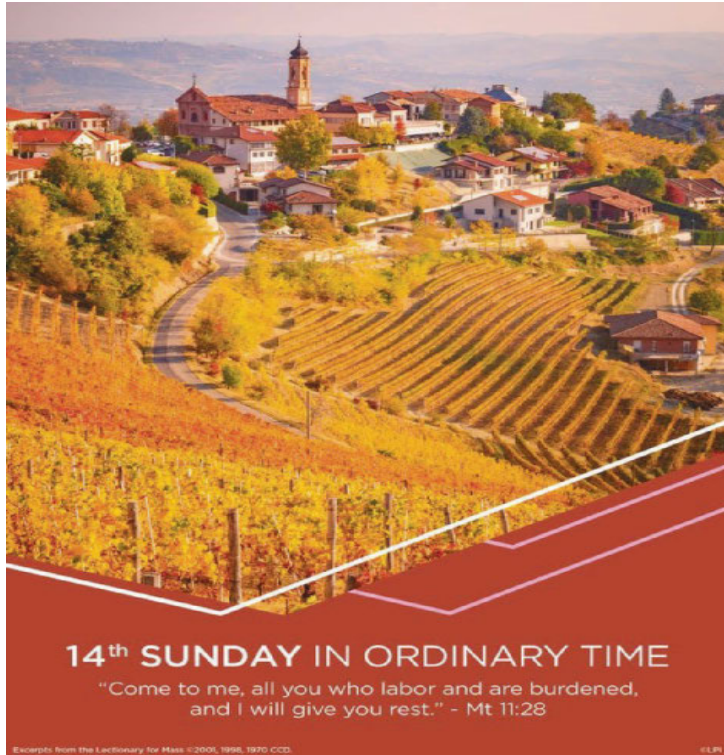


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Celebrations of the Eucharist

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 July 9, 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, 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

Saturday, July 15 — 4:00 p.m.

Susan DiAngelo — Birthday Memorial

Sunday, July 16 — 10:00 a.m.

Antonio Barcinas—Memorial



Music for Celebrations of the Eucharist

July 8 and July 9

Gathering Song: I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say
Hymnal # 622

Preparation: Come To Me, O Weary Traveler
Hymnal # 630

Communion: Take and Eat
Hymnal # 812

Recessional: We Shall Rise Again
Hymnal # 762

**FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE RECORDED OR
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Pre-recorded Mass can be found posted online by Facebook post
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recorded Mass from our homepage.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, July 8

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 4:00 p.m.

Collection Bins will be at entrances to church for Marlborough
Community Cupboard Collection

Sunday, July 9

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Social

Parish Hall following Mass

Collection Bins will be at entrances to church for Marlborough
Community Cupboard Collection

Monday, July 10

Celebration of the Eucharist

Conference Room Chapel, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, July 11

Celebration of the Eucharist

Conference Room Chapel, 9 a.m.

Friday, July 14

Celebration of the Eucharist

Conference Room Chapel, 9 a.m.

Saturday, July 15

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 16

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 10:00 a.m.

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.



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

Readings for Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 15 and July 16

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

From Fr. Fran

Parish Finances

Our 2023 Grand Annual Collection is now closed. Thank you to all who contributed. As you know, we exceeded our \$75 thousand dollar goal. This was a great achievement!

Our budget for FY 2024 has now been finalized and, no surprise, it will be challenging to meet. While our Finance Council has done all they can do to present a balanced budget, the reality is that if we do not hit our weekly Offertory goal of \$4 thousand dollars on a regular basis, we will most likely end the 2024 fiscal year with a deficit. *If we can consistently achieve our \$4 thousand dollar per week goal, we can end the coming fiscal year with a small surplus.* If you are able, an increase of just a few more dollars per week would help us achieve our goals.

We have already begun to see the usual drop off in weekly attendance over 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.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Needed

As I have mentioned over the last several weeks, the Archdiocese of Boston has given the go ahead for the return of the cup at all masses. While we have resumed distributing from the cup at weekday masses, we still need more parishioners to come forward to minister at our Saturday 4PM Mass and Sunday 10AM Mass. If you are interested in volunteering for this important ministry, please let me know after Mass or drop me an email. We will need at least two ministers of the cup initially for both masses. We will have a training/retraining session to get everyone up to speed.

Volunteers for our Liturgical Ministries

Over the last few weeks, you've seen a column in the bulletin looking for parishioners to come forward to serve in a number of liturgical ministries. As with many parishes, the aftermath of the pandemic has hit us hard with parishioners deciding to retire from serving in the various ministries and others who have not returned to regular worship.

The heart of what we do as Catholic Christians is the celebration of the Eucharist. Vatican II called it the source and summit of our faith. Our participation in the various roles of liturgy brings the body of Christ to life for us. During the pandemic we got by with a diminished number of people taking on ministerial roles out of necessity due to quarantine. That worked out fine, for the time. But in order to experience the fullness of our liturgical celebrations we need our ministries to thrive once again.

At the moment, as I mentioned above, we are especially in need of Eucharistic Ministers so that we may experience of the fullness of receiving the body and blood of Christ at each mass. *Another immediate need is for servers at our weekend masses and our funeral masses.*

Children from the 3rd grade and up, as well as adults are most welcome to become servers for weekend masses. For funeral servers we need parishioners who have morning availability.

I know that the summer is not the ideal time for a ministries drive, however, if you are moved by the Holy Spirit at this time, please consider one of our liturgical ministries. Please feel free to contact me or April Lowe at the parish office for more information and to volunteer.

Weekday Masses for the Week of July 9

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.**



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.*

PRAYER INTENTIONS ADVISEMENT

Please note that the Prayer Intention list below 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 16 bulletin submission.

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

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

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



MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD COLLECTION JULY 8 AND JULY 9

This weekend bins will be available at the church entrances for food and personal hygiene items for the Marlborough Community Cupboard.

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.

A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

PETER BROCKMAN

This weekend, our opening song, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say", #622 in the Gather 2 hymnal, is from a text by Horatius Bonar (1808-1889).

The music, named KINGSFOLD, after the place in England where the composer and arranger, Ralph Vaughn Williams, first heard the tune, had been published in 1893 in an anthology of English Country Songs, by Lucy Broadwood and J.A. Fuller Maitland.

Horatius was a popular Scottish homilist, poet and churchman in the second half of the nineteenth century, from a long line of clergy in the Church of Scotland. Among his works are many still in print today, including "God's Way of Holiness" and "Night of Weeping" which were both published again in 1999. The hymntime.com website indicates that he authored the lyric to 264 hymns, though none so famous as "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say."

Let us sing!

Tools for School Backpack Drive



Please bring in donations no later than July 29 and July 30

St. Matthias parish will be helping the United Way of Tri-County with their Tools for School Backpack Drive. Each year the United Way collects backpacks filled with school supplies to donate to local agencies that support homeless children (elementary, middle and high school) or those in need. These backpacks provide some school necessities and additional items needed to prepare them for a productive school year. A list of suggested supplies will be provided at the entrances to the church.

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

Visit <https://www.uwotc.org/backpack> to:

1. **Donate \$:** For each \$25 donation, United Way volunteers will purchase the supplies and backpack and assemble it themselves **or**
2. **Sponsor A Child:** Click on the **Sponsor A Child** link and choose a one or more children to sponsor. Purchase the items on the list and a backpack to match the child's description **or**
3. **Volunteer:** Lend a hand as volunteers sort and assemble backpacks for each child on their list **or**
4. **Donate Supplies on Amazon Wishlist:** Purchase back to school supplies on Amazon and they will ship them directly to UWOTC.

PARISH FINANCES

Offertory Collection Weekly Goal \$4,000.00

With the early submission of the bulletin, due to the July 4th holiday, financials will be posted in next week's bulletin.

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.

During the summer months, signing up for 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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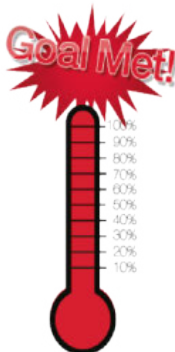
Please place your weekly or special collection offertory gifts in the Offertory box at the main entrance to the church. There will be no passing of the basket during Mass until further notice.

GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FY 2023

The St. Matthias 2023 Grand Annual Collection is now closed. Thank you to all who contributed. We exceeded our \$75 thousand dollar goal!

Thank you for your continued financial support!

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