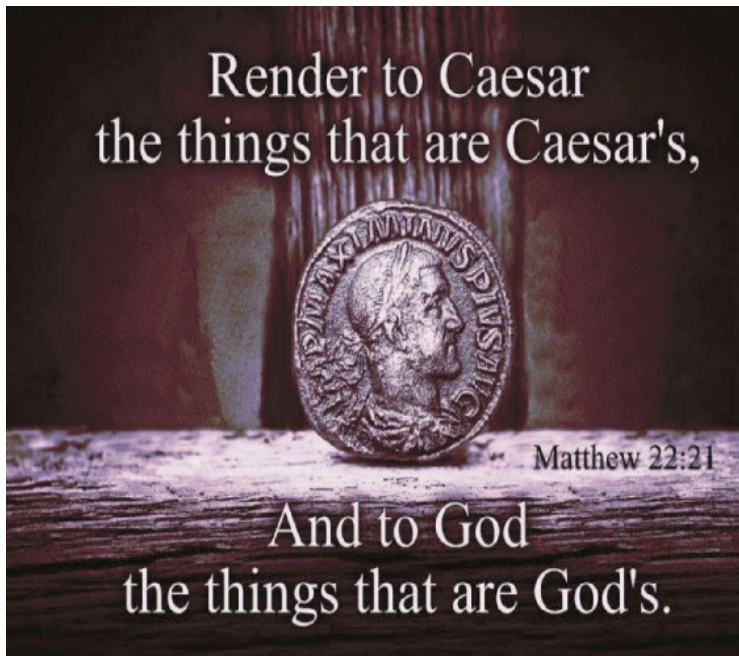


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Mission Statement

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 15, 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, October 14 — 4:00 p.m.

Jean Peltak — Memorial

Sunday, October 15— 10:00 a.m.

Antonio Barcinas — Memorial

Saturday, October 21 — 4:00 p.m.

Richard Desjardin — Memorial

Sunday, October 22— 10:00 a.m.

James and Anne Robertson — Memorial

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

Readings for Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary time October 21 and October 22

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21



Saturday, October 28, 2023 at

5:00 PM in the Parish Hall

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

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

Faith Formation Grades 1 through 5

Classroom/Parish Hall 8:45 a.m. — 9:45 a.m.

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

Wednesday, October 18

Choir Rehearsal

Church, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 21

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 22

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 10:00 a.m.

NO DAILY MASS THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15

**Weekday Mass will not be celebrated this week.
The next weekday mass will be celebrated on
Monday, October 23 at 9:00 AM.**



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

Prayers for Peace

The images from Israel and Gaza are just horrifying. As I'm writing this on Tuesday morning, the rhetoric on both sides of the conflict speaks of annihilation, not peace. Who knows what will be happening when you read this.

Of course, terrorism and war are not new to this part of the world. Yet, this time, because we are seeing it in real time through social media and the 24/7 news outlets, it seems even more heinous. Please keep in your prayers those held hostage and all the innocent folks in Israel and Gaza who are in harm's way, especially those wounded and killed. May God protect the innocent, comfort the grieving, and put an end to the aggression.

Sacrament of the Sick – Change of Date

Due to a scheduling conflict, **our parish celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick**, (originally scheduled for October 21/22), **will happen during the weekend Masses on November 4th and 5th**. The gift of the sacrament is to strengthen the sick person and to install 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 a sick child who has 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.

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.

By now I hope you have been able to look over our financial report to parishioners for FY2023. Copies are still available at the entrances to the church. As I mentioned last week, 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.

Thank you in advance for your continued financial support of our parish and your contribution to this year's Grand Annual.

Oktoberfest!

Are you ready to party? With the dreary weather and bad news we've been living through these days, we could all use a break. St. Matthias has the remedy for those autumn blues with our first ever Oktoberfest. Tickets are now on sale after Mass. The Oktoberfest planners have some great surprises in store and a wonderful German themed meal will be prepared by Buffet Way. So, plan on joining in the fun! Why not get a group of friends together and purchase a table. I'm sure we all know some folks who would enjoy a great night out.

MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD COLLECTION

Saturday, November 11
Sunday, November 12

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 November 4 and November 5. This collection will take place the second weekend of every month.

COFFEE SOCIAL

November 5

Parish Hall following 10:00 a.m. Mass

Please plan to join the parish community for friendship, conversation and coffee following Mass on November 5 in the Parish Hall.



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation meetings:

Grades 9 and 10+ Saturday, October 14**Confirmation I and Confirmation II****Meet with Deacon Paul and Mrs. Salafia**

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

Grades 1 through 5 Sunday, October 15

Church/Parish Hall, 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Grades 6 through 8 Sunday, October 15

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

Catechist is Mrs. Lea Minghella**ANOINTING OF
THE SICK****NOVEMBER 4 AND NOVEMBER 5**

The Anointing of the Sick will be held during weekend masses November 4 and November 5.

Participants will be anointed with *oleum infirmorum*/ Oil of the Sick (olive oil or another pure plant oil blessed by the bishop). The anointing is available to any adult seeking comfort, peace, and courage as they journey through an illness or a difficult time in their lives.

**Mass of Remembrance
Sunday, November 12**

The annual **Mass of Remembrance** will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 12, 2023**. This annual celebration provides us with the opportunity to join with our fellow parishioners who have lost a loved one in the past two years, and to remind them that we continue to care for them and walk with them. There will be a proper and dignified pictorial memorial that will be located in the foyer of the church starting November 11 until the first Sunday of Advent. It will display pictures of all of those who died in the past two years. This celebration will be for parishioners who had their funeral at St. Matthias as well as those outside of the parish.

All names will be inscribed in the book of the dead and roll of names to be read aloud at during Mass. If you have lost a loved one since November 2022 and want them to be included in the celebration, please be sure to contact Deacon Doug as early as possible at 508-460-9255 with the information. We ask that **all photos be submitted via email admin@stmattpar.org or drop off in the parish office by October 31** to allow ample time to plan and put the display together.

Following the Mass of Remembrance all are invited to a breakfast reception in the Parish Hall.

A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR**PETER BROCKMANN**

Our send forth song this week, **THERE IS A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY**, was written by an English Catholic priest, Father Frederick Faber. His collection of "HYMNS", 150 songs and poems was published in 1862.

The tune, is **IN BABILONE**, a Dutch song, first published in 1710 in the *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen* (Old and New Dutch Peasant Songs and Country Dances). Ralph Vaughn Williams, the 20th century English composer (composer of last week's recessional **SINE NOMINE**, which is more familiar to us as **For All The Saints/Go To the World**) discovered the tune's arrangement by Julius Rontgen, an important Dutch musician/composer/scholar/editor at the turn of the 20th Century. Williams married it with Father Faber's popular lyric in the 1906 edition of *The English Hymnal*. It came to America at around that time.

The structure of the work is considered to be A-A-B-A, where the first musical phrase (A) is repeated, a counter melody is introduced, often expressed in a related key and sometimes alternative dynamics (usually softer), (B) which takes us back to the first musical idea (A), which might be more full in volume. This structure is a popular method in hymn design, since it helps one to remember what's coming next, but at the same time making it sufficiently complex that it also becomes interesting and fun to play and sing.

*Let us sing,***Music for Celebrations of the Eucharist
October 14 and October 15**

Gathering Song: **As We Gather At Your Table**
Hymnal # 738

Preparation: **We Come To Your Feast**
Booklet # 814

Communion: **A Banquet If Prepared**
Booklet # 10

Recessional: **There's A Wideness In God's Mercy**
Hymnal # 603

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY GOAL \$4,000.00

Offertory Collection for October 7 and October 8

Offertory Collection	\$ 3,011.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 1,740.00
	\$ 4,751.00

***Surplus to the weekly collection \$751.00**

Mass attendance: 203

Parish Maintenance Collection	\$ 1,386.00
WeShare Maintenance	\$ 480.00
	\$ 1,866.00

Offertory Collection for September 30 and October 1

Offertory Collection	\$ 2,330.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 1,175.00
	\$ 3,505.00

***Deficit to the weekly collection \$495.00**

Mass attendance: 217

Holy Father and Apostolic Works \$ 307.00

OCTOBER SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

**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.



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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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