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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: 9 AM in Church or as announced

Confessions: Saturdays 3:15 PM

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 during Saturday or 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

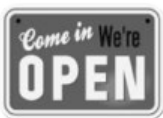
Congratulations to engaged couples! Please contact Fr. Fran eight months to a year before your wedding to plan a program of marriage preparation.

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. Matthias St. Vincent dePaul Society
tel. no. 978-493-3037

St. Matthias Parish



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Week of May 21, 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**.

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, May 20 — 4:00 p.m.

Antonio Barcinas — Memorial

Sunday, May 21 — 10:00 a.m.

Myles Heffernan — Birthday Memorial

Saturday, May 27 — 4:00 p.m.

Robert Bucher and Frank Calore — Memorial

Sunday, May 28 — 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation Candidates

Weekday Masses for the Week of May 21

Monday, Tuesday and Friday

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



Mass updates are posted on the website
and updated on Parish Office voice
message.

Readings for Seventh Sunday of Easter May 20 and May 21

First Reading: Acts 1:12-14
Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16
Gospel: John 17:1-11a

Readings for Pentecost Sunday May 27 and May 28

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel: John 20:19-23

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, May 20

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 4:00 p.m.

Collection Bins for the Marlborough Community
Cupboard at entrances to church

Sunday, May 21

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 10:00 a.m.

Collection Bins for the Marlborough Community
Cupboard at entrances to church

Coffee Social

Parish Hall—Following 10 a.m. Mass

Confirmation Dinner and Rehearsal

Dinner, Parish Hall 6:00 p.m.

Rehearsal, Church 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 22

Celebration of the Eucharist

Conference Room Chapel, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, May 23

Celebration of the Eucharist

Conference Room Chapel, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, May 24

Choir Rehearsal

Church, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 26

Celebration of the Eucharist

Conference Room Chapel, 9 a.m.

Saturday, May 27

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 28

Celebration of the Eucharist with Confirmation

Church, 10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary and Altar Candles Donation for the month of May

In Loving Memory of

Robert “Bob” Bucher
Frank and Leah Calore
Eleanor Laspada
Joseph Calore



From the Bucher Family



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

Pastoral Collaborative

As I announced last weekend at the masses, our Pastoral Collaborative with St. Michael Parish *will not* begin this June as previously announced by the archdiocese. It has been challenging for the Archdiocesan Personnel Board to arrange all the assignments of pastors to Collaboratives by their June 1st deadline. Due to this, and a few other factors, ours is one of the Collaboratives that will be postponed to a date yet to be determined.

In the meantime, we will be working with the new Administrator of St. Michael Parish, Fr. Jason Giombetti, to continue to ready our parishes for the Collaborative. When our Collaborative does begin, I will be given a new assignment in the archdiocese.

As I mentioned last weekend, this is like being in the movie Groundhog Day. We have lived this scenario a few times already. It has been over a decade since the Pastoral Collaborative initiative began. During that time there have been many configurations and start dates for our Collaborative. All involved felt sure that the starting date of June 1st, 2023, was final. I guess the Holy Spirit had other ideas!

Our Parish Pastoral Council has been working hard over the past year to get us ready for our Collaborative. You've seen some of the fruit of their labors in the series of articles members of the PPC have written which are available on our webpage. I'd like to thank them for their dedication to preparing our parish for the Collaborative. They are, understandably, angry and frustrated with the archdiocese. In a recent meeting I had over the postponement of the Collaborative with Bishop Mark O'Connell, the Vicar General of the Archdiocese, I related this to him. He will be coming out to talk with the parish leadership and listen to their feelings about the whole process.

In summary: Our Pastoral Collaborative is still on but is postponed. Its starting date is yet to be determined. When it does begin, I will be given a new assignment in the archdiocese. Until that time, we will be working closely with the new administrator of St.

Michael Parish, Fr. Giombetti.

In this season of the Holy Spirit, let us pray for our two parishes and for the Archdiocese of Boston. May the Holy Spirit bring us closer together in mind and heart that we may live out our baptismal call to love and serve God by loving and serving one another.

Congratulations!

The graduation season is upon us! On behalf of our St. Matthias family, let me express a round of congratulations to all the graduates in our parish. We applaud your achievements and pray that the Holy Spirit may always be beside you, giving you wisdom and grace as you go on to the next part of your journey. Know that our parish family will be behind you all the way with support and prayers as you and your families begin the next part of your journey.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Next Sunday at the 10AM Mass, Bishop Robert Reed will be with us to preside over our parish celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Let us pray in the upcoming week for those to be confirmed and their families. May the outpouring of the Holy Spirit strengthen them in their journey as disciples of Christ, bringing his love, compassion, and forgiveness into our world.

Financial Notes

We are *so* close to meeting our goal for the St. Matthias Grand Annual Collection and the Archdiocesan Appeal. On the archdiocesan level, we need only \$825 dollars to reach our assessment. On the local front, we have just a few more weeks before the parish books close on FY 2023, and we are \$4375 away from our goal. If you are able to donate to these important campaigns, *the time is now*. Our parish and the Archdiocese of Boston depend on your generosity.

Congratulations to all graduates and families of the Class of 2023!



*for He will command
His angels concerning you
To guard you in all your ways*

Psalms 91:11

MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD COLLECTION MAY 20 & 21

The St. Matthias Marlborough Community Cupboard collection will take place this weekend **May 20 and 21**. Bins will be available at the church entrances.

May 21, 2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter

FAITH FORMATION

Confirmation Dinner:

A dinner to honor Confirmation candidates is **Sunday May 21 at 6:00 p.m.** in the parish hall. Dinner will be catered by Buffet Way. Parents, guardians and sponsors will join with their candidates for dinner.

Confirmation Rehearsal will follow dinner at 7:00 p.m. in church for candidates, families and sponsors.

Confirmation will be Sunday May 28 at 10:00 a.m. Bishop Robert Reed will administer the sacrament.

COFFEE SOCIAL MAY 21

**Parish Hall
following 10:00 a.m.
Mass**



Join the parish community for friendship, conversation and coffee following Mass on May 21 in the Parish Hall.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

There are many ways to be involved in the St. Matthias community as you continue your journey in Faith. Please prayerfully consider helping.

- ⇒ **Hospitality** (Host/Greeter at Mass) — 1-2/month
- ⇒ **Altar Server** — scheduled on your regular church attendance day
- ⇒ **Eucharistic Minister** — scheduled on your regular church attendance day
- ⇒ **Coffee Social Host** — currently held once a month. With your help we can hold more often.
- ⇒ **Bulletin Creator** — Use your creativity to put together the weekly bulletin. 2-4 hours a week.
- ⇒ **Money Counters** — Monday mornings, 1-2/month.
- ⇒ **Choir Member** — Rejoice in song during Mass as a choir member.

Your contribution of time is priceless and will help to grow the parish we attend and love. For more information call or email the Parish Office admin@stmattpar.org/508-460-9255.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST WORSHIP BOOKLET

The Worship booklet for the Easter Season is found in the pews. The 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 in the pews.
Thank You.

A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

Our energetic and martial closing hymn, "LIFT HIGH THE CROSS", in the Gather 2 hymnal #785, was written in 1887 by George Kitchin, revised by Michael Newbolt in 1916, where he also set the lyric to CRUCIFER by Sydney Nicholson. Originally written for the British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel as a festival hymn, it had been first performed at Winchester Cathedral, in Winchester England.

Interestingly, the Society was originally formed as a missionary society for the Church of England in 1701, and had responsibilities for Anglican mission work around the world, especially the American colonies (at that time).

The revision was published in the 1916 Supplement to Hymns Ancient and Modern (a British Anglican hymnal). This was only two years into the First World War for Britain. It's entirely likely that a march-like hymn that brought to mind the conversion of Emperor Constantine would certainly have been widely appreciated by the not-yet-war-weary church-going folk of England.

The hymn was first published in the United States as recently as 1974.

Let us sing!



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL

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

Mr. & Mrs. James Robertson

Diane Robertson

Robert J. Fischer



Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Donna Anastas
Phil Anastas
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Brittney Chiasson
Stephen Chiasson
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Aline Desjardin
Richard Desjardin
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Rick Smith
Joseph Sousa
Jane Walsh
Lydia Whitcomb

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

PARISH FINANCES

Offertory Collection Weekly Goal \$4,000.00

Offertory Collection — May 13 and May 14

Collection	\$ 3,469.00
WeShare	\$ 740.00
	\$ 4,209.00*

***\$ 209.00 surplus to the weekly goal. Thank You!**

Parish Maintenance — May 13 and May 14

Collection	\$ 1,277.00
WeShare	\$ 305.00
	\$ 1,582.00

Mass Attendance 207

MAY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

May 27/28 — Seminarians Pentecost Collection

JUNE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

June 10/11 — Parish Maintenance
June 17/18 — Promoting the Gospel



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.

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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.



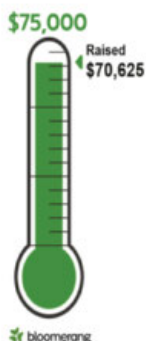
GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FY 2023

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:	\$70,625.00
Remaining to reach goal:	\$ 4,375.00
Percentage towards goal:	93.2%
Participating Families:	108

Thank you for your contribution!

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