

St. Matthias Parish

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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." - Lk 16:8b, 13

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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 Parish Office admin@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 fmadden@stmattpar.org.

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Intentions of the Eucharist

Saturday, September 20– 4:00 PM

Andrew Weber—Memorial

Sunday, September 21—10:00 AM

Nes, Teresita, Al and Tony Barcinas– Memorial

Monday, September 22-9:00 AM

Walter Bonin-Memorial

Saturday, September 27—4:00 PM

John Raughtigen—Memorial

Sunday, September 28—9:00 AM

Finn Boudreau—Memorial

Celebrations of the Eucharist

Weekend Masses in the Church

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM

Weekdays in the Conference Room Chapel

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays 9:00 AM

Confessions: Saturdays 3:15 PM— 3:45PM



Parish Leadership

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David Resendes, Maintenance	

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, September 20

Celebration of the Eucharist

4:00 p.m. Church

2nd Collection: Clergy Health/Retirement Trust

OKTOBERFEST

September 21

Celebration of the Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Church

2nd Collection: Clergy Health/Retirement Trust

Monday, September 22

Celebration of the Eucharist

Downstairs Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, September 23

Celebration of the Eucharist

Downstairs Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, September 26

Celebration of the Eucharist

Downstairs Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, September 27

Celebration of the Eucharist

4:00 p.m. Church

2nd Collection: Parish Maintenance

SVdP Friends of the Poor Walk

Sunday, September 28

Celebration of the Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Church

2nd Collection: Parish Maintenance

SVdP Clothing Drive

Coffee Social after Mass

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**

SVdP FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

The biggest fundraiser for our St. Matthias St. Vincent de Paul conference is the annual **Friends of the Poor Walk, which will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025.** The 3-mile walk will take place at 10 a.m. starting at Meehan Hall on Prospect Street in Downtown Marlborough and proceeding along the Assabet River Rail Trail. If you want to walk, you can register online or show up the day of the walk. The following St. Matthias parishioners have signed up online thus far to walk:

- **Evan Boudreau**
- **Kristine Cafferky**
- **Helen Curry**
- **Kevin Curry**
- **Dale Dolesh**
- **Sue Dolesh**
- **Betty Guimond**
- **River Kaplun**
- **Kathy Messom**
- **Maureen Pulice**
- **Richard Pulice**
- **Jackie Tolan**

In order to register to walk or donate to one of the walkers listed, here are the online details:

STEPS TO REGISTER A WALKER

- Enter “**FOP Walk 2025 Marlborough**” on Google search
- Click on <http://runsignup.com> ([Marlborough SVdP FOP Walk 2025](http://runsignup.com))
- Click on “sign up” button
- Enter personal information and create a password (to get back into your account to track donations)
- Hit “continue” button
- If you plan to donate to yourself, click on “Support a Charity” button
- Choose “**Donation to St. Matthias**”
- Enter amount and complete credit card information

STEPS TO DONATE TO A WALKER

- Enter “**FOP Walk 2025 Marlborough**” on Google search
- Click on <http://runsignup.com> ([Marlborough SVdP FOP Walk 2025](http://runsignup.com))
- Choose “Search an Individual Walker”
- Click on walker’s name
- Click “donate” button
- Enter amount and complete credit card information (no need to put in St. Matthias as a beneficiary because it is already chosen when the walker registers).

FAITH FORMATION

The Faith Formation 2025-2026 registration information has been sent out this week to all families who participated in our program during the previous year. There are registration forms at the entrances of the church for families that are new to Faith Formation.

As we begin another year of sharing our faith with the children, we ask for your support in prayer and participation so each one will grow in “wisdom, age and grace.” Please contact the Faith Formation Office, 508-460-9255, if you have questions.



Faith
Formation
Registration

St. Vincent de Paul

Clothing, Shoes
and Book Drive

September 27 and September 28

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting a clothing drive the weekend of **Saturday, September 27 and September 28.** A collection van will be parked in the parking lot, during the day time only, for your bagged donations. Please ensure all items are clean and in gently used condition.

**Soiled and torn clothing accepted
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Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

A Note from our Music Director Peter Brockmann

Jacqueline Abraham	Brian Hendrix	Alexandra Zahir
Donna Anastas	Dean Horton	Danny Tesler
Judi Arnott	Nancy Hough	Walter Synder
Cheryl Bellan	John Keeler	
Bill Balicki	Sean Mahoney	
Barbara Brennan	Patrick Mauro	
Arthur C.	Ray McCabe	
Jim C.	Sylvia Morey	
Melissa C.	Mike Morrissey	
William C.	Patty Murphy	
Conor Canavan	Debra Natoli	
Karen Chiasson	Dennis Natoli	
Ronald Chiasson	Virginia Neff	
Stephen Chiasson	Paul Pelletier	
Justine DiSalvo	Keri Prindle	
Andrea Durant	Judy Richards	
Claire Fallon	Danielle Saitz	
James H. Fischer	Marge Shea Burke	
Patricia Gazza	Linda Thacker	
Rachael Goulet	Linda Thomasino	
Rosalie Green	Gage Thompson	

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

READINGS FOR MASS

September 20 and September 21

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8
Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

September 27 and September 28

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Amos 6:1aa, 4-7
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16
Gospel: Luke 1



Our Communion hymn this weekend, *In Christ We Come to Offer Thanks* by Fr. Michael Joncas, expresses the heart of the Eucharist: thanksgiving. The word “Eucharist” itself means thanksgiving, and at Communion we join our voices and hearts in gratitude for Christ’s saving love made present at the altar.

Today’s Gospel (Luke 16:1–13) tells the challenging parable of the dishonest steward. Jesus doesn’t commend the steward’s dishonesty but his resourcefulness—his ability to look ahead and act decisively. The lesson for us is about stewardship: all that we have—our talents, our relationships, our possessions, even our very lives—comes from God. We are not owners, but caretakers. What matters is how faithfully we use these gifts to serve God and others.

When we sing *In Christ We Come to Offer Thanks* at Communion, we are doing exactly that: returning thanks for God’s generosity and recommitting ourselves to live as grateful stewards. Gratitude is more than words; it is a way of life. The Eucharist strengthens us to resist serving “two masters” and to keep our hearts set on the Lord.

In Communion we are fed with Christ’s Body and Blood, so that we can be Christ’s presence in the world. Our hymn of thanksgiving is both prayer and promise—that we will live lives marked by faith, gratitude, and generous service. Let us sing,

MUSIC FOR THE WEEK of September 20 and September 21

Gathering Song: All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly
Worship Aid #1
Preparation: Taste and See
Hymnal # 827
Communion: In Christ We Come to Offer
Thanks - Worship Aid #10
Recessional: We Are May Parts
Hymnal #727

PARISH FINANCES

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

September 13 and 14

Offertory Collection

Offertory Collection	\$ 3,136.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ <u>738.00</u>
	\$ 3874.00
Weekly Goal Deficit:	\$ 126.00
Parish Maintenance	\$625.00



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THIS SEPTEMBER!**



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Week of September 8, 2025

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

9:00AM to 2:00PM

During off-hours you may call the office and leave a voicemail at **508-460-9255**.

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