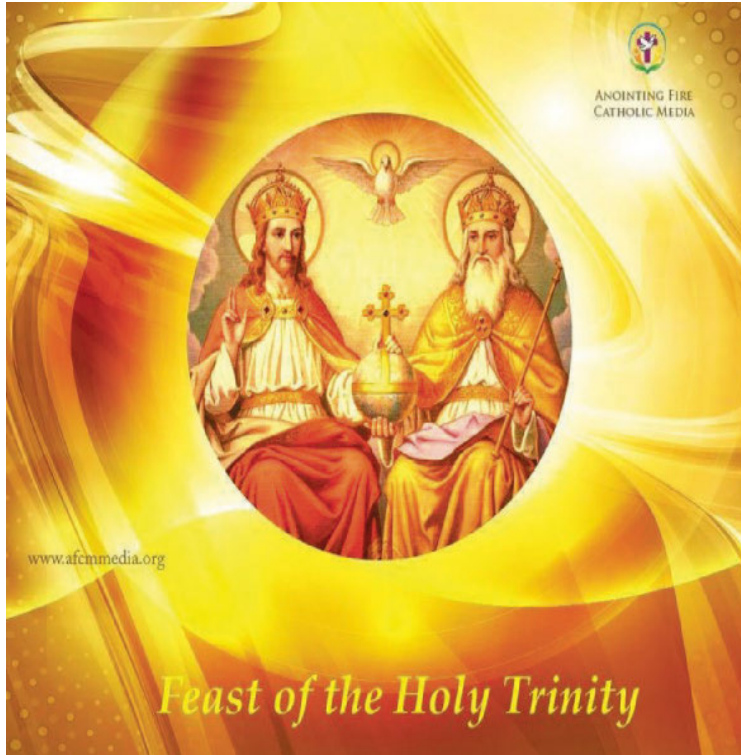


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Celebrations of the Eucharist

Pre-recorded Mass on-line Sundays by 10:00 AM at
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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

For HELP: St. Matthias St. Vincent dePaul Society
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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.

St. Matthias Parish



PARISH OFFICE HOURS Week of June 4, 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, June 3 — 4:00 p.m.

George D'Angelo — Memorial

Sunday, June 4 — 10:00 a.m.

Jane Kelly Lent & Family — Memorial

Saturday, June 10 — 4:00 p.m.

Christine Carey — Memorial

Sunday, June 11 — 10:00 a.m.

John and Laura Sousa

John and Deolinda Roque — Memorial

Weekday Masses for the Week of June 4

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 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

Readings for Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ June 10 and June 11

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17
Gospel: John 6:51-58

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, June 3

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

Sunday, June 4

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

Monday, June 5

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

Tuesday, June 6

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

Wednesday, June 7

Choir Rehearsal
Church, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 9

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

Saturday, June 10

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

Sunday, June 11

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

Coffee Social

Parish Hall following Mass

COFFEE SOCIAL AND MARLBOROUGH CUPBOARD COLLECTION June 11

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

Collection bins will be available at the church
entrances for food donations for the Marlborough
cupboard.



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

Congratulations Confirmandi

Our parish experienced a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit last Sunday at the 10AM Mass with the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Robert Reed presided over the Eucharist in which he encouraged our young women and men to be open to the presence of the Holy Spirit in their daily lives. Once more, let us congratulate and keep in our prayers our confirmandi who, with this sacrament, completed their initiation into the Catholic faith. (Full initiation entails the reception of sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.)

The Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time

In our church year we transitioned this week from the Easter Season into what is known as **Ordinary Time**. This season is probably the most misunderstood of our seasons in our church year, simply because of its name. Ordinary Time is “ordered time” when we count liturgical time not by seasons but by weeks. Ordinary Time began last Monday and will end with the first Sunday of Advent. While there is no particular theme to the season, our gospel readings at mass form a continuous reading of the gospel according to Matthew.

There are two feasts which we celebrate on the first two Sundays of summer Ordinary Time, the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity (this weekend), and the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (next weekend). There is also one other feast which falls on a Sunday this year, The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, on August 6th. August also brings us the Feast of the Assumption of Mary on Tuesday, August 15th, and the liturgical year concludes with one more feast on November 26th which is the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

To mark the summer portion of Ordinary Time, you will notice a change in the sung parts of the Mass beginning this weekend as well as a simpler environment dominated by the color green, the official liturgical color of Ordinary Time. See Music Director Peter Brockmann’s article in this bulletin for more of the low down on music during Ordinary Time.

Financial Notes

I am happy to announce that **we have met and exceeded the \$75 thousand dollar goal** for our Grand Annual Collection! To date we have collected \$75,720.00. Thanks so much to all who have contributed and those who put us over the top. If you have yet to donate to this important fund raiser, there is still time. Our books won’t close on the Grand Annual until June 30th.

While this is a great achievement, news on our weekly finances is sobering. Our Finance Commission is estimating that we will end the year with a \$10-15 thousand dollar deficit. This is primarily due to our not hitting the weekly offertory goal and significant

unbudgeted necessary repairs to the heating system.

Our parish Finance Commission is currently working on the FY2024 budget which commences on July 1st. With the delay of our Pastoral Collaborative with St. Michael parish we have had to rethink the coming year financially. We had hoped that a sharing of personnel and resources would ease some of our financial burdens. Since that sharing will not take place, the coming year will once again pose a challenge for us financially.

As the Finance Commission is doing their part to create a balanced budget, may I invite you to do your part in helping our parish in its financial commitments. If you are able, an increase in weekly donations would help us greatly. If we can consistently achieve our \$4 thousand dollar per week goal, we can end the coming fiscal year with a small surplus. Just by increasing your offertory gift by a few dollars per week, I’m confident we can meet that goal.

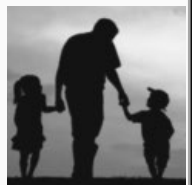
Please consider online giving as a way to secure a consistent offertory, especially during the summer months. Setting up a WeShare account only takes a few minutes and will help us greatly.

Pastoral Collaborative

Most parishioners know by now that our Pastoral Collaborative with St. Michael Parish *did not* begin on June 1, 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.

REMEMBERING OUR FATHERS

During the month of June, we remember our deceased fathers and those men who have been a source of strength, comfort and inspiration to us with a special Prayer of the Faithful at each mass. You are invited to inscribe the names of the important men in your life in our book of remembrance located near the tabernacle. If you wish to make a donation to the parish in honor of your father or any other special man in your life, please place your donation in the Father’s Day envelopes. For those receiving offertory packets, a Father’s Day envelope was included. Donations may be placed in the collection basket during June masses, mailed or dropped off to the parish office. *Thank You.*



FAITH FORMATION

Thank you St. Matthias Community and the many families and friends who joined in celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday. The Spirit of our Risen Lord was present among us.

Faith Formation meetings will resume in September. Registration information will be forthcoming in July. If you have questions regarding Faith Formation please contact Theresa Salafia, Faith Formation Director, at 508-527-0275 or tsalafia@stmattpar.org.



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

Welcome to Ordinary Time.

Musically, we reflect the season with a new Mass setting (Fr Fran's Mass for Ordinary Time), more of the chant-style responsorial psalms that are in the back of the Gather hymnals and more of our well-known and easy to sing hymns.

This week, the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, however, we offer something slightly different than the normal. Usually, the responsorial psalm begins with a refrain played on the organ or piano, introduced by the cantor and then repeated by the assembly. So far so good. What's different about this week's setting is that there are three 'exhortations' - encouraging interjections - "Bless the Lord!" during each of the verses, from the assembly. We'll make it obvious so you can sing along for both the refrain and the exhortation.

Daniel 3:52-90: Canticle of Daniel, Gather 2, #82 is a song of praise, where each of God's creations are invited to sing of our creator's praise. We respond.

The chapter of Daniel tells of how during the Babylonian exile, Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian king built a furnace and commanded all to bow down to his god or be thrown into the furnace. Well, many Israelites refused. So three were selected, challenged, refused and were tossed into the furnace. They sang this song as they went into the furnace. However, they survived and the king was amazed and spared the Israelites further tests. He then commanded that those who blasphemed the Israelite's God would be cut to pieces, "for there is no other God who can rescue like this."

Let us sing - Bless the Lord!

Peter Brockmann

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Donna Anastas	Craig Fallon	John O'Malley
Phil Anastas	Alfred Giancola	Doug Peltak
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Brittney Chiasson	Rosalie Green	Marge Shea-Burke
Stephen Chiasson	Brian Hendrix	Raymond Sotek
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Richard Desjardin	M McGuinness	Jane Walsh
Andrea Durant	Debra Natoli	Lydia Whitcomb
Julius Encarnacion	Dennis 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 27 and May 28

Collection	\$ 2,085.00
WeShare	\$ 660.00
	\$ 2,745.00*

***\$ 1,255.00 deficit to the weekly goal.**

Mass Attendance 320

Seminarians Pentecost Collection: \$355

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.



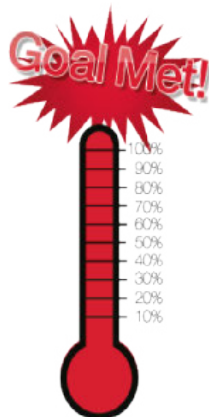
GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FY 2023

St. Matthias 2023 Grand Annual Collection has exceeded its goal! This is our most important fundraiser of the year. And all of the contributions goes directly into our operating budget!

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