

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://www.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

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.

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 January 7, 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, January 6 — 4:00 p.m.

Mary and Antonio Masciarelli — Memorial

Sunday, January 7 — 10:00 a.m.

Jim Goulet — Memorial

Saturday, January 13 — 4:00 p.m.

Memorial

Robert “Bob” Bucher
Frank and Leah Calore
Eleanor Laspada and Joseph Calore

Sunday, January 14 — 10:00 a.m.

James William Fischer — Memorial

Readings for the Epiphany of the Lord January 6 and January 7

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Readings for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 13 and January 14

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Gospel: John 1:35-42

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, January 6

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

Sunday, January 7

Celebration of the Eucharist
Church, 10:00 a.m.
Coffee Social
Parish Hall, Following Mass

Monday, January 8

Celebration of the Eucharist
Downstairs Chapel, 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 9

Celebration of the Eucharist
Downstairs Chapel, 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 10

Choir Rehearsal
Church, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 12

Celebration of the Eucharist
Downstairs Chapel, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 13

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

Marlborough Community Cupboard Collection
Collection bins at church entrances

Sunday, January 14

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

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Sanctuary and Altar Candles Donation for the month of January

In Loving Memory of

Robert “Bob” Bucher
Frank and Leah Calore
Eleanor Laspada
Joseph Calore



From the Bucher Family

IN MEMORIAM CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Please keep the following deceased loved ones in your prayers. Thank you to all our donors for your generous contributions.

Antonia Amadei	The Curley Family	The Kossuth Family	Matt, Eleanor & Bobby Pendergast
Gothardo Amadei	George J. DeBeaucourt Sr	Stanislaw Krawiec	Arthur Pickett
Janice Arimone	Helen, Joseph & Jordan DeDeo	Mary Kunycky	Gertrude Pickett
John Arnott	David DeMarco	N. Neil Kunycky	Margie Prenda
Tom & Betty Arnott	Mark Desveaux	Katie Lally	Robert Pickett
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Edward & Carol Baduski	Harold Dolan Family	The Laspada Family	Joseph Rauh
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Robert Bucher	Donald & Ruth Forster	Carmella Mauro	Shine-Salafia Families
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	The Heffernan Family	Florence Myers	Annie Verhallen
	The Hill Family	Gilbert Myers	Walsh Family
	The Hornbeck Family	Josephine Myers	Fran & Rhea Zanca
	Julia Jurkiewicz	Lilian & James Myers	The Zemejda Family
	Bud Keeler	The O'Malley Family	Howard Zerella
	Kathryn Keeler	Mary Ann & Ed O'Rourke	Gloria Zerella Mason
	Catherine and Joseph King	Ben & Gloria Pakus	



FAITH FORMATION

Happy New Year to All.

Faith Formation schedule for January is as follows:

Sunday, January 21

Grades 1-5

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

Grades 6, 7, and 8

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

Sunday, January 28

Confirmation I, II.

Grades 6, 7, and 8

10:00 a.m. Mass. - 11:45 a.m.

Participants in Grades 6-8 and Confirmation I and II will attend 10:00 am Mass followed by meetings until 11:45 a.m.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Monday, January 8

9:00 AM — Downstairs Chapel

The Celebration of the Eucharist for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord will be held
9:00 AM in the downstairs chapel.



Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Susan Brigham O'Malley

Alice Cox

Joseph Cox

Conor Canavan

John "Jack" Chamberlain

Aline Desjardin

Andrea Durant

Claire Fallon

Craig Fallon

Rachael Goulet

Rosalie Green

Tyler Hendrix

Marie Mangan

Keith Morey

Marge Shea Burke

Jane Walsh

Lydia Whitcomb

Sharon and David

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

A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

PETER BROCKMANN

I like Epiphany.

It is a post-Christmas delight, where the physical world bows to the spiritual world to remind us that Jesus really is the king of heaven and earth. A few scientists studying the physical world, are motivated to travel and make the connection between the physical and the spiritual. These two worlds are often juxtaposed as opponents, but actually are seeking answers to two very different questions - studying the physical world is predicated on the question 'HOW', while students of the spiritual world center on 'WHY'. So, being a Christian and a scientist are not mutually exclusive.

Yet they come together in our celebration of Epiphany to recognize the uniting of how and why in the person of Jesus.

Our music this weekend offers three Epiphany-centric hymns (two by Father Fran) and closes with JOY TO THE WORLD, a particularly Christmassy dismissal song.

So, although our Christmas season ends, we cannot forget that it is our job to bring "Joy to the World!"

Let Us Sing!

MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD COLLECTION

Saturday, January 13

Sunday, January 14

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 January 13 and January 14. This collection will take place the second weekend of every month.

COFFEE SOCIAL

January 7

Parish Hall following 10:00 a.m. Mass

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!



WEEKLY OFFERTORY GOAL \$4,000.00

December 23 and December 24 Offertory Collection

Offertory Collection	\$ 3,259.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 690.00
	\$ 3,949.00

***Deficit to our weekly goal: \$ 51.00**

Mass attendance: 209

December 24 and December 25 Clergy Benefit Trust

Offertory Collection	\$ 2,063.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 315.00
	\$ 2,378.00

Mass attendance: 525

December 30 and December 31 Offertory Collection

Offertory Collection	\$ 2,541.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 1,130.00
	\$ 3,671.00

***Deficit to our weekly goal: \$ 329.00**

Mass attendance: 190

Solemnity of Mary Collection : \$ 465.00

Special Collections — January 2024

January 13/14 — Parish Maintenance

January 27/28 — Church in Latin America



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



GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FY 2024 **As of 1/1/24**

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 donations go directly into our operating budget!

Donation Total:	\$49,515
Remaining to reach goal:	\$30,485
Percentage of goal achieved:	62%
Participating Families:	83

