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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

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 25, 2023

Monday

9:00AM to 12:00PM

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00AM to 2:00PM

During off-hours you may e-mail the office at any time
at: admin@stmattpar.org

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, June 24 — 4:00 p.m.

David Mauro — Memorial

Sunday, June 25 — 10:00 a.m.

George DeBeaucourt — Memorial

Saturday, July 1 — 4:00 p.m.

Cheryl Tiano — Memorial

Sunday, July 2 — 10:00 a.m.

William Bruce-Tagoe — 14th Anniversary Memorial

Weekday Masses for the Week of June 25

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 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 24 and June 25

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Readings for Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 1 and July 2

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, June 24

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

Sunday, June 25

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

Monday, June 26

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

Tuesday, June 27

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

Friday, June 30

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

Saturday, July 1

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

Sunday, July 2

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

Wednesday evening Choir Rehearsal will resume in
the fall. Please feel free to speak with
Peter, our Music Director, if you would like to
join the choir or for information.

Music for Celebrations of the Eucharist *June 24 and June 25*

Gathering Song: **How Can I Keep From Singing**
Hymnal # 598

Preparation: **Be Not Afraid**
Hymnal # 596

Communion: **Life Giving Bread, Saving Cup**
Hymnal # 821

Recessional: **To Live Your Word**
booklet # 13

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

Archdiocesan Assignments

As I mentioned a few weeks ago, June is the usual time in the Archdiocese of Boston when new assignments for priests and pastors are announced. This year I stopped counting at over 60 transfers, reappointments, and retirements. With so many merged parishes, new parishes, and Pastoral Collaboratives receiving new leaders, this is a time of great change in the archdiocese. Guided by the Holy Spirit, this provides a great opportunity for renewal and recommitment to the way of Christian discipleship in our portion of God's vineyard.

While most of the Pastoral Collaborative initiatives began in 2012 have been completed, there are still a few Collaboratives, such as ours with St. Michael, that have yet to begin. As I have mentioned previously, we do not have a date for our Collaborative to commence. My guess is that, at the earliest, it would be around this time next year. *But this is only a guess.* I have no inside information. When the move does finally come, I will be assigned to another parish in the archdiocese.

Since I announced this a few weeks ago, many parishioners have been asking when I'm leaving and where I'm going. (Here's your hat, what's your hurry?). Again, let me reiterate, it looks like you're stuck with me for a while to come. (Then again, as things go in the archdiocese, I may be asked to take a parish tomorrow. That's the way of the parish priest.)

I've lost count on how many delays we've seen in the start of our Collaborative. This doesn't mean we have been forgotten by the archdiocese, although it can feel that way. While it may seem we're kicking the can down the road yet again, we have a great opportunity to ready ourselves even further for when we do become a Pastoral Collaborative.

Once the new administrator of St. Michael Parish, Fr. Jason Giombetti, gets settled we will resume working with parishioners at St. Michael's moving towards the day when we will be sharing personnel and resources.

Please keep the Archdiocese of Boston, its priests, and parishioners in your prayers over the next few weeks as the many transitions take place.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Needed

The archdiocese has given the go ahead for the return of the cup at all masses. I would like to invite all those who were Eucharistic Ministers before the pandemic to pray about returning to this important ministry in our parish. We will need at least two ministers of the cup initially for both masses. We will have a training/retraining session to get everyone back up to speed.

If you have volunteered to be a new Eucharistic Minister over the past few months or would like to return to this ministry, *please send me an e mail within the next few days.*

Parish Finances

Congratulations to our parishioners who have helped achieve our \$75,000 goal for our Grand Annual Collection. We are now at \$ 77,295 which is 103.1% of our goal.

This is the last week for you to contribute if you have yet to do so. Our books close this Friday, June 30th.

Since we will most likely end the year with a \$10 -15-thousand-dollar deficit (due to Offertory shortfall) a contribution to the Grand Annual at this time will help us greatly.

During the summer months, while parishioners are away enjoying well deserved vacations, our parish is still up and running and in need of your continued contributions. The best way to guarantee a steady income for St. Matthias is to sign up for our on-line giving program, WeShare. It's quick and easy. Once you determine the amount for your weekly or monthly donation it will be automatically and safely transferred to our parish. You won't have to worry about writing a check each week and the parish won't have to worry about a steady income. A win/win.

I know that some folks are apprehensive about online transfers but give a call to our parish office and April Lowe will happily walk you through the process and address any questions or concerns.

Regardless of how you chose to contribute, thank you so much for your generosity to our parish.



Father's Day Remembrance

During the month of June, the parish will honor and pray for the many men who have touched our lives. Donations may be made in honor of a loved one. Special intentions will be announced in a future bulletin in commemoration of these special men. Envelopes are placed at the church entrances. You may place your special intention in the Father's Day Book of Remembrance located beside the tabernacle.

COFFEE SOCIAL

July 9

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



Please plan to join the parish community for friendship, conversation and coffee following Mass on July 9 in the Parish Hall.

June 25, 2023

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 in the many ministries that build and support our parish church.

- ⇒ **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.



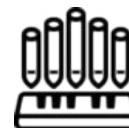
A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

Our preparation song this weekend is #596 in Gather 2 - "Be Not Afraid" by Bob Dufford, SJ.

This well known hymn was written when Bob was a seminarian. He saw it as a prayer for strength as he transitioned from being a layperson to being a transitional deacon and then to being a priest in the early 1970s. Many people find it comforting as they face the perils of their own daily lives. For me, I've noticed that it has become a source of great comfort to mourners at Catholic funerals.

I like to remind families when collaborating on the funeral music for their loved one, that the refrain paraphrases the words of Jesus when he appeared to the apostles after his death and Resurrection. You can imagine the grief and fear they must have felt. Every creak of the step or knock at the door made them think the Romans were coming to get them. Saint John Paul II used these words too, as he returned to Poland for the first time as Pope, which gave the Polish people the moral courage to hasten the fall of Communism in the early 1980s. And, we shouldn't be afraid because Jesus has done this death thing already. He's gone before us and shows the way to a future eternity with our heavenly Father. We. Can. Do. This. Together.

Among musicians there is much 'debate' about the best way to start the first and second verses. It's a pickup of two sixteenth notes, which are most often morphed into twice-as-long two eighth notes. I say that you shouldn't worry, just sing it like you mean it and it'll all work out fine, since it is the refrain that matters the most in this hymn.



Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Marlborough Community Cupboard Collection July 8 and July 9

Thank you to everyone who donated to the June collection. As you know, our neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity benefit from your support, especially during the summer months.

Our next cupboard collection will be the weekend of July 8/9.

Donations can be dropped off directly at the Marlborough Community Cupboard located at the Walker Building 255 Main Street. Please visit www.uwotc.org/mcc for hours and additional information.

Donna Anastas	Alfred Giancola	Doug Peltak
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Conor Canavan	Rosalie Green	Marge Shea Burke
Brittney Chiasson	Brian Hendrix	Raymond Sotek
Stephen Chiasson	Tyler Hendrix	Rick Smith
Paul Cote	Derek Ledoux	Joseph Sousa
Aline Desjardin	M McGuinness	Andy Tivnan
Richard Desjardin	Debra Natoli	Jane Walsh
Andrea Durant	Dennis Natoli	Lydia Whitcomb
Craig Fallon	John O'Malley	

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 17 and June 18

Collection	\$ 1,587.00
WeShare	\$ 800.00
	\$ 2,387.00*

***\$ 1,613.00 Deficient to the weekly goal.**

Promoting the Gospel	\$ 182.00
WeShare	\$ 80.00
	\$ 262.00

Mass Attendance 181

JULY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Parish Maintenance — July 8 and July 9



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.

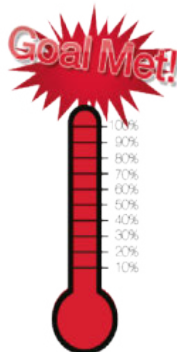


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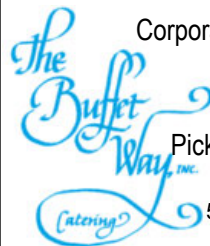
St. Matthias 2023 Grand Annual Collection is coming to a close for the 2023 campaign season June 30. please consider a donation before the Fiscal year closes. All monies collected support the parish financial well-being.

Thank you for your continued financial support

Donation Total: \$77,295.00



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