

Saint Matthias Parish

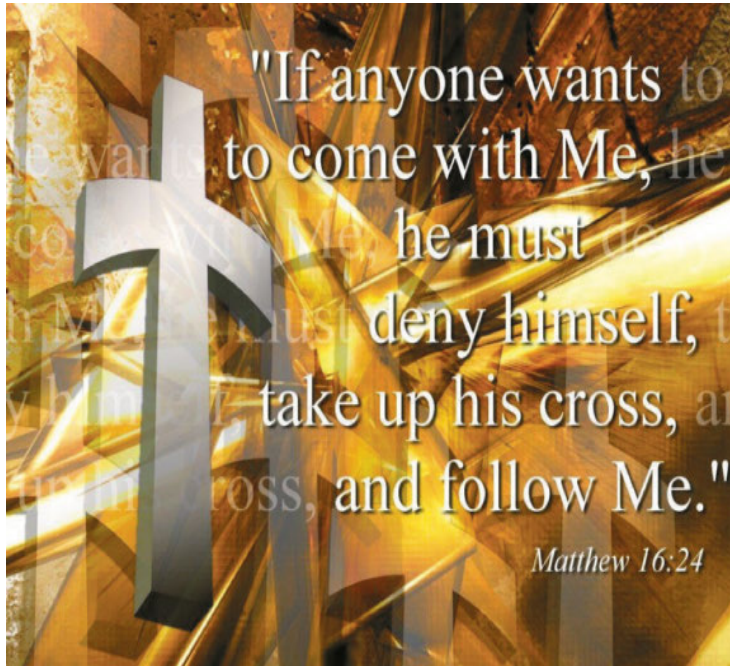
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Celebrations of the Eucharist

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 September 3, 2023

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**.

Parish Office Closed

**Monday, September 4th for
Observance of Labor Day**

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, September 2 — 4:00 p.m.

Helen Doona — Memorial

Sunday, September 3 — 10:00 a.m.

Annie Verhallen — Memorial

Saturday, September 9 — 4:00 p.m.

William Bruce Tagoe — Birthday Memorial

Sunday, September 10 — 10:00 a.m.

Memorial

John and Laura Sousa

John and Deolinda Roque

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

Readings for Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary time September 9 and September 10

First Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Second Reading: Romans 13: 8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

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, September 2

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 3

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Social

Parish Hall, Following Mass

Monday, September 4

Celebration of the Eucharist

Conference Room Chapel, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, September 5

Celebration of the Eucharist

Conference Room Chapel, 9 a.m.

Friday, September 8

Celebration of the Eucharist

Conference Room Chapel, 9 a.m.

Saturday, September 9

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 4:00 p.m.

St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive

Parking Lot

Marlborough Community Cupboard

Food Bins—Church Entrances

Sunday, September 10

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 10:00 a.m.

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Music for Celebrations of the Eucharist September 2 and September 3

Gathering Song: Take Up Your Cross
Hymnal # 690

Preparation: The Summons
Hymnal # 687

Communion: Bread of Life, Cup of Salvation
Booklet # 7

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

From Fr. Fran

Collection For Maui

As announced last weekend, 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 from the devastating wildfires. 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 this weekend, September 2nd, and 3rd. There are 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. You may donate on-line. Visit our homepage for information.** Thank you for your generosity.

As the Seasons Change

The fall season is always a busy time in our parish. Many activities are about to start up after the summer break. I would like to personally invite parishioners to join in the many opportunities that will come with the fall season.

Our St. Vincent DePaul Conference is inviting us to participate once again this fall in two important events.

First, the **St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive will take place next weekend, September 9/10.** As in the past, a large truck will be parked in the church lot from Saturday until noon on Sunday. You may place your donations of bagged, gently used clothing and shoes in the truck at any time.

Second, our St. Vincent DePaul group will be once again participating in **The National Friends of the Poor Walk on Saturday September 23rd.** Please check out all the details in this week's insert. Our conference, along with Immaculate Conception has consistently been in the top group of money raisers for this great event.

We will have our annual **Fall Picnic Brunch after the 10 AM Mass on Sunday September 24th.** This will be a great opportunity to get together and start the new season by sharing food and friendship with one another. It's also a great opportunity to welcome new and returning members to our parish. To do that, we need the help of every parishioner.

Do you know someone who has been away from church for a while who might benefit from an invitation to return? Often, it's just a neighborly invitation that will move a person back to worshiping. As in a number of parishes, we have folks who were regulars who have not returned as yet after COVID. If you know of some of these people, your invitation to mass and the picnic might be just the thing to ease them into returning.

Next month our **Faith Formation Sessions** are beginning again. There is still time to register your child/children. See the article elsewhere in the bulletin for more details. Giving our children a solid faith foundation on which to grow as disciples is key to the future of our church. Our Catholic faith has much to offer in building a just and caring society. It is our hope that our Faith Formation Program will give our young people the tools they need to make a difference as committed Christians in a very complex world.

Our Annual Blessing of the Animals in honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi will be held on **Sunday, October 1st at 12 noon in the courtyard.** We welcome all our parish family pets to this blessing. As always there will be treats for the four- and two-legged guests. If you would like to help organize the event, please call April Lowe at the rectory number.

Each fall we have a **communal celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** during weekend Masses. This year's celebration will be on **October 21st and 22nd.** All parishioners who bear the burdens of illness in body, mind, and spirit are invited to receive the sacrament.

Saturday, October 28th will bring our first ever Oktoberfest! If you'd like to be a part of the planning for this event, come to a meeting this Sunday, September 3rd during the coffee hour following the 10AM Mass. See the article in this bulletin for more information.

Our yearly **Mass of Remembrance will take place on Sunday, November 12th at the 10 AM Mass.** This celebration is certainly one of the highpoints of our year together as a parish family. We will be honoring and lifting in prayer all those who have died from our parish family during the last 12 months. There will be a brunch after the mass in the parish hall.

These are just some of the events that will be taking place in the upcoming season.

What is ongoing, no matter the season, is **the necessity to pay our bills** so that we will be able to function as a parish community. I am grateful for all who continue to donate so generously. You may have noticed that our collections dropped somewhat during the summer season, as tends to happen. Now as fall begins, it's a great time to look at the level and consistency of your giving as your means allow.

As we have no further word on when we will become a Pastoral Collaborative with St. Michael Parish, we will spend the fall season picking up where we left off in preparing ourselves for that eventuality. Stay tuned for more news on that front.

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



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 at 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.

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.



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.

A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

PETER BROCKMANN

I've just finished two weekends of vacation with family events in and around London Canada (2 hours west of Buffalo NY) and returned to Massachusetts earlier this week. It is fun for me to attend Mass at other parishes in other dioceses and see what's the same and what's different. Most obvious to me at Mass is that Canadians generally pronounce amen as 'ahhhh-men.' But despite these differences, there is so much more that is the same - same songs, readings, prayers, blessings and Holy Body and Blood of Jesus. Relaxing and refreshing at the same time.

Kind of makes me think this week, what else do I have to do to get ready for the next thing? Sort of what Jesus is doing in today's gospel. What do you have to do, to be ready for whatever grace God is about to give you?

Let us sing!

St. Matthias Parish

Choir Meeting and Practice

September 6 — 7:00 PM Church

St. Matthias Parish choir will begin the season on Wednesday, September 6. New members welcome!!

There will refreshments and conversation following practice. Looking forward to gathering in song once again.

Peter

St. Matthias Parish

Oktoberfest — Planning Committee Invite

Sunday, September 3 — 11:15 AM

(During the coffee social)

St. Matthias Parish will be hosting Oktoberfest in the Parish Hall on October 28 following Mass.

The planning committee invites you to join the planning meeting this 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. *Bring your ideas and enthusiasm!*

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

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

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 26 and 27

Mass Attendance: 185

Collection	\$ 2,420.00
WeShare	\$ 640.00
	\$ 3,060.00*

***\$ 940.00 Deficient to the weekly goal.**

SEPTEMBER SECOND COLLECTIONS

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

Maui Relief - Special Collection September 2 and September 3

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.

On-Line Donations can be processed through WeShare. Please visit stmattpar.org for instructions. *Thank you for your support.*

Weekday Masses for the Week of September 3

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.



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.



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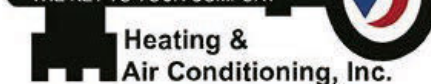
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