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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.



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

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

St. Matthias Parish



PARISH OFFICE HOURS Week of October 1, 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, September 30 — 4:00 p.m.

Prayers for Faith Formation
Students and Catechists

Sunday, October 1 — 10:00 a.m.

Prayers for Faith Formation
Students and Catechists

Friday, October 6 — 9:00 a.m.

Memorial

Alice Robertson
Irene Dorahush

Saturday, October 7 — 4:00 p.m.

Josephine Myers — Memorial

Sunday, October 8 — 10:00 a.m.

Memorial

John and Laura Sousa
John and Deolinda Roque

Readings for Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time September 30 and October 1

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28
Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Readings for Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time October 7 and October 8

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

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 30
Celebration of the Eucharist
Church, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 1
Faith Formation Grades 1–5
Parish Hall/Classrooms, 8:45 – 9:45 a.m.

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

Blessing of the Animals
Courtyard, 12:00 p.m.

Monday, October 2
Celebration of the Eucharist
Conference Room Chapel, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, October 3
Celebration of the Eucharist
Conference Room Chapel, 9 a.m.

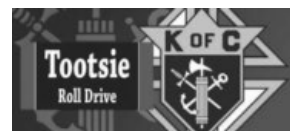
Wednesday, October 4
Choir Rehearsal
Church, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 6
Celebration of the Eucharist
Conference Room Chapel, 9 a.m.

Saturday, October 7
Celebration of the Eucharist
Church, 4:00 p.m.
Knights of Columbus—Tootsie Roll Drive
Church Entrances

Sunday, October 8
Celebration of the Eucharist
Church, 10:00 a.m.
Coffee Social
Parish Hall Following Mass
Knights of Columbus—Tootsie Roll Drive
Church Entrances

Knights of Columbus
Tootsie Roll Drive



Weekend of October 7 and 8
Donations at Church Entrances

From Fr. Fran

Financial Report to Parishioners

Please take a moment to read through the annual financial report for FY 2023 which is included with today's bulletin. Prepared by members of our Finance Council, this report gives you a sense of the challenges we faced during the last fiscal year as we continued to recover from the pandemic.

As with many parishes, our numbers have not returned to pre-pandemic levels. With this in mind, I'd like to thank all who have contributed so generously to our parish over the last year. While we ended the fiscal year with a deficit, largely due to the unbudgeted expense surrounding major boiler repairs, we had a relatively good year.

During FY 2023 the Archdiocese of Boston contracted a new accounting firm and new software was introduced for the chart of accounts. A number of categories were changed from the old system resulting in some line items looking as though they came in way over budget when they were simply reclassified. For example, you will see that our pastoral/liturgical expenses were charted as \$7,755.00 over budget. While this category is important to our parish life, we didn't overspend as indicated, as this deficit is offset in Category "Other".

You will see that we exceeded our Grand Annual Goal last year, our monthly maintenance collections were up, and, for the first time in a number of years, we made our assessment for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. All great achievements. Thank you to all who contributed!

The report also lists a number of repairs that will need to be done in the near future. One of the immediate repairs is to our heating system. Yes, it's the gift that keeps on giving. You may recall that we ended the heating season with some unresolved trouble in the system, namely, the boiler keeps shutting down. The trigger for this has yet to be found. We are presently getting estimates for repairs and will hopefully get things in order before the autumn winds chill us to the bone. So, apologies if it may be a bit nippy in the building during the next few weeks.

Looking toward FY 2024, if we achieve our weekly goal this year of \$4k we will end the year in the black. *That's where you come in.* Our Finance Council has done a great job putting together another bare bones budget. It's only through your weekly generosity that we will be able to achieve financial stability for FY 2024. If it's possible, an increase of just a few dollars by every contributing parishioner will help us achieve our goal. Thanks in advance for your dedication to our parish.

An Invitation From St. Michael Parish

As you may know, St. Michael Parish in Hudson has an annual gathering at the Elks Pavilion in Hudson. In the spirit of our future collaboration we have been invited to join them this year! See the details below. This is a great opportunity to gather and get to know folks in the St. Michael community.



St. Michael & St. Matthias
AUTUMN PICNIC
SUNDAY OCTOBER 8TH
Hudson Elks Pavilion Starts at NOON
Free and Open to All
Don't miss this year's CORNHOLE COMPETITION!
Last Names
A - P Bring a Salad
Q - Z Bring a Dessert

Sausages
Veggie Kabobs

Hamburgers
Hot Dogs

MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD COLLECTION

Saturday, October 7 and October 8

Marlborough Community Cupboard collection bins will be available at the church entrances for donations of food and personal hygiene items for the Marlborough Community Cupboard the weekend of October 7 and October 8. This collection will take place the second weekend of every month.

COFFEE SOCIAL

October 8

Parish Hall following 10:00 a.m. Mass



Please plan to join the parish community for friendship, conversation and coffee following Mass October 8 in the Parish Hall.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation meetings for Sunday, October 1 are as follows:

Grades 1–5 Sunday, October 1

Parish Hall/Classrooms, 8:45 – 9:45 a.m.

Looking ahead:

Grades 9–10+ Saturday, October 14

Church/Parish Hall, 4:00 p.m. Mass to approx.
6:00 p.m.

Grades 6–8 Sunday, October 15

Church/Parish Hall, 10:00 a.m. Mass to approx.
12:00 p.m.

Please view the Faith Formation calendar online at www.stmattpar.org/ff-calendar for all gatherings.

SHAWL MINISTRY ALL ARE WELCOME A MESSAGE FROM JOANNE LITSTER

It is so heartwarming to see the parish opening up after such a long hiatus!

Please remember our Shawl Ministry is up and running as well. As most of you know the Shawl Ministry group have been getting together at my home on **Tuesdays from 6:30 to about 8:00 p.m.**

We have a good assortment of shawls and lap robes and now all we need is You. If you are interested give me a call. If you would like to learn how to knit or crochet, we will be glad to help you. There are plenty of patterns, needles and yarn to practice on. We are looking forward to seeing you. If you are interested in joining, please call Joanne Litster 508 485 3723.



Sunday, October 1 - 12:00 Noon

The annual Blessing of the Animals is this Sunday, October 1 in celebration of St. Francis. Bring your favorite pet to the courtyard to receive a special blessing.

A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

PETER BROCKMANN

Apologies if you missed my article last week, I just missed the deadline.

While I'm apologizing, let me also make a correction on the article of the previous week. I wrote about how the music accompanying Fr Faber's excellent lyric was WELLESLEY by Lizzie Tourjée. Not entirely accurate. The music we sang and played was actually IN BABILONE, which comes to us from the 18th Century (140 years or so before the lyric was written), The Netherlands.

This week, let's spotlight the Communion song - Many and Great - by Paulist Father, Rev Ricky Manalo. First published in 1995, Many and Great is quite refreshing to our 'western' ears. It uses a five-note pentatonic scale that is strongly rooted in South East Asian music traditions. Some consider that it is the first Asian American Catholic liturgical song to have gained popularity in the US Catholic church. It is included in Gather 3 (2011) and Gather 4 (2021). We've been singing it in generally in the fall, since the lyrics remind us of the lifecycle of our lives and our unity with the Holy Communion which follows the same life cycle. *Let Us Sing!*

Music for Celebrations of the Eucharist September 30 and October 1

Gathering Song: God, We Gather As Disciples
Booklet # 11

Preparation: Instrumental

Communion: Many and Great
Booklet # 6

Recessional: To Live Your Word
Booklet # 13

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

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

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

PARISH FINANCES

Offertory Collection — September 23 and 24

Mass Attendance: 209

Collection	\$ 2,222.00
WeShare	\$ 625.00
	\$ 2,847.00*

***Deficit to the weekly collection \$1,153.00**

OCTOBER SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Holy Father and Apostolic Works September 30 and October 1

This week's special collection supports the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. This collection also provides support to The Catholic University of America (CUA) that educates priests and lay people for ministry. Donations will also assist the Inner-City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston through Special Collection Sunday. Your generosity will support the Holy Father as well as the various Apostolic works at home and abroad.

For information on these Collections, please visit:

1. www.usccb.org/nationalcollection/peters-pence
2. www.cua.edu
3. www.BostonCatholic.org

Parish Maintenance October 7 and October 8

World Mission Sunday October 21 and October 22

St. Vincent de Paul Fall Collection October 28 and October 29

Thank you for your continued donations.

The Annual Report is available in the bulletin and at the entrances to the church.



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.

SCAN ME



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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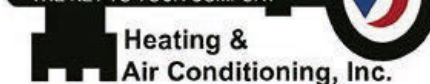
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