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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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**

# St. Matthias Parish



## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Week of November 19, 2023

**Monday and Tuesday**

**9:00AM to 2:00PM**

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday in observance of Thanksgiving and Wednesday as Friday as usual.  
During off-hours you may e-mail the office at any time  
at: [admin@stmattpar.org](mailto:admin@stmattpar.org)  
or leave a voicemail at **508-460-9255**.

## INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

**Saturday, November 18 — 4:00 p.m.**

Richard Desjardin — Memorial

**Sunday, November 19 — 10:00 a.m.**

**Memorial**

Antonio Barcinas

Al Barcinas

**Thursday, November 23 — 9:00 a.m.**

Michael Buttiglieri — 5th Anniversary Memorial

**Saturday, November 25 — 4:00 p.m.**

Antonio Masciarelli — Memorial

**Sunday, November 26 — 10:00 a.m.**

**Memorial**

John and Laura Sousa

John and Deolinda Roque

## **Readings for Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary time** **November 18 and November 19**

*First Reading:* Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

*Second Reading:* 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

*Gospel:* Matthew 25:14-30

## **Readings for Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** **November 25 and November 26**

*First Reading:* Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

*Second Reading:* 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

*Gospel:* Matthew 25:31-46

## **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](http://www.stmattpar.org) to view the recorded Mass from our homepage.

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS**

**Saturday, November 18**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Church, 4:00 p.m.

*Please, grab a tag from the Giving Tree!*

**Sunday, November 19**

**Faith Formation Grades 1– 5**

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

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Church, 10:00 a.m.

*Please, grab a tag from the Giving Tree!*

**Faith Formation Grades 6 through 8**

Mass in the Church 10:00 a.m.

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

**Monday, November 20**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Downstairs Chapel, 9:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, November 21**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Downstairs Chapel, 9:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, November 22**

**Choir Rehearsal**

Church, 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, November 23**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Church, 9:00 a.m.

**Saturday, November 26**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Church, 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday, November 26**

**Faith Formation Grade 2**

Downstairs Conference Room, 8:45 – 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

## **WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Week of November 19, 2023**

**Downstairs conference room chapel**

9AM Monday and Tuesday (11/20 & 21)

**Church**

9AM Thursday (11/23)

(No mass on Friday, November 24)

## From Fr. Fran

### Happy Thanksgiving!

As we gather at tables near and far on Thursday, sharing in love, laughter, and maybe some tears, may God be with us all. May we cherish the bounty God has given us. May we thank God for lifting us up through these difficult days as we experience so much war, violence, and hate in our world. May we give thanks to God for blessing us with family and friends to share the joys and sorrows of life. May we lift in prayer those who will be alone or estranged from family this holiday. May we ask God to open our hearts to those around us who are in need. May we praise God for always being there to guide our lives, until, at last, we all gather around the great banquet table in heaven, where our Thanksgiving will never end.

In gratitude for the many gifts God has given St. Matthias Parish, we will gather at **9 AM on Thanksgiving morning, this Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the table of the Eucharist.** Please plan to join in this celebration before family, food, and football take hold of the day! Don't forget to bring some non-perishable items for the Marlborough Community Cupboard.



### In Thanksgiving for our Parish, Have You Made Your Grand Annual Donation Yet?

We have much to be thankful for here at St. Matthias parish. This is a caring and service-oriented community, ready to lend a hand when a need arises. At this time of the year, along with the needs of those in our wider community, we focus on the needs of our own community with our Grand Annual Campaign. By donating now to our most important fundraiser of the year you will be insuring that our parish will be able to meet its fiscal obligations as well as continue to minister to our parishioners through liturgical, spiritual, and social activities. If you haven't already, please pick up a Grand Annual packet, available throughout the church today.

We have a most ambitious goal of \$80,000 dollars to be raised within the next three months. Thank you to all who have made donations and will do so in the coming weeks. As in the past, **every dollar collected goes directly into our FY2024 operating budget.**

### What's Going On With the RV in the Parking Lot?

Parishioners have been asking about the recreational

vehicle that has taken up residence in our parking lot. Here's the scoop: It belongs to residents of New Horizons across the street. The management asked them not to park it over there because of the space it takes up. We have granted the owners some space for a limited time. They are attempting to sell this baby. So, if you are interested or know someone who might be interested, check out the for-sale sign on the RV for more information.

### A Season of Preparation

Have you noticed that "Black Friday" sales have been going on since just after Halloween this year? It seems that we now have a season to prepare for the season of Black Friday.

On the church calendar we are coming into a season of preparation as well, we call it Advent. The essence of the season is truly counter-cultural, for it tells us to slow down and prepare inwardly for the feast of Christmas. While Advent is traditionally a four-week season, this year it's only three weeks and a day, as Christmas falls on a Monday. It's not too early to start to make plans to clear a bit of time on our calendars for reflection and prayer during the weeks before Christmas. It's so easy to get caught up in the rush of the season with so many things to do. Why not decide now to schedule some daily quality time with God so that when December 25<sup>th</sup> comes you will be able to celebrate Christ's birth to the fullest!

While preparing our hearts for the season is important, it is really only step number one. For this preparation to be authentic, it will lead us from prayer into action. As we prepare gifts for loved ones and friends, are there strangers and others in need whom we could serve in small or great ways? What will God be calling each of us to do for others as we prepare the way for Christ's coming at Christmas?

### Preparing in Song

Speaking of preparation, we will be introducing a new mass setting during Advent. With the changing of seasons, we often mark them with the changing of our liturgical music, especially with settings of the mass parts. Our music director, Perter Brockmann tells you all about it in his weekly columns. He will be leading us in rehearsing some of the new music over the next couple of weeks. Get your voices and hearts ready for the new season which starts with the first Sunday of Advent, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Advent Giving Tree

Once again, we will be able to brighten Christmas for some children in our community with our Advent Giving Tree project. This year gifts need to be returned rather early, so we are initiating our Giving Tree this weekend. Many thanks to Katie, John and Hope Broach who are coordinating the effort this year. See insert or more info.

**FAITH FORMATION****Faith Formation meetings — November 19, 2023****Grades 1 through 5 on Sunday, November 19**

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

**Grades 6 through 8 on Sunday, November 19****Attend 10:00 AM Mass**

Parish Hall / Classrooms, 11:00 a.m. — 11:45 a.m.

**Looking ahead:**

Sunday, November 26

**First Eucharist Grade 2 8:45-9:45 a.m.****Conference Room (This is a makeup class!)****Grades 6 through 8****Attend 10:00 AM Mass**

Parish Hall / Classrooms, 11:00 a.m. — 11:45 a.m.

Saturday, December 2 **Confirmation I and II****Grades 9 and 10**

4:00 p.m. Mass followed by meeting until 5:45 p.m.

Sunday, December 3

**Grades 1-5 8:45 – 9:45 a.m.**

Sunday, December 10

**Grades 6, 7, and 8**

10:00 a.m. Mass followed by meeting in parish hall until 11:45 a.m.

Sunday, December 17

**Grades 1-5**

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

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

Here is the musical notation for the **Holy, Holy, Holy** that we will be singing in Advent.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Text: ICEL, © 2010  
Music: Missa de Lamine, Kathleen Deary and Carol Browning, © 2011 GIA Publications, Inc.

We will review this before Mass this weekend.

*Let us sing!*



**OUR FATHER'S TABLE  
\$10 GIFT CARD DRIVE**



Each year, local churches who participate in Our Father's Table by providing meals to those in need, are asked to provide an extra special something for the attendees at the annual holiday party. As last year, St. Matthias has volunteered to provide 50-**\$10 gift cards** to either **Dunkin' Donuts** or **McDonald's**.

**Could you provide 1 or 2 to help us reach this goal?** Gift cards will be collected in the **Offertory box** on the weekends of **December 9/10 & December 16/17**. You may also bring gift cards directly to the Parish Office during Office Hours. Monetary contributions toward gift cards also welcomed (please label as **OFT**).

**MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY  
CUPBOARD COLLECTION**

**Saturday, December 9 & Sunday, December 10**

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 December 9 and December 10.

**Music for Celebrations of the Eucharist  
November 18 and November 19**

**Gathering Song:** **We Journey Together in Christ**  
Booklet # 4

**Preparation:** **Instrumental**

**Communion:** **Christ, Be Our Light**  
Hymnal # 512

**Recessional:** **Praise and Thanksgiving**  
Hymnal # 754

*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

Alice Cox	Rosalie Green
Joseph Cox	Tyler Hendrix
Conor Canavan	Marie Mangan
Aline Desjardin	Keith Morey
Andrea Durant	Marge Shea Burke
Claire Fallon	Jane Walsh
Craig Fallon	Lydia Whitcomb
Rachael Goulet	



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



## PARISH FINANCES

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY GOAL \$4,000.00**

**November 11 and November 12**

### Offertory Collection

Offertory Collection	\$ 2,442.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 500.00
	\$ 2,942.00

**\*Deficit from the Offertory goal \$ 1,058.00**

Mass attendance: 227

### Maintenance Collection

Offertory Collection	\$ 1,070.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 295.00
	\$ 1,365.00

### NOVEMBER SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Retired Sisters Religious November 18/19

*Thank you for your continued donations.*

## GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FY 2024

**St. Matthias 2024 Grand Annual Collection** is underway and we are so thankful to all have contributed to date. This is our most important fundraiser of the year. Our goal this year is to raise \$80,000 dollars. All of which goes directly into our operating budget!

Fundraising Goal

**\$80,000**



Donation Total: \$13,775

Remaining to reach goal: \$66,225

Percentage: towards goal 17%

Participating Families: 39

*Thank you for your contributions!*



**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](http://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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