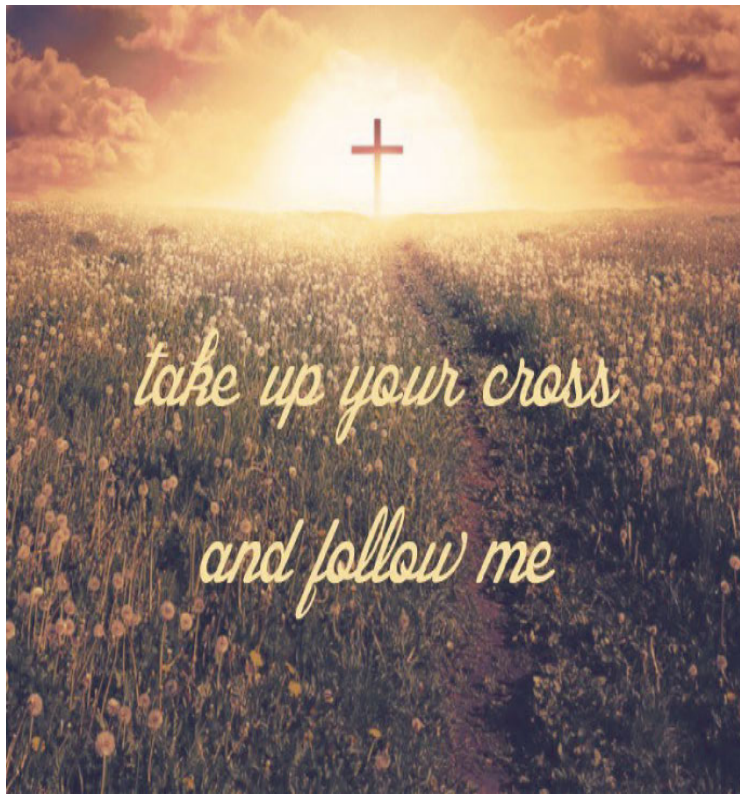


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Celebrations of the Eucharist

Pre-recorded Mass on-line Sundays by 10:00 AM at
www.stmattpar.org and facebook: @stmattpar

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 July 2, 2023

Thursday — July 6

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 for the

July 4th Holiday

Monday July 3 and Tuesday July 4



INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, July 1 — 4:00 p.m.

Cheryl Tiano — Memorial

Sunday, July 2 — 10:00 a.m.

William Bruce-Tagoe — 14th Anniversary Memorial

Saturday, July 8 — 4:00 p.m.

James and Alice Robertson — Memorial

Sunday, July 9 — 10:00 a.m.

Memorial

John and Laura Sousa

John and Deolinda Roque

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

Readings for Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 8 and July 9

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, July 1

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 2

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 10:00 a.m.

Monday, July 3

Celebration of the Eucharist

Conference Room Chapel, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, July 4

Celebration of the Eucharist

Conference Room Chapel, 9 a.m.

Friday, July 7

Celebration of the Eucharist

Conference Room Chapel, 9 a.m.

Saturday, July 8

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 9

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 **July 1 and July 2**

Gathering Song: Take Up Your Cross
Hymnal # 690

Preparation: *Instrumental*

Communion: Taste and See
Booklet # 4

Recessional: As A Fire Is Meant for Burning
Hymnal # 643



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

As another Independence Day approaches, our thoughts naturally turn toward the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of the United States. However, as Catholic Christians, there is an even greater freedom which we celebrate. We see our true and ultimate freedom in Christ.

First and foremost, we are citizens of God's kingdom. This has important consequences for the way in which we live out our civic lives. The law of the land, for Christians, is Christ's law of love. Loving God, neighbor and self is the context from which we live out our US citizenship.

As we value and celebrate our country's freedoms, we must also acknowledge that such *human* freedom is very fragile. The only freedom that is strong and secure is the freedom that comes from God. This goes beyond all the ideologies and allegiances that we may be bound to here on earth. God is moving us towards that great society where we will sit together as one people, around one banquet table in heaven. God is building that society now, and as baptized members of the Church, we are called to be builders as well. First, we need to decide if we want to join in!

There is much discord in our country these days. It's now taken for granted that national politics has become an "us against them" proposition. Gun violence continues to rise. Psychological and physical effects of the pandemic continue to plague us even as COVID is, for the most part, in our rear-view mirror. Our country was built on the hopes, dreams, and hard work of immigrants, yet a great number of US politicians and citizens turn their backs on the newest wave of immigrants seeking an escape from violence and poverty in their homelands. How are Catholic Christians called to be citizens of this diverse and complicated country and disciples of Christ at the same time?

I think that the living out of our Christianity can impact everyday life in many ways. We can bring something radical to the table by the way in which we treat each other, in our willingness to forgive, by our acceptance of one another's uniqueness.

Catholic Christians are not about an "eye for an eye", we are not about always being "number one", we are not about acquiring more wealth than our neighbor. No, in Christ we are about always looking after the weak, the poor, and the marginalized. We are about sharing our resources for the benefit of others. We are about building a society where humility and forgiveness aren't bad things.

The challenge for us as Catholic Christians and US citizens is to bring the things of God into the marketplace. We do this not by shouting out agendas or shouting down others, not by accusatory language or condescending speeches, but by one thing and one thing only: by witnessing to Christ's law of love every day and in every corner of our land.

Some years ago, liturgical composer Fr. Michael Joncas wrote a hymn text reflecting what our home country could be if we lived by this command of love. Below is the last stanza. Perhaps we could take it to reflection along with our Independence Day festivities.

A Place Called Home – stanza four

*A place called home for ev'ry human being;
A place called home, where arms are opened wide;
A place called home, where all extend the welcome;
Where none are lost, alone, or cast aside
But members of a single human fam'ly.
God grant us grace to build a place called home.*

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Sacrament of Baptism

Saturday, July 15



Welcome into our faith community through the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, July 15 during the 4:00 PM Mass:

Ki Loretta Brooks

Please keep Ki Loretta and her family in your prayers as she begins her journey in faith.

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.

July 2, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary

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 508-460-9255 or tsalafia@stmattpar.org. *Have a safe summer.*

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.



PRAYER INTENTIONS ADVISEMENT

Please note that the Prayer Intention list will be updated and names will be removed. If you would like to continue to have a loved one on the list or to add a name, please email: admin@stmattpar.org. This list will be updated for the July 18 bulletin submission.

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

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

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

A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

PETER BROCKMAN

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, #690 in Gather 2, is based on the poem of the same name by the Episcopal minister, Charles Everest. The Reverend Charles was born in East Windsor CT in 1814 and died in Waterbury CT in 1877. He published a book of poems entitled "Vision of Death and Other Poems" in 1845. In 1861 it appeared in Britain, as one of two American poems without musical setting in the first edition of the Hymns Ancient and Modern hymnal.

The music, O WALY, WALY is an English folk tune dating from the 1600s where it was more commonly known as "The Water is Wide."

Let us sing!



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. Servers for funerals are also needed.
- ⇒ **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.

Weekday Masses for the Week of July 2

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.**



PARISH FINANCES

Offertory Collection Weekly Goal \$4,000.00

Offertory Collection — June 24 and June 25

Collection	\$ 1,583.00
WeShare	\$ 690.00
	\$ 2,273.00*

***\$ 1,727.00 Deficient to the weekly goal.**

Mass Attendance 192

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.

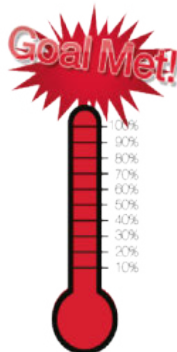


GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FY 2023

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

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