

Saint Matthias Parish

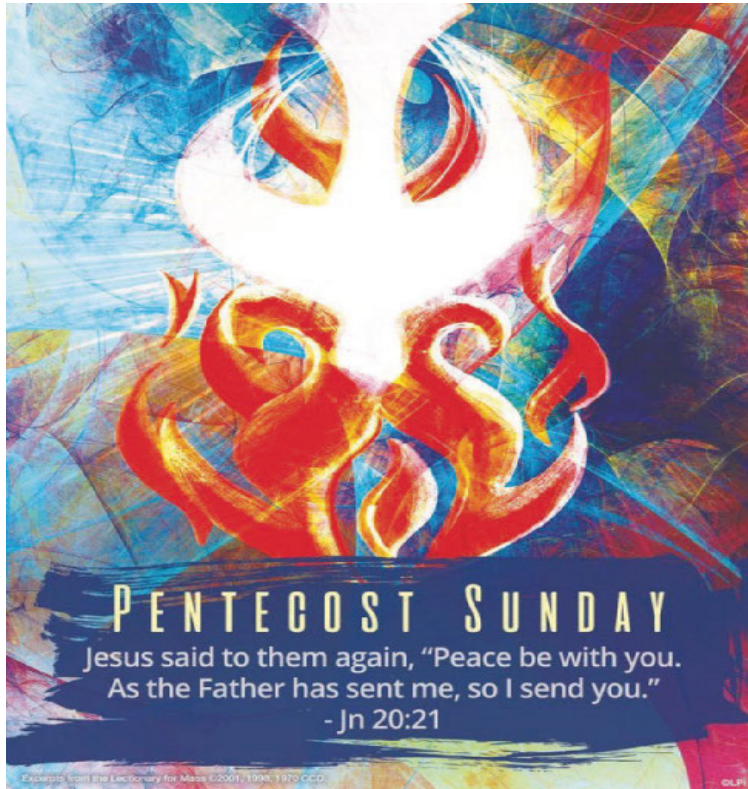
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Celebrations of the Eucharist

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 27, 2023

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**.

The Parish Office will be closed

**Monday, May 29 due to Memorial Day
Celebration**

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, May 27 — 4:00 p.m.

Robert Bucher and Frank Calore — Memorial

Sunday, May 28 — 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation Candidates

Saturday, June 3 — 4:00 p.m.

George D'Angelo — Memorial

Sunday, June 4 — 10:00 a.m.

Jane Kelly Lent & Family — Memorial

Weekday Masses for the Week of May 27

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 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

Readings for Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

June 3 and June 4

First Reading: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

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.

Monday, May 29

Celebration of the Eucharist

Conference Room Chapel, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, May 30

Celebration of the Eucharist

Conference Room Chapel, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, May 31

Choir Rehearsal

Church, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 2

Celebration of the Eucharist

Conference Room Chapel, 9 a.m.

Saturday, June 3

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 4

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

St. Matthias Celebrates The Sacrament of Confirmation

At this Sunday's 10AM Mass, our parish celebrates the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. This is a joyful day, not only for those receiving the sacrament but for our entire parish as well. On behalf of the parish, let me extend a warm welcome to our candidates, their families, and friends on this special day.

With the Sacrament of Confirmation these young women and men will mark the fullness of their initiation into the Church. As they mature in knowledge and wisdom, we pray that the Holy Spirit will deepen their faith and their baptismal commitment to bring Christ's message of love, mercy, forgiveness, and welcome to all those whom they will encounter in their lives.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the candidates' families and friends; you have been their first and best teachers in so many ways. May the Holy Spirit help you to continue to mentor and support these young adults as they grow in the gifts of the Holy Spirit!

We also extend a warm welcome to friend and classmate **Bishop Robert Reed**, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Boston, who will confer the sacrament of Confirmation. Along with being the bishop of the west region of the Archdiocese of Boston, Bishop Reed heads the Catholic TV Network and is the pastor of the Watertown Catholic Collaborative, consisting of Sacred Heart and St. Patrick parishes. It's always great to have him with us, sharing in our celebration of the Eucharist.

A Time to Remember

With this Monday's celebration of **Memorial Day**, we take time out to thank God for the lives of those who died in service to our country. While the holiday has become more of a non-official beginning of summer, it's fitting to remember the original meaning of the day.

Memorial Day began after the Civil War as "Decoration Day". Families would pay tribute to their beloved war dead by decorating their graves. To this day that tradition lives on and has expanded to include decorating the graves of all our beloved dead.

As Catholics, let us honor those who gave their lives in service to our country not only with flags and flowers, but with prayers and gratitude for their sacrifice. May they rest in the arms of our loving God.

Financial Notes

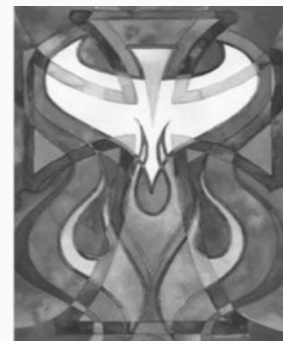
The goals for the St. Matthias Grand Annual Collection and the Archdiocesan Appeal are well in sight! We will close the books on our parish Grand Annual Collection on June 30th. We are \$2,005.00 away from our goal. And, to reach our Archdiocesan Annual Appeal assessment, we need contributions of \$225.00.

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.

Pastoral Collaborative

Most parishioners know by now that our Pastoral Collaborative with St. Michael Parish *will not* begin this June as previously announced by the archdiocese. The Collaborative's starting date is yet to be determined. When it does begin, I will be given a new assignment in the archdiocese. We will be working closely with the newly appointed administrator of St. Michael Parish, Fr. Jason Giombetti, in preparation for the Collaborative. Our prayers are with him as he begins his new assignment on July 1st and with Fr. Ren Tocci who leaves St. Michael's to become pastor of St. Cecilia Parish, Ashland.

On this Feast of Pentecost, let us pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our two parishes and upon the Archdiocese of Boston. May the 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.



COFFEE SOCIAL

June 11

Parish Hall following
10:00 a.m. Mass

Please plan to join the parish community for friendship, conversation and coffee following Mass on June 11 in the Parish Hall.



FAITH FORMATION

Welcome to Bishop Robert Reed and thank you for administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to:

Kathryn Maria Brummel
Matthew Lee Brummel
Sarah Maria Ciavattone
Kathryn Taylor Clark
Cassandra Annabella Fiore
Olivia Grace Gould
Patrick Jon Haviland
Lillian Rose Hinterneder

Laura Leigh Kilpatrick
Rory Scott Kyle
Keira Elizabeth Manning
Michael Robert Martel
Megan Elizabeth O'Leary
Ryan Michael Sweder
Jack Joseph Verri

Blessings and Congratulations to the newly confirmed. Thank you to the parents, guardians, sponsors and friends of the newly confirmed for their love and guidance.

Volunteers Needed for Our Father's Table

By Sue Dolesh

St. Matthias Parish takes part in Our Father's Table, a non-profit organization consisting of various parishes from Marlborough, Southborough, Northborough and Hudson, that provides meals and fellowship to those less privileged at the River of Living Water church hall on Weed Street in downtown Marlborough.

Beginning in June, all the churches have been asked to resume sit down meals for our friends. (During COVID meals were prepared off-site and given for take out.) St. Matthias provides the meals on the third Monday of every other month. Our next date for OFT is Monday, July 17th, at 5 p.m.

Volunteers dwindled after COVID and now that we are starting to prepare on-site meals volunteers are desperately needed. We can temporarily continue to purchase meals from Stevie's, but serve them inside with salad, dessert and drinks. However, for a number of reasons, cost being one of them, we need to get back to cooking meals. We need a list of 12+ volunteers in order to fulfill the 6-8 person crew for each designated evening. I am asking that you seriously consider volunteering.

Lastly, we are in need of a new coordinator! This would involve approximately 8 hours of your time, every other month to schedule the volunteers, prepare a menu, either purchase the necessary food supplies (or delegate) and cook the main course (or delegate).

You can contact Sue Dolesh at 248-794-3734 or daledolesh@gmail.com for more information and/or to volunteer. God bless!

A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

Our closing hymn today, GO TO THE WORLD, #469 in the Gather 2 hymnal, closes out the Mass, the Feast of Pentecost, Confirmation and signals the conclusion of the Easter season. That's quite a lot to expect one song to deliver in four verses!

Well, the lyricist, Sylvia Dunstan (1955-1993), a Canadian Lutheran theologian and poet certainly delivered her part. Go To The World, which she wrote in 1985 for the closing worship of a conference on world mission and evangelism in Vancouver, Canada, is a hymn of commissioning and sending, based on the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20. It invites the church to go forth and share the gospel with all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Triune God and teaching them to obey Christ's commands. It also celebrates the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, who empowers and guides the church in its mission.

Lyrics are great, but this music supremely complements the lyric to deliver a stirring, triumphal emotion and sense of urgency. The lyric is set to the tune **Sine Nomine**, Latin for 'without name', which is apparently a reference to the Feast of All Saints for which it was originally written by Ralph Vaughan Williams, a British liturgical composer who lived from 1872 to 1958. The tune is majestic and exhilarating, with a strong rhythmic pulse and a soaring melody. The lyrics of For All The Saints was written by William Walsham How.

Go To The World is a hymn that inspires and challenges each of us to actively participate in God's work of transforming the world with love and grace.

Let us sing! Peter Brockmann

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.

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Donna Anastas	Craig Fallon	Dennis Natoli
Phil Anastas	Alfred Giancola	John O'Malley
William C.	LeAnne Gogel	Jennifer Reis
Conor Canavan	Rachael Goulet	Steve S.
Brittney Chiasson	Rosalie Green	Raymond Sotek
Stephen Chiasson	Brian Hendrix	Rick Smith
Paul Cote	Tyler Hendrix	Joseph Sousa
Aline Desjardin	Derek Ledoux	Jane Walsh
Richard Desjardin	M McGuinness	Lydia Whitcomb
Andrea Durant	Debra Natoli	

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 20 and May 21

Collection	\$ 1,689.00
WeShare	\$ 1,010.00
	\$ 2,699.00*

***\$ 1,301.00 deficit to the weekly goal.**

Mass Attendance 167

Ascension Thursday — May 18

Collection	\$ 244.00
WeShare	\$ 65.00
	\$ 309.00

Mass Attendance 49

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.

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.

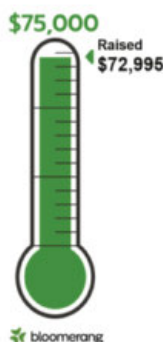


GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FY 2023

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:	\$72,995.00
Remaining to reach goal:	\$ 2,005.00
Percentage towards goal:	97.3%
Participating Families:	110

Thank you for your contribution!



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