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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

Confessions: Saturdays 3:15 PM

If you are in need of assistance, please call our St. Matthias St. Vincent dePaul Society volunteers at: 978-493-3037

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 27, 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 26 — 4:00 p.m.

Mary Masciarelli — Memorial
David Mauro — Birthday Memorial

Sunday, August 27 — 10:00 a.m.

John and Mary Grande — Memorial

Saturday, September 2 — 4:00 p.m.

Helen Doona — Memorial

Sunday, September 3 — 10:00 a.m.

Annie Verhallen — Memorial

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, August 26

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

Sunday, August 27

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

Monday, August 28

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

Tuesday, August 29

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

Friday, September 1

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

Saturday, September 2

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

Sunday, September 3

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



Readings for Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary time August 26 and August 27

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23
Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Readings for Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary time September 2 and September 3

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9
Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Weekday Masses for the Week of August 27

Monday, Tuesday and Friday
9:00 a.m.— Downstairs Conference Room Chapel
Mass updates are posted on the website
and updated on Parish Office greeting
message.

Music for Celebrations of the Eucharist *August 26 and August 27*

Gathering Song: **Sing A New Church**
Hymnal # 644

Preparation: **The Church Of Christ**
Hymnal # 665

Communion: **In This Meal**
Booklet # 6

Recessional: **From This Table**
Booklet # 3

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** OR Visit our website on your favorite browser at **www.stmattpar.org** to view the recorded Mass from our homepage.

From Fr. Fran

Collection For Maui

The images and the stories of heartbreak resulting from the wildfires on the island of Maui continue to fill the news. The death toll continues to rise as more of the burned-out city of Lahaina is examined. It will take many years for the people to recover from this disaster.

Cardinal Sean O'Malley has asked that a special collection be taken up in all the parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston for the people of Maui as they recover. The donations from this collection will go to the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation out of the Diocese of Honolulu.

St. Matthias parish will take up this collection next weekend, September 2nd and 3rd. There will be baskets at the entrances of the church for your donation. If you are donating by check, please **make the check out to St. Matthias Parish and put "Maui Relief" in the memo section.**

As we are a global church, we want to do everything we can to aid our sisters and brothers throughout the world who are in need of our assistance. In addition to donating to the needs of the people of Maui, please check out the website of the Catholic Relief Organization for other opportunities to give assistance as well. And don't forget about supporting our St. Matthias Conference of the St. Vincent DePaul Society in their great work with those in need in our own backyard.

As the New School Year Begins

Please keep in your prayers all those families preparing for the new school year. May the coming months be a time of growth in wisdom and love for all of our children, parents, and guardians.

Please say a special prayer for those who are sending their children off to college for the first time and those finding that they are now empty nesters. As wonderful as it is to give a child wings, it's also challenging to realize that parenting now takes on a new dimension as children go out on their own to create lives apart from the security of home and family.

The following prayers should give students and parents comfort as they negotiate a new school year.



A Parent's Prayer When Children are Leaving Home

Gracious God,
you blessed me with the gift of my child
and entrusted me with his/her care.
Now he/she leaves this home
and begins a new life
apart from me.
Surround him/her
with good people
and watch over him/her each day.
And let him/her know that I will always be near
whenever he/she may need me.
Heal any hurts we may harbor with one another
and forgive our failings as we learn
to be in a new kind of relationship with each other.
And when the sight of his/her empty room
pierces my heart with sadness,
may I find comfort in knowing that my child is your child
too,
filled with your grace and sheltered by your love.
Amen.

- Diana Macalintal

MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD COLLECTION

Saturday, September 9 and September 10

Bins will be available at the church entrances for donations of food and personal hygiene items for the Marlborough Community Cupboard on the weekend of September 9 and 10.

COFFEE SOCIAL

September 3 and September 17

Parish Hall following 10:00 a.m. Mass

Please plan to join the parish community for friendship, conversation and coffee following Mass two weekends in September in the Parish Hall. If you would like to organize a coffee social one Sunday, please call the parish office. All expenses are reimbursed.



August 27, 2023

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary

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.

Thank you to those who have already submitted their registration forms.

New families can find registration forms on our website: www.stmattpar.org and at the entrances to church. Calendar of Faith Formation meetings is available online stmattpar.org by clicking the Faith Formation button on the homepage.

If you have any questions regarding Faith Formation, please call the parish office 508-460-9255.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK/RUN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

The walk will take place at:

Meehan Hall, Immaculate Conception School,
119 Washington Street

Registration for the walk will begin at 9:30AM with the walk beginning at 10:00AM to continue for 3 miles roundtrip on the scenic Assabet River Rail Trail.

**Registration to walk and/or
donations may be made in advance:**
www.MarlbroughFOPWalk.org

OUR FATHER'S TABLE

A few weeks ago, a notice in the bulletin indicated that St. Matthias Parish will no longer be hosting the Our Father's Table since no volunteers came forward to coordinate the bi-monthly meal and volunteers for our community neighbors in need of a meal. The Dolesh family was asked to continue until the end of the year, and Sue and Dale graciously agreed.

As of 2024, St. Matthias Parish will no longer be involved unless a coordinator and a core volunteer group comes forward to help the Our Father's Table organizing committee.

Anyone interested can take part in the final meals with Sue and the group and see what is involved. Please call the parish office 508-460-9255 or email admin@stmattpar.org for details.

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 on the church portico.

Refreshments will be served for *all* in attendance.



St. Matthias Parish

Octoberfest — Planning Committee Invite

Sunday, September 3 — 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, September 3 at 11:15 am, during the coffee social. Grab a coffee and a donut and meet with the group in the Parish Hall.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL CLOTHING DRIVE ST. MATTHIAS PARKING LOT

September 9 and September 10

The St. Vincent dePaul Society will be hosting a clothing drive the weekend of **Saturday, September 9 and Sunday, September 10**. A truck will be parked in the parking lot for your bagged donations.

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

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

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 — August 19 and 20

Mass Attendance: 171

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| Collection | \$ 2,432.00 |
| WeShare | \$ 950.00 |
| | \$ 3,382.00* |

***\$ 618.00 Deficient to the weekly goal.**

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| Assumption of Mary | \$ 229.00 |
| WeShare | \$ 45.00 |
| | \$ 274.00 |

Mass Attendance: 43

AUGUST SECOND COLLECTIONS

Parochial School Tax August 26 and August 27

SEPTEMBER SECOND COLLECTIONS

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| Maui Relief | September 2 and 3 |
| Parish Maintenance | September 12 and 13 |
| Clergy Trust Fund | September 16 and 17 |



JOIN WESHARE IN
JUST A FEW SIMPLE STEPS

SCAN ME



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.



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.

Maui Relief - Special Collection

St. Matthias Parish will be taking up a Special Collection toward the Maui Relief fund during mass the weekend of September 2 and September 3. *Thank you for your support.*

Pope Francis has expressed his solidarity with the people of Maui including all suffering from this tragedy, while also invoking God's blessing of "strength and peace."

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