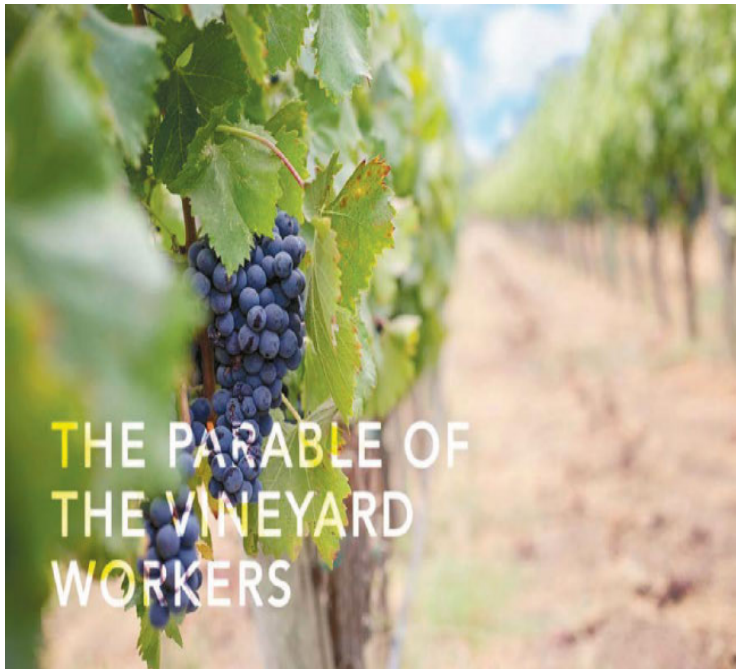


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Mission Statement

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 8, 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 WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9
OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY/
INDIGEOUS PEOPLES DAY**

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

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

Saturday, October 14 — 4:00 p.m.

Jean Peltak — Memorial

Sunday, October 15 — 10:00 a.m.

Antonio Barcinas — Memorial

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

Readings for Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary time October 14 and October 15

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a
Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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, 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

Monday, October 9

Celebration of the Eucharist

Conference Room Chapel, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, October 10

Celebration of the Eucharist

Conference Room Chapel, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, October 11

Choir Rehearsal

Church, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 13

Celebration of the Eucharist

Conference Room Chapel, 9 a.m.

Saturday, October 14

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 4:00 p.m.

Faith Formation Grades 9 and 10+

Mass in the Church 4:00 p.m.

Classroom/Parish Hall 5:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 15

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 10:00 a.m.

Faith Formation Grades 6 through 8

Mass in the Church 10:00 a.m.

Classroom/Parish Hall 11:00 a.m. — Noon

MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD COLLECTION

Saturday, October 7 and October 8

Marlborough Community Cupboard collection bins will be available at the church entrances for donations for the Marlborough Community Cupboard this weekend October 7 and October 8.

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 Sunday, October 8

From Fr. Fran

Sacrament of the Sick

Our parish family will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick, (also referred to as the anointing of the sick), **during the weekend Masses on October 21st and 22nd**. The gift of the sacrament is to strengthen the sick person and to install God's inner peace and healing.

From the beginnings of the church, communities have gathered around those who are ill and, with a priest to lead, they have lifted up prayer for the sick, invoked the presence of the Holy Spirit and anointed them with the blessed oil. In this sacramental encounter we believe that God has showered grace and strength on the sick person.

The point of this anointing is not for the person to receive a miraculous recovery, (although if God chooses to do so, it is an incredible gift) rather, it is to unite the sick person, the community and Christ together in asking the Creator to be gracious and close to the sick person.

It is up to each individual to discern if a sharing in this sacrament would be a helpful and comforting experience during a time of illness – physical, emotional, or spiritual. Also, those who will be having surgery or testing in the next weeks are invited to the sacrament as well as those feeling the effects of aging. The gift of the sacrament is to strengthen the sick person and to instill God's inner peace and healing. If your physical, emotional, or spiritual condition is such that this moment would bring strength and comfort, we invite you to partake of the Sacrament of the Sick.

For sick children who have not yet received the Sacrament of Penance (which would be most children under the age of seven) a blessing rather than the sacrament would be given. This is because the Sacrament of the Sick is closely linked to the Sacrament of Penance.

Heating Issues

Apologies for the autumn chill inside the church building. As I mentioned in last week's bulletin and at the masses, we are having issues with our heating system. We have been rebuilding a couple of pumps over the years and now it looks like we need them to be replaced along with some pipe work. We have one estimate so far and we are looking for a couple more. It's a good bet that the replacements will cost over 10 thousand dollars. For those who play the lottery, keep St. Matthias in mind if you hit it big!

Blessing of the Animals

We had a wonderful celebration of our pets last Sunday in honor of St. Francis. Once again, the dogs ruled! We had little ones, big ones, puppies, and senior dogs, all very good boys and girls. They were joined by some cute ferrets and one active guinea pig. As special guests we had a couple of red shouldered hawks flying above us and our resident crows were looking on as well. I'm sure St. Francis was smiling down upon us.

Thanks to all who participated and especially to Darleen, Chris, and Murphy Doona who coordinated the celebration.

St. Matthias 2024 Grand Annual Collection Kick Off

Our 2024 Grand Annual is about to begin. This is our most important yearly fundraiser. This year our goal is to raise \$80,000 dollars within the next three months. As in the past, every dollar collected goes directly into our FY2024 operating budget.

Last weekend we released our financial report to the parishioners for FY2023. We ended the year with revenues under budget by \$10,120 dollars. To end the coming year in the black, we need to achieve our Grand Annual goal and secure a weekly Offertory at the 4-thousand-dollar level.

In the coming weeks we will have a presentation at Mass by members of our Finance Council and those on our mailing lists will receive a Grand Annual Packet which will also be available in the pews. Thank you in advance for your continued financial support of our parish and your contribution to this year's Grand Annual.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



HAPPY 10th ANNIVERSARY DEACON PAUL COLETTI



Warmest congratulations and best wishes to Deacon Paul Coletti as he celebrates his 10th Anniversary as Permanent Deacon Archdiocese of Boston.

FAITH FORMATION

There are no Faith Formation meetings Sunday, October 8 due to the holiday weekend.

Faith Formation meetings for the Weekend of October 14 and October 15 are as follows:

Grades 9 and 10+ Saturday, October 14

Confirmation I and Confirmation II

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

Grades 6 through 8 Sunday, October 15

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

PLEASE NOTE CONFIRMATION MEETINGS
ARE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14.

Knights of Columbus

Tootsie Roll Drive

October 7 and 8 - Church Entrances

After Masses this weekend, members of the Knights of Columbus will be handing out Tootsie Rolls outside the church.

This drive is known as the "Fund Drive for Children with Intellectual Disabilities" and all funds raised are distributed to agencies who provide day care, respite care, and other support services to families with children with developmental disabilities.

We are blessed to see donated funds go directly to an important agency in our own back yard – Special Olympics – which has its state headquarters in Marlboro.

Please buy a Tootsie roll or two to help these agencies provide care and support to those who are perceived as the least among us, but whom we stand up for to demonstrate that all lives have infinite value.

Use this handy QR code to make a donation from your smartphone.



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SHAWL MINISTRY ALL ARE WELCOME

A MESSAGE FROM JOANNE LITSTER

The Shawl Ministry group has been getting together 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. No experience necessary. We are looking forward to seeing you. If you are interested in joining, please call Joanne Litster 508 485 3723.

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! This is a great opportunity to gather and get to know folks in the St. Michael community



Music for Celebrations of the Eucharist October 7 and October 8

Gathering Song: You Gather Us
Booklet # 14

Preparation: Where Charity and Love Prevail
Hymnal # 610

Communion: Many and Great
Booklet # 6

Recessional: Go To The World
Hymnal # 469

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

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

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 30 and October 1

Offertory Collection information for the weekend of September 30 / October 1 will be posted in next week's bulletin. Thank you.

OCTOBER SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you are new member or family to the parish who has not yet registered, please take a moment to complete a Parish Registration card. The card gives you the option to receive weekly envelopes. The envelope service, *Our Sunday Visitor*, will mail a package of Envelopes to you each month in advance of the weekly mass for your cash or check donations and includes envelopes for regular weekly collections and special collections. By using envelopes you will receive a statement of donation at the end of the year that can be used for tax purposes. Parish Registration cards are at the entrances to the church and accessible on-line.



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 scan 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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