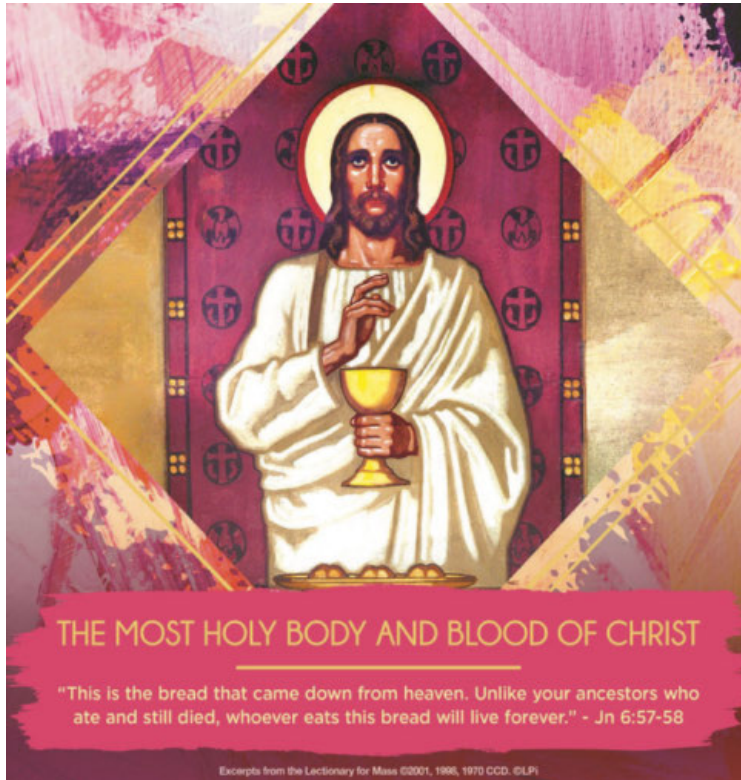


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Celebrations of the Eucharist

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

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 June 11, 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 10 — 4:00 p.m.

Christine Carey — Memorial

Sunday, June 11 — 10:00 a.m.

John and Laura Sousa

John and Deolinda Roque — Memorial

Saturday, June 17 — 4:00 p.m.

Mary Hannon — Memorial

Sunday, June 18 — 10:00 a.m.

Antonio Barcinas — Memorial

Weekday Masses for the Week of June 11

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 The Most 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

Readings for Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time June 17 and June 18

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6a

Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

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

Monday, June 12

Celebration of the Eucharist

Conference Room Chapel, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, June 13

Celebration of the Eucharist

Conference Room Chapel, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, June 14

Choir Rehearsal

Church, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 16

Celebration of the Eucharist

Conference Room Chapel, 9 a.m.

Saturday, June 17

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 18

Celebration of the Eucharist with Baptism

Church, 10:00 a.m.

Music for Celebrations of the Eucharist *June 10 and June 11*

Gathering Song: All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly
booklet # 9

Preparation: We Are Many Parts
hymnal # 727

Communion: In Christ We Come to Offer Thanks
booklet # 10

Recessional: From This Table
booklet # 3

Pre-recorded Mass can be found posted online
on Facebook post Sundays by 10:00 AM. Just
search [@stmattpar](https://www.facebook.com/stmattpar) OR Visit our website on
your favorite browser at www.stmattpar.org to
view the recorded Mass from our homepage.



From Fr. Fran

June is the traditional month in the Archdiocese of Boston for priest transfers. This year those accepting new assignments as pastors are many more in number than usual due to the great number of Pastoral Collaboratives that will be initiated in June and July. (As you know, our transition to a Collaborative with St. Michael Parish has been postponed to a date to be determined.)

A change of pastor always produces a level of anxiety within parishes and within pastors. Parishioners may ask will the new pastor respect the life and traditions of the parish or will he want to change things significantly. A new pastor may wonder how his gifts and talents will be accepted among the people. Are the parishioners sad that their pastor is leaving or are they grateful that he is going?

For those parishes initiating Collaboratives this month and next there are *many* questions and grey areas concerning how parish life will be impacted. We have touched upon a number of them in our Preparing for the Pastoral Collaborative Series written by members of our Parish Pastoral Council. This series is well worth your reflection. The articles are found on our parish website.

We know now that when we *do* become a Collaborative with St. Michael Parish there will be a new pastor and I will receive a new assignment from the cardinal. I understand how some parishioners are sad that I will be moving on and others sad that they're stuck with me for the time being. As much as I am grateful for spending over half of my priesthood here at St. Matthias, I look forward to what lies ahead. In this day and age, it's not the norm for a pastor to be in a parish as long as I have been here. I consider my time here as a great privilege.

This week marks the 38th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. Much has happened during those years. The church has weathered many storms. What is constant is the presence of the Holy Spirit guiding us through the rough waters and revealing the joy and responsibility of being disciples of Christ.

This weekend as we celebrate the Body and Blood of Christ, we celebrate our participation in Christ, not only when we receive him at the altar, but as we take him into our everyday lives. The pastor of a parish is called to

help each parishioner do just that. A pastor doesn't bring Christ to the people, a pastor helps people discover how Christ is already working in their lives. If, when a pastor leaves a parish, parishioners remember him as one who helped them recognize Christ in one another and to live out their baptismal call to love as Christ loves, then he's done his job well.

Please keep in your prayers the many parishes and priests experiencing changes over the next few months as all settle into their new assignments. May the Holy Spirit pour forth upon our archdiocese a strong sense of unity and mission to all who follow Christ and proclaim his Good News.

Financial Notes

As announced last weekend, **we have met and exceeded the \$75 thousand dollar goal** for our Grand Annual Collection! To date we have collected \$76,175. 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.

As the Finance Council is doing its part to create a balanced budget, may I invite you to do your part in helping our parish with 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 fiscal year 2024 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.

Sacrament of Baptism Sunday, June 18



Welcome into our faith community through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, June 18 during the 10:00 AM Mass.

Riley Marie McDonnell

Please keep Riley Marie and her family in your prayers as she begins her journey in faith.

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

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. *Have a safe summer.*

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.

Marlborough Food Cupboard Collection June 10 and June 11



Collection bins will be located at the church entrances for donations to the Marlborough Food Cupboard. Please note personal hygiene products are also welcome. Thank you.

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.

Volunteers are needed to host the St. Matthias Parish designated evening. Please consider volunteering.

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

This weekend is a great celebration of the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, more simply known by its Latin moniker - Corpus Christi.

The Norbertine canoness (a religious sister), Juliana of Liège was inspired in a dream to promote the feast throughout the first half of the 13th Century. Juliana convinced her local bishop in Belgium to declare the Thursday after Trinity Sunday the first celebration of Corpus Christi in 1246.

Saint Thomas Aquinas (we sang his song Pange Lingua at the Altar of Repose downstairs on Holy Thursday) proposed the feast to Pope Urban IV to emphasize the joy of the Eucharist being the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Pope Urban IV, who had served in the church in Liège, was familiar with the celebration in Liège and agreed with Aquinas' proposal and established the feast as a "Solemnity" in 1264, extending it to the whole Roman Catholic Church, the first Church-wide feast establishment of its kind.

Today also marks the beginning of our choir's summer hiatus. It has been a wonderfully fruitful season - September - June, with several new members, many musical innovations, instrumentalists and original unpublished works by Father Fran. As a Holy Laboratory of praise and worship, St Matthias parish music ministry is a blessing to be part of, and a joy to serve. Thank you to our composer, worship booklet makers, cantors, our singers, our flautists and our substitutes. As director, I hope that more of you all reading this article will join me in singling out the prayerful contributions of our ministry. I also hope that you'll consider and pray for guidance to join our cheerful band and get to know each other and Jesus better each day. We're always accepting new members. See me after Mass, or send an email pbrockmann@stmattpar.org. Let us Sing!

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

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Phil Anastas

William C.

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Richard Desjardin

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LeAnne Gogel

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Rosalie Green

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Tyler Hendrix

Derek Ledoux

M McGuinness

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Dennis Natoli

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Steve S.

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Rick Smith

Joseph Sousa

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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 — June 3 and June 4

Collection	\$ 2,886.00
WeShare	\$ 1,302.50
	\$ 4,188.50*

***\$ 188.50 surplus to the weekly goal. Thank you!**

Mass Attendance 178

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 visit wesharegiving.org/app/giving/stmatt.

With summer approaching, WeShare is a great way to ensure your donations to support the parish continue when you are on vacation or celebrating summer events. *Thank you.*

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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.



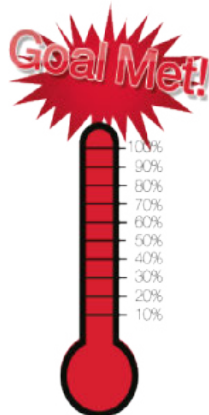
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St. Matthias 2023 Grand Annual Collection has exceeded its goal! This is our most important fundraiser of the year. And all of the contributions goes directly into our operating budget!

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