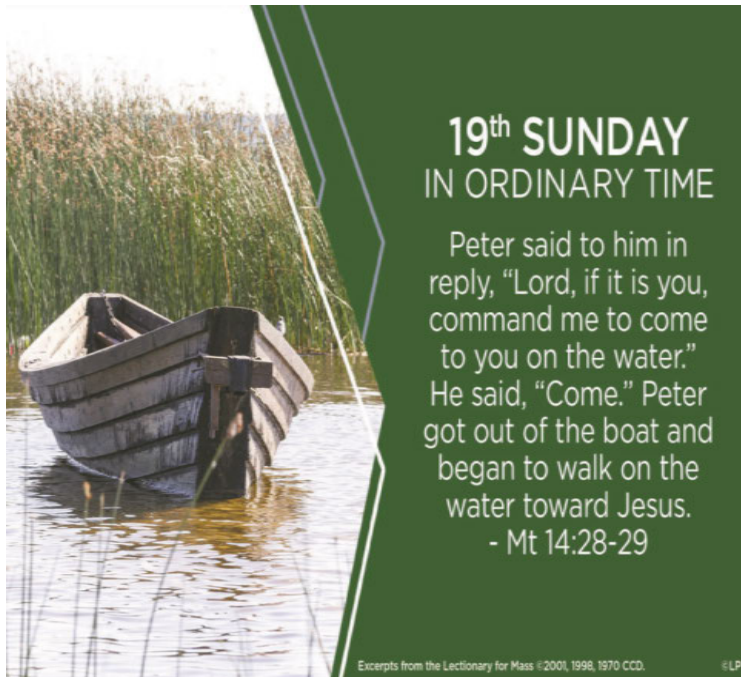


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Celebrations of the Eucharist

Weekend Masses in the Church

Saturdays 4:00 PM

Sundays 10:00 AM

Pre-recorded Mass on-line Sundays by 10:00AM at
www.stmattpar.org and facebook: [@stmattpar](https://facebook.com/stmattpar)

Weekdays in the Conference Room Chapel

Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays 9:00 AM

Holy Days: 9 AM in Church or as announced



If you are in need and/or are suffering, please call our St. Matthias St. Vincent dePaul Society volunteers at:

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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 August 13, 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, August 12 — 4:00 p.m.

George Gazza—5th Anniversary Memorial

Sunday, August 13 — 10:00 a.m.

Memorial

John and Laura Sousa

John and Deolinda Roque

Saturday, August 19 — 4:00 p.m.

St. Matthias Parish Community

Sunday, August 20 — 10:00 a.m.

Memorial

Antonio Barcinas and Teresita Barcinas

Music for Celebrations of the Eucharist August 12 and August 13

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

Preparation: Precious Lord, Take my Hand
Hymnal # 847

Communion: Taste And See
Booklet # 4

Recessional: We Walk By Faith
Hymnal # 583

FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE RECORDED OR LIVESTREAMED MASS

Pre-recorded Mass can be found posted online by 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, August 12

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

Sunday, August 13

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

Coffee Social

Parish Hall following Mass

Monday, August 14

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

Tuesday, 15

Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary
Church, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, August 18

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

Saturday, August 19

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

Sunday, August 20

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Welcome into our faith community through the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, August 19 (outside of Mass):

Kyler Encarnacion

Welcome into our faith community through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, August 20 during the 10:00 AM Mass:

Sophia Cummings

Please keep Kyler and Sophia and their family in your prayers as they begin their journey in faith.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday—August 15

9:00 AM Mass — Church

In commemoration of the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven Mass will be held on Tuesday, August 15 at 9:00 AM in the church.



From Fr. Fran

Feast of the Assumption of Mary Tuesday, August 15th

The Feast of the Assumption celebrates Mary's welcome, body and soul, into heaven. As Jesus was first to rise from the dead, he has received his mother first into eternity. For her, the resurrection of the dead has taken place already! Although it was only in 1950 that Pope Pius XII declared as dogma the bodily assumption of Mary into heaven, this feast has been celebrated on August 15 since the middle of the fifth century.

The placement of this feast, at the height of summer in the northern hemisphere, calls to mind the beginning of the harvest, the gathering in of the fruits of the earth. Mary's assumption is seen as the beginning of the great gathering into heaven of the faithful.

The Assumption is a feast to celebrate Mary as the first disciple to follow in the footsteps of her son, Jesus. Where he is, so too is his mother. We will one day follow in her footsteps as we enter into the loving embrace of Christ forever. Let us celebrate Mary as a role model of discipleship. May we follow her example of openness to God, and may we trust in God as faithfully and deeply as she did.

Please join us for mass on the Feast of the Assumption, this Tuesday morning at 9AM in the church.

Eucharistic Minister Training this Weekend

After both masses this weekend there will be a short re-training session for all those returning Eucharistic Ministers and all those beginning the ministry. Please

attend either one of the sessions. If you aren't able to be there, let me know and we'll set up a time to get together.

We are still in need of more parishioners to come forward and join this ministry. If you'd like to know more, come to one of the training sessions to see what the ministry entails.

Pope Francis' Words During World Youth Day

Last week Pope Francis attended the World Youth Day celebrations in Portugal. Of the many pastoral and profound things he said during his talks, I think the following words sum up his message very well. These are words every parishioner, pastor, and bishop should take to heart and live out.

*There is room for everyone in the church
and, whenever there is not, then, please,
we must make room, including for those
who make mistakes, who fall or struggle.
The Lord does not point a finger,
but opens wide his arms:
Jesus showed us this on the cross.
He does not close the door,
but invites us to enter;
He does not keep us at a distance,
but welcomes us.*

Pope Francis 3 August 2023

St. Matthias Parish

Octoberfest — Planning Committee Invite

Sunday, August 13 — 11:15 AM

(During the coffee social)

St. Matthias Parish will be hosting Octoberfest in the Parish Hall in October.

The planning committee invites you to bring your ideas and enthusiasm to the planning meeting on Sunday, August 13 at 11:15 am, during the coffee social. Grab a coffee and a donut and meet with the group in the Parish Hall.

MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD COLLECTION

Saturday, August 12 and Sunday, August 13

Bins will be available at the church entrances for donations of food and personal hygiene items for the Marlborough Community Cupboard on this weekend of August 12 and 13.

COFFEE SOCIAL

Sunday, August 13

Parish Hall following 10:00 a.m. Mass

Please plan to join the parish community for friendship, conversation and coffee following Mass on August 13 in the Parish Hall.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Registration is open for 2023-2024 year. Registration forms were mailed this week to families who were registered for the 2022-2023 school year.

New families can find registration forms on our website: www.stmattpar.org and at the entrances to church. Calendar of Faith Formation meetings will be available on September 1.

If you have any questions regarding Faith Formation, please contact Theresa Salafia, Faith Formation Director, at tsalafia@stmattpar.org or 508-460-9255 X107.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION — TRAINING SESSION

For our new and returning Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, a training session will be held this **Saturday, August 12 and Sunday, August 13** following Mass. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please speak with Fr. Fran.

PARISH COMMUNITY PICNIC BRUNCH

Sunday, September 24—11:00 AM

Welcome Back! St. Matthias Parish is hosting a picnic “Brunch” after mass on Sunday, September 24. Please mark your calendars and join your parish family for food and conversation.



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 1 - 12:00 Noon

The Blessing of the Animals will be held Sunday, October 1 in celebration of St. Francis.

Refreshments will be served for *all* in attendance.



Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Alice Cox	Richard Desjardin	Marge Shea Burke
Joseph Cox	Rachael Goulet	Jane Walsh
Conor Canavan	Rosalie Green	Lydia Whitcomb
Aline Desjardin	Keith Morey	

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 BROCKMANN

Our Gathering song this weekend is the famous “How Can I Keep From Singing?”, 598 Gather 2, with music by Robert Lowry. The lyrics were authored by someone in the 1860s known only as ‘Pauline T’. It was first published in the USA in 1869 as part of the songbook “Bright Jewels for the Sunday School”, and in a periodical in Britain the same year. However, during the first three-quarters of the 20th century, the song was not widely used for congregational singing.

Apparently Doris Plenn, a friend of Pete Seeger, the folk singer learned the original song from her grandmother, and taught it to Pete, who popularized it in the 1960s. Seeger’s version omitted much of the overtly Christian wording of the original, adding a verse by Doris (not available in our Christian version) about ‘when tyrants tremble, sick with fear...’, which supposedly referenced the ‘witch hunts’ of the House Un-American Activities Committee of the 1950s.

In 1991, the Irish singer Enya released a recording of this song which climbed to the top 50 in Australia, Sweden, Ireland and the UK. Her music video of this song includes an Irish church as a backdrop, and various world political figures and images. Among US Catholics, the song rose quickly in popularity with OCP publishing the song in the ‘Spirit and Song’ series in 1999, and GIA in Gather 2 in 2004. Our eldest daughter, Margaret, chose this song for her send forth song at her wedding mass in 2011. And as you might recall, Fr Fran has used Robert Lowry’s music as the motif in an unpublished Mass setting (How Can I Keep From Singing? Mass) that we have used in previous summers and that we’re planning to use later this calendar year. *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
- ⇒ **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.

PARISH FINANCES

Offertory Collection Weekly Goal \$4,000.00

Offertory Collection — August 6 and 7

Mass Attendance: 189

Collection	\$ 2,239.00
WeShare	\$ 2,362.50
	\$ 4,601.50*

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AUGUST SECOND COLLECTIONS

Parish Maintenance	August 12 and August 13
Parochial School Tax	August 26 and August 27



JOIN WESHARE IN 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.

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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.



Weekday Masses for the Week of August 13

Monday, Tuesday and Friday

**9:00 a.m.— Downstairs Conference Room
Chapel**

**Mass updates are posted on the
website and updated on Parish Office**

Readings for Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary time August 12 and August 13

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Readings for Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary time August 19 and August 20

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

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