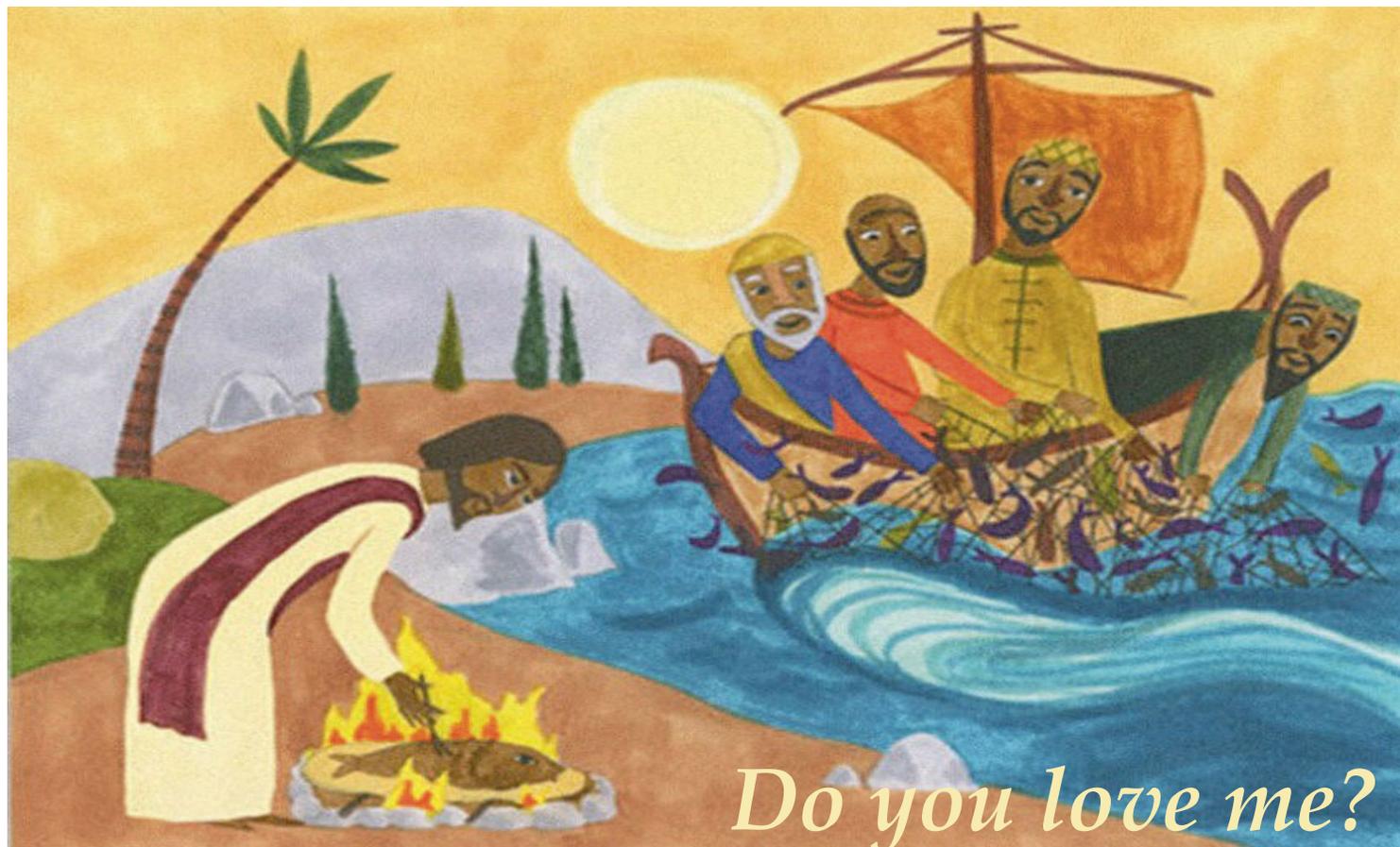


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Welcome New Parishioners!

We invite you to share in our life as a Eucharistic Community. Please complete a registration card online at www.stmattpar.org/parish-registration or register at the parish office. We look forward to welcoming you to our parish 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. For more information, contact Theresa Salafia (tsalafia@stmattpar.org).

Community Prayer Line

Our prayer group, comprised of parishioners and coordinated by Louise Baduski, offers prayers for you, your loved ones and/or friends. Requests may be made by email to Louise at: teddybear903@verizon.net. Prayer needs may also be placed in the "Prayer Request" box at the rear of the church or call the office directly. All requests are kept confidential within the group.

Sacraments

If you are interested in baptism, a wedding, anointing or Rite Of Christian Initiation, please contact the parish office 508-460-9255 or email admin@stmattpar.org or contact Fr. Steve via email firmadden@stmattpar.org.



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 and 7 PM in Church
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 May 4, 2025

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

During off-hours, you may leave a message with the office at any time.

Send E-mail to: admin@stmattpar.org

Leave voicemail at: 508-460-9255.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, May 3

St. Vincent dePaul Clothing Drive

Celebration of the Eucharist

4:00 p.m., Church

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

5:00 p.m., Parish Hall

Sunday, May 4 — First Eucharist

St. Vincent dePaul Clothing Drive

Celebration of the Eucharist

10:00 a.m., Church

Monday, May 5

Celebration of the Eucharist

9:00 a.m., Downstairs Chapel

Tuesday, May 6

Celebration of the Eucharist

9:00 a.m., Downstairs Chapel

Wednesday, May 7

Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m., Church

Friday, May 9

9:00 a.m., Downstairs Chapel

Saturday, May 10

Celebration of the Eucharist

4:00 p.m., Church

St. Vincent dePaul—Information Session

5:00 p.m., Parish Hall — Refreshments

Sunday, May 11

Celebration of the Eucharist

10:00 a.m., Church

Intentions of the Eucharist

Saturday, May 3 — 4:00 p.m.

Memorial

Irene Chevrette

Gerard Chevrette

Sunday, May 4 — 10:00 a.m.

Karen Andrew — Memorial

Saturday, May 10 — 4:00 p.m.

Donald Landers — Memorial

Sunday, May 11 — 10:00 a.m.

Memorial

John and Laura Sousa

John and Deolinda Roque

READINGS FOR MASS

May 3 and May 4

Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

May 10 and May 11

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30

FACE BOOK LIVE-STREAMED/RECORDED MASS

Unable to attend Mass in person? Please view the pre-recorded Mass video posted on Facebook after Sunday Mass by **12:00 pm**. Just search **@stmattpar** OR visit **www.stmattpar.org**

WEEKDAY MASS

WEEK OF MAY 4



Weekday Mass will be held on **Monday, Tuesday and Friday**
9:00 AM Downstairs Chapel

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation First Eucharist students are welcome to the Lord's Table **Sunday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m.**

<i>REBECCA ADELMAN</i>	<i>SCARLETT GRESKA</i>
<i>TREYVION ANOH</i>	<i>LUCY KAKISH</i>
<i>LUKE CATO</i>	<i>NEVAEH LOGAN</i>
<i>OTIS CORFIELD</i>	<i>KAILIN MORGAN</i>
<i>ARIANNA GERBER</i>	<i>EMMA OLIVEIRA</i>

Please remember these children and their families in your prayers.



**A NOTE FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR
PETER BROCKMANN**

This weekend, our Gathering song celebrates the joyful hymn tune *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*, paired with the text *Earth, Earth, Awake*. First published in 1623 in a Catholic hymnal edited by Jesuit priest, Friedrich Spee, the melody itself likely comes from an anonymous composer of the time. Over the centuries, it has been embraced by churches worldwide, especially through the rich harmonization by Ralph Vaughan Williams in 1906.

The melody, originating from 17th-century Germany, is familiar to many married to other lyric titles - All Creatures of Our God and King or That Eastertide With Joy Was Bright. The soaring "Alleluia"s of *Lasst Uns Erfreuen* perfectly match the Easter spirit. When we sing *Earth, Earth, Awake*, we join creation in celebrating Christ's victory over death. The earth, once darkened by sin, now shines with the light of the Resurrection. This hymn reminds us that God's redemption is for all creation — not just for humanity. Mountains, rivers, fields, and skies all sing His praise. As Easter people, we are called to hear that song and echo it in our lives: through gratitude, hope, and care for the world God made.

In a world that often seems weary or broken, *Earth, Earth, Awake* reminds us that God's redemption extends not only to humanity but to all creation. Every flower, tree, river, and mountain bears witness to the victory of Christ over death. Let us join all creation and raise our voices boldly: *Alleluia!*

**ST. MATTHIAS ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
SOCIETY A CALL TO SERVE**

**INFORMATION SESSION—REFRESHMENTS
MAY 10 5:00 PM — PARISH HALL**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic lay organization that helps those in need or those living in poverty. We grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to people in need. We see "the face of Christ" in those we service as Jesus taught us when he said, "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do to me."

The St. Mathias Parish Conference is a small group of dedicated women and men who are inviting you to consider joining us in making a difference. Not only will you be helping those in need, but you will also find yourself growing in God's love and the desire to share that love with others.

After Mass on **Saturday, May 10th**, there will be members of the St. Mathias Conference downstairs in the Parish Hall to answer your questions about our organization. Please take some time to reflect in your heart if God is calling you to serve those in need through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Please, come join us downstairs, **Saturday, May 10th** after Mass for some refreshments and to find out more about what we do. Thank you, Jackie Tolan, President

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

<i>Jacqueline Abraham</i>	<i>Robert Fischer</i>	<i>Patty Murphy</i>
<i>Donna Anastas</i>	<i>Patricia Gazza</i>	<i>Debra Natoli</i>
<i>Bill Balicki</i>	<i>Rachael Goulet</i>	<i>Dennis Natoli</i>
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<i>Jim C.</i>	<i>Brian Hendrix</i>	<i>Paul Pelletier</i>
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<i>Stephen Chiasson</i>	<i>Ray McCabe</i>	<i>Linda Thacker</i>
<i>Andrea Durant</i>	<i>Sylvia Morey</i>	<i>Linda Thomasino</i>
<i>Claire Fallon</i>	<i>Mike Morrissey</i>	<i>Lydia Whitcomb</i>
		<i>Alexandra Zahir</i>

NOTICE: Add your loved ones to this prayer list. Please email: admin@stmattpar.org or call 508-460-9255.

May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

St. Vincent de Paul

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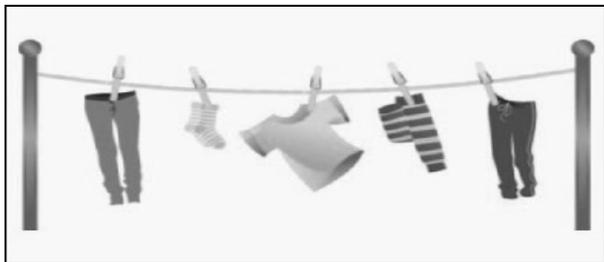
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Saturday

Sunday

May 3

May 4



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MUSIC FOR THE WEEK of **May 3 and May 4**

Gathering Song: *Earth, Earth Awake*
 Booklet # 4

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

Communion: *Bread Of Life, Cup Of Salvation*
 Booklet # 2

Recessional: *Alleluia, Christ Is Risen*
 Booklet # 5

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY: URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS

Are you interested in becoming more involved in parish life? Joining the **Hospitality Ministry** might be right for you.

Volunteers in this Ministry have the important role of warmly welcoming all parishioners, newcomers, and guests who enter the doors of the parish to share in the Celebration of the Eucharist. You can help all attendees feel invited and at-ease, to hear the music, singing, and messages of God's word.

Please consider volunteering for 1 Saturday or Sunday per month. Partner with your spouse or a friend to greet members at the door, help with collection baskets, tidy up the booklets and bulletins, and wish everyone a blessed week ahead.

If you would like more information, or help finding a partner, then please call the office 508-460-9255. It is a great opportunity to meet new friends, and share your love for our parish home! Thank you!

MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD COLLECTION

Saturday, May 10 and Sunday, May 11

Marlborough Community Cupboard Collection bins will be available at the church entrances for donations of food and hygiene supplies on **Saturday, May 10 and Sunday, May 11**. Thank you for your generous support of our friends in need in the community!

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus bids the disciples to bring their bounty of fish to the fire, to gather around it, to be warmed and fed. God's invitation is for all of us: come to the fire of His love. Be warmed. Be fed. Then, go forth, and feed the sheep.



PARISH FINANCES

**Weekly Offertory Goal
\$4,000.00**

**April 26 and April 27
Offertory Collection**

Offertory Collection	\$ 2,790.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 844.00
	\$ 3,634 .00

Weekly Goal Deficit: \$ 366.00

May Special Collection

Parish Maintenance May 10 and May 11



**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

Your donations support the daily operations and overhead expenses of the parish.

SCAN ME



**GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FY 2025
as of May 4**

The **St. Matthias 2025 Grand Annual Collection** is still open for your donations to the parish's operating budget. We appreciate your on-going support.

All donations go directly to our operating budget, so please consider the parish finances and pray for our parish's future.

Goal: \$80,000

Donation Total:	\$60,820
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Percentage of goal achieved:	76%

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