore
Irene & Gerard Chevette
Edwin & Marjorie Conner
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Mark Desveaux
Edward J. Fallon
Emilienne Fallon
Michael J. Fallon
Brazeau Family
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Julia Jurkiewicz
Bud Keeler

Kathryn Keeler
Katie Lally
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Robert Pickett
Ella Russo
Bill Saunders
Helen Speranzella
Raymond G. St. Germain
Rhea M. St. Germain
Ed Surprenant
The Thomas Family
John & Mary Tynan
Howard Zerella
Gloria Zerella Mason



PARISH FINANCES

Weekly Financials for April 1 and April 2

Weekly Goal \$4,000.00

Due to the early submission of the Easter weekend bulletin, Financial Reporting for the weekend of April 1 and 2 will be in next week's bulletin.

APRIL SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Easter Masses — Clergy Retirement Trust Fund

April 14 and 15 — Parish Maintenance

April 29 and 30 — St. Vincent de Paul

Easter Clergy Trust Collection

This weekend's Easter collection will benefit the Clergy Trust which provides programs and support to care for the health and well-being of all active and senior diocesan priests in good standing. If you'd like to go online to make your donation, please do so by visiting clergytrust.org. You can also take one of the envelopes from the back of the Church to bring home and send in later. Thank you for your generosity.



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

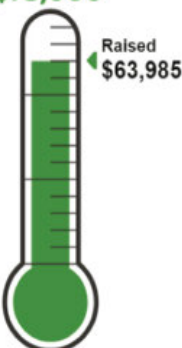
Please place your weekly or special collection offertory gifts in the Offertory box at the main entrance to the church. There will be no passing of the basket during Mass until further notice.



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: \$63,985.00
 Remaining to reach goal: \$11,015.00
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