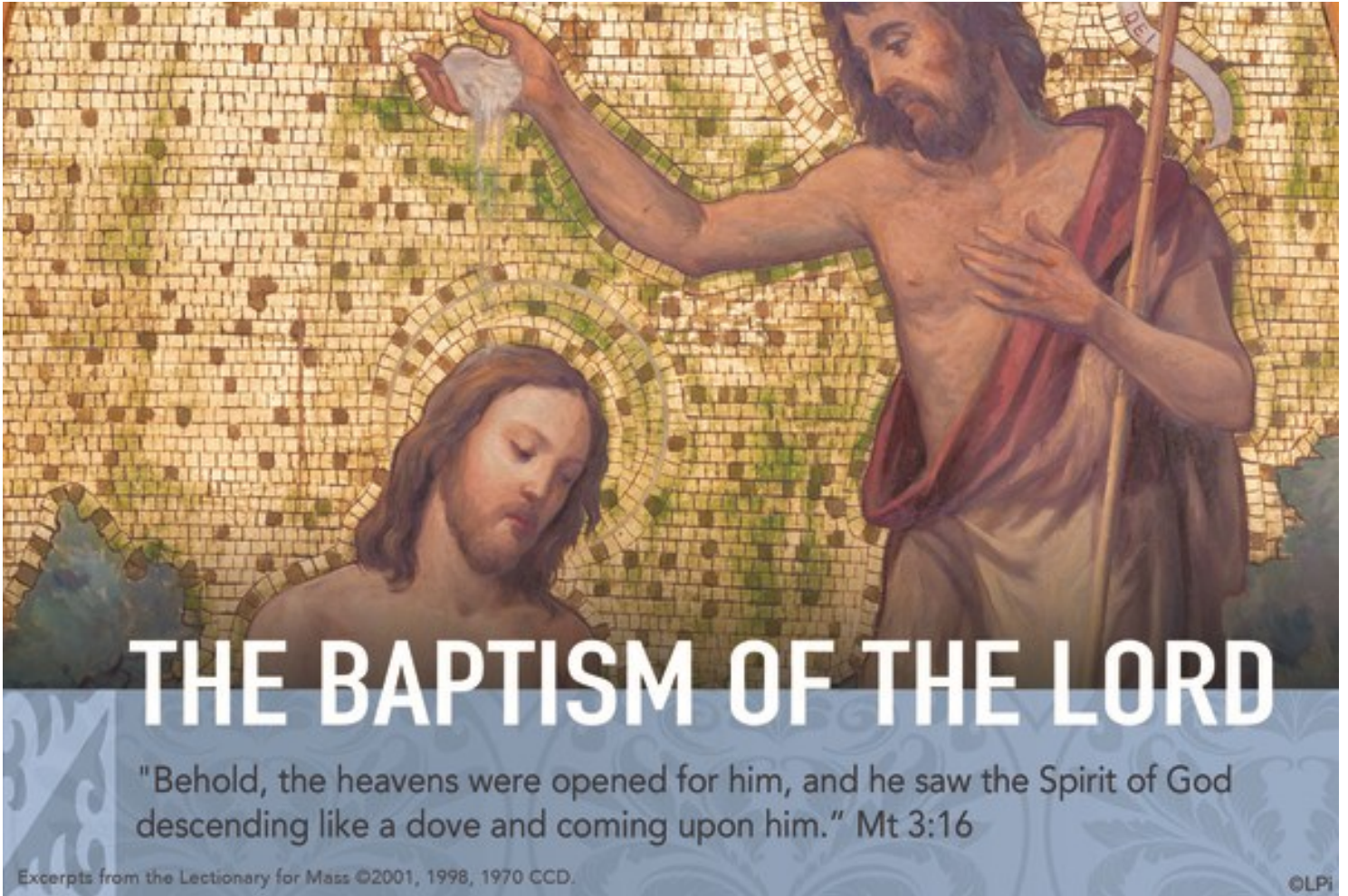


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Welcome New Parishioners!

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 508-860-9255.

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.

St. Matthias Parish

Intentions of the Eucharist

Saturday, January 10— 4:00 PM

Frank and Leah Calore, Eleanore Laspada, Joseph Calore and Robert Bucher —Memorial

Sunday, January 11—10:00 AM

Marie and Robert LeDuc -Memorial

Saturday, January 17—4:00 PM

Charles Gobron—Memorial

Sunday, January 18—9:00 AM

Joanne Verhallen —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

Stephen Madden, Pastor

Doug Peltak, Senior Deacon

Paul G. Coletti, Deacon/Finance Chair

Russ Morey, Senior Deacon

Lisa Hanley, Office Manager

Peter Brockmann, Music Director

David Resendes, Maintenance

Parish Office—508-460-9255

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, January 10

Celebration of the Eucharist

4:00 p.m. Church

Second Collection: Parish Maintenance

MCC Food Pantry Collection

Sunday, January 11

Celebration of the Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Church

Second Collection: Parish Maintenance

Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-7

MCC Food Pantry Collection

Monday, January 12

Celebration of the Eucharist

Downstairs Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, January 13

Celebration of the Eucharist

Downstairs Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, January 16

Celebration of the Eucharist

Downstairs Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, January 17

Celebration of the Eucharist

4:00 p.m. Church

Sunday, January 18

Celebration of the Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Church

Coffee Social after Mass

Sanctuary and Altar Candles Donation for the month of January

In Loving Memory of

Robert Bucher

Frank and Leah Calore

Eleanor Laspada

Joseph Calore

From the Bucher Family

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

A Note from our Music Director

Peter Brockmann

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| Donna Anastas | Dennis Natoli |
| Judi Arnott | Virginia Neff |
| Cheryl Bellan | Paul Pelletier |
| Bill Balicki | Keri Prindle |
| Arthur C. | Judy Richards |
| Jim C. | Danielle Saitz |
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| William C. | Linda Thomasino |
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| Claire Fallon | Col. Betty Reid- |
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| Rachael Goulet | Paula Kelly |
| Rosalie Green | Joanne Litster |
| Brian Hendrix | |
| Dean Horton | |
| John Keeler | |
| Sean Mahoney | |
| Patrick Mauro | |
| Ray McCabe | |
| Sylvia Morey | |
| Mike Morrissey | |
| Patty Murphy | |

Apologies for any confusion about my article last week on Epiphany about the Feast of the Holy Family. The real Epiphany article didn't happen as I had hoped because I missed a temporal deadline. The Feast of the **Baptism of the Lord** occupies a similar place in the Church calendar in that it sits squarely on a boundary. It brings the Christmas season to its close, even as it opens the door to **Ordinary Time**. In this single moment, the Church invites us to look both backward and forward: backward to Bethlehem, and forward to the public life and ministry of Jesus.

At the Jordan River, the mystery of Christmas is revealed more fully. The child adored by shepherds and Magi now stands fully grown among sinners, entering the waters not because he needs repentance, but because he chooses solidarity. The Father's voice names him *Beloved Son*, and the Spirit descends — a dramatic epiphany of who this man truly is.

That is why, even as the calendar turns toward Ordinary Time, we have continued to sing **the Christmas seasonal settings** on this feast. The joy, warmth, and reverence we have known since Christmas Eve have not vanished; rather, they are being carried forward. The melody of Christmas does not abruptly stop — it gently unfolds into mission.

The Baptism of the Lord reminds us that discipleship begins at the intersection of revelation and obedience. As Jesus steps out of the water and into public ministry, we are invited to remember what we have been told or imagine about our own baptism — and to follow him from the manger into the world that he came to redeem.

Let us sing,

READINGS FOR MASS

January 10 and January 11

The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7
Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38
Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

January 17 and January 18

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3,5-6
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
Gospel: John 1:29-34

MUSIC FOR THE WEEK

Gathering : Holy God We Praise Thy Name
Hymnal #519
Psalm: The Lord Will Bless His People With Peace
Hymnal #908
Preparation: Baptized In Water
Hymnal #797
Communion: Take And Eat This Bread
Hymnal #839
Recessional: Joy To The World

Thank You for Your Generosity



As we close the year, we thank you for your continued support of St. Matthias. If you need an end-of-year tax contribution letter, please notify the church office at 508-460-9255. Statements will be provided upon request.

COFFEE SOCIAL SUNDAY, JANUARY 18



Join us for coffee, donuts and conversation in the Parish Hall following Mass



In Memoriam - Christmas Flower Donations



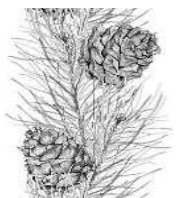
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December 21 and December 22 Offertory Collections

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| Offertory Collection | \$ 2794.00 |
| WeShare Offertory | \$ 1060.00 |
| | \$ 3854.00 |

Amount deficit to the weekly goal: 146.00

December 24 and December 25 Clergy Trust Collections

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| Offertory Collection | \$ 3771.00 |
| WeShare Offertory | \$ 205.00 |
| | \$ 3976.00 |

December 27 and December 28 Offertory Collections

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Please remember, this is our most important fundraiser of the year. All donations go directly into our operating budget—thank you!

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