

# Saint Matthias Parish

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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 (978-760-4105), 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://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

**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 14, 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](mailto:admin@stmattpar.org)  
or leave a voicemail at **508-460-9255**.

**Parish Office will be closed  
Monday, January 15  
In observance of  
Martin Luther King Day**

### INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

**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

**Saturday, January 20 — 4:00 p.m.**

John Bellan — 1st Anniversary Memorial

**Sunday, January 21 — 10:00 a.m.**

John and Laura Sousa  
John and Deolinda Roque—Memorial

### 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

### Readings for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 20 and January 21

*First Reading:* Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
*Second Reading:* 1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
*Gospel:* Mark 1:14-20

### **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, January 13**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Church, 4:00 p.m.

**Marlborough Community Cupboard Collection**

Collection bins at church entrances

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Church, 10:00 a.m.

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**Monday, January 15**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Downstairs Chapel, 9:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, January 16**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Downstairs Chapel, 9:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, January 17**

**Choir Rehearsal**

Church, 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 19**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Downstairs Chapel, 9:00 a.m.

**Saturday, January 20**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Church, 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday, January 21**

**Grades 1 through 5**

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

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Church, 10:00 a.m.

**Grades 6, 7 and 8**

Mass 10:00 a.m. / Classroom till 11:45

### 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

*The Bucher Family*



## From Fr. Fran

## Thank You.

While I missed most of the Christmas Season due to COVID, what I *did* experience was much joy and faith as our parish family came together to celebrate Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. It was very meaningful to me, as my last Christmas among you.

Let me thank those parishioners who gave the gift of their time, energy, and expertise to make our celebrations of the Christmas season so meaningful. Thanks to those who prepared the church inside and out for the season. Thanks to everyone in our great music ministry who, joined once again this year by a choir of our youngsters, led us in beautiful sung prayer. Thanks to all of those in our liturgical ministries who provided prayerful presence, warmth, and hospitality throughout the season. Thanks to our wonderful staff for their untiring dedication to our parish community. And thanks to our newest parish member, Fr. Carmichael for stepping to the plate while I shivered under the covers with COVID.

## Back to “The Ordinary”

In this time between the Christmas and Lenten Seasons, we celebrate a stretch of what is known as Ordinary Time. In this case Ordinary refers to “numbered” not “humdrum”. It’s sort of a breather after the joy of Christmas and before the work of our Lenten journey begins. Our liturgical colors are back to green, our music is a bit less festive than at Christmas, and our gospels will revolve around two themes: the call of Christ and the healings of Christ.

Perhaps this would be a good time to reflect upon how God has called us to lives of love, care, forgiveness, service, and discipleship. As we then hear the stories of Jesus’s healings, we may want to discern what we need to be healed of ourselves. What keeps us from saying “yes” to Christ each day?

## Winter Finally Arrived

Well, we *thought* it was winter. *Then* it was monsoon season. I wonder what’s next?

Just a reminder that **when the Marlborough Schools call off classes, our office is closed, and weekday mass is cancelled.** On days when the schools are *not* closed but the **weather is rough**, I tend to err on the side of caution and **cancel weekday mass.** This cancellation will be done **by 8AM** via our parish web page and phone message. Please check them both in case one doesn’t get published promptly.

## Grand Annual Continues

A great way to start the new year would be to hit our 2024 Grand Annual Goal! We are just over halfway there. We’ve had a great response so far, but we need every parishioner to come on board. *No gift is too small or too big.* Remember, every penny from our \$80 thousand dollar goal goes directly to our 2024 operating budget. To miss our goal means we will be in the red at the end of the fiscal year on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who have contributed so far and to those who will submit their donations in the coming weeks.



## WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATIONS FOR ST. MATTHIAS PARISH

In all the following circumstances, a notice of cancellation will be found on the parish website, phone system voicemail, and Facebook page.

- When it snows on a weekday, and the Marlborough Schools are closed, the Parish Office will be closed and morning Mass will be canceled. (Notice will be posted by 8AM.)
- There may be some snowy mornings when we will cancel Mass even though Marlborough schools are open. This will be due to conditions around the church. (Notice will be posted by 8AM.)
- If there are day and evening activities scheduled during a snowy period, please check the website frequently to see if your activity is on or off.
- In rare cases, the Saturday 4PM Mass and/or Sunday 10AM Mass may be cancelled. Look for word of those cancellations on the website and voice mail.
- If Sunday Faith Formation classes are canceled, notice will be carried on our local TV stations as well as on our parish resources.

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FAITH FORMATION

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

##### **Grades 1-5**

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

##### **Confirmation I, II**

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.

#### Sunday, February 4

##### **Grades 1-5**

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

### OUR FATHER'S TABLE

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

NEW HOPE CHURCH — (204 MAIN ST.)

St. Matthias Parish community members will be hosting ***Our Father's Table*** on **Monday, January 29, beginning at 4:00 p.m.**

Our Father's Table is an ecumenical outreach program which feeds the poor and homeless in the Marlborough area. A meal is served three times each week at the New Hope Church on Main Street for approximately 50 people. Our parish is responsible for preparing and serving the meal the second Tuesday of every other month. **Volunteers bake desserts and help serve, and one parishioner acts as lead chef. Please consider volunteering.**

For details or to volunteer, please contact Sandy Morey via e-mail: [shirldan44@gmail.com](mailto:shirldan44@gmail.com) or call 603-630-6001.

*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](mailto:admin@stmattpar.org) or call 508-460-9255.

### A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

PETER BROCKMANN

Welcome to Ordinary Time!

It's definitely not a regular season of the church year, though. It's called Ordinary because of the Latin root word, *ordo*, which means ordered or numerically organized.

For us in music ministry, it's a time to mix things up a little - recited Penitential Rite led by our deacons, a different Mass setting and recited response to the Prayers of the Faithful. I think you'll agree that the music in the Christmas season really spiced it up this year.

The Mass setting we've chosen for this six week period before Lent, is Mass of the Lamb by Father Fran, which has a solemn and formal tone. Frankly, what I have come to appreciate about our range of Mass settings is the tone that each musical suite brings to mind. Mass of St Matthias by Fr Fran is full of Christian joy, and with the musical Sprinkling Rite makes it wonderful for Easter season. The Mass of Angels and Saints by Fr Janco has a delightful and highly attractive stitching of the Hosanna phrase in the Holy, Holy, Holy and Great Amen that makes one think it will never end (as singing Hosanna and Amen won't end when it's our turn to sing it in heaven). The Missa de Lumine by Kathleen Demny which we first sang at Advent is evocative of a simpler and ancient time where chant reigned supreme.

Through these settings, we hope to expose our hearts to a different dimension of worship, and remind us each of our small parts in God's great plan. We change it from season to season so that we can feel refreshed, comfortable, but not complacent.

We've also produced (thank you Father Fran, again) a worship booklet for Ordinary Time with all the prayers, responses and non-hymnal hymns and songs. You can find everything there. So, it's a great worship resource, tuned specifically for this season.

PS - it's time to join us for Choir rehearsal - Wednesdays, 7 pm. Right here in the church. Hear you soon, and until then.

*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.



## WEEKLY OFFERTORY GOAL \$4,000.00

### January 6 and January 7 Offertory Collection

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Offertory Collection | \$ 1,892.00 |
| WeShare Offertory    | \$ 1,670.00 |
|                      | \$ 3,562.00 |

**\*Deficit to our weekly goal: \$ 438.00**

Mass attendance: 152

### *Special Collections — January 2024*

January 13/14 — Parish Maintenance  
January 27/28 — Church in Latin America



## 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.



### 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](http://wesharegiving.org/app/giving/stmatt).

SCAN ME



## **GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FY 2024** *As of 1/7/24*

**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:              | \$52,015 |
| Remaining to reach goal:     | \$27,985 |
| Percentage of goal achieved: | 65%      |
| Participating Families:      | 88       |

*Thank you for your contributions!*



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