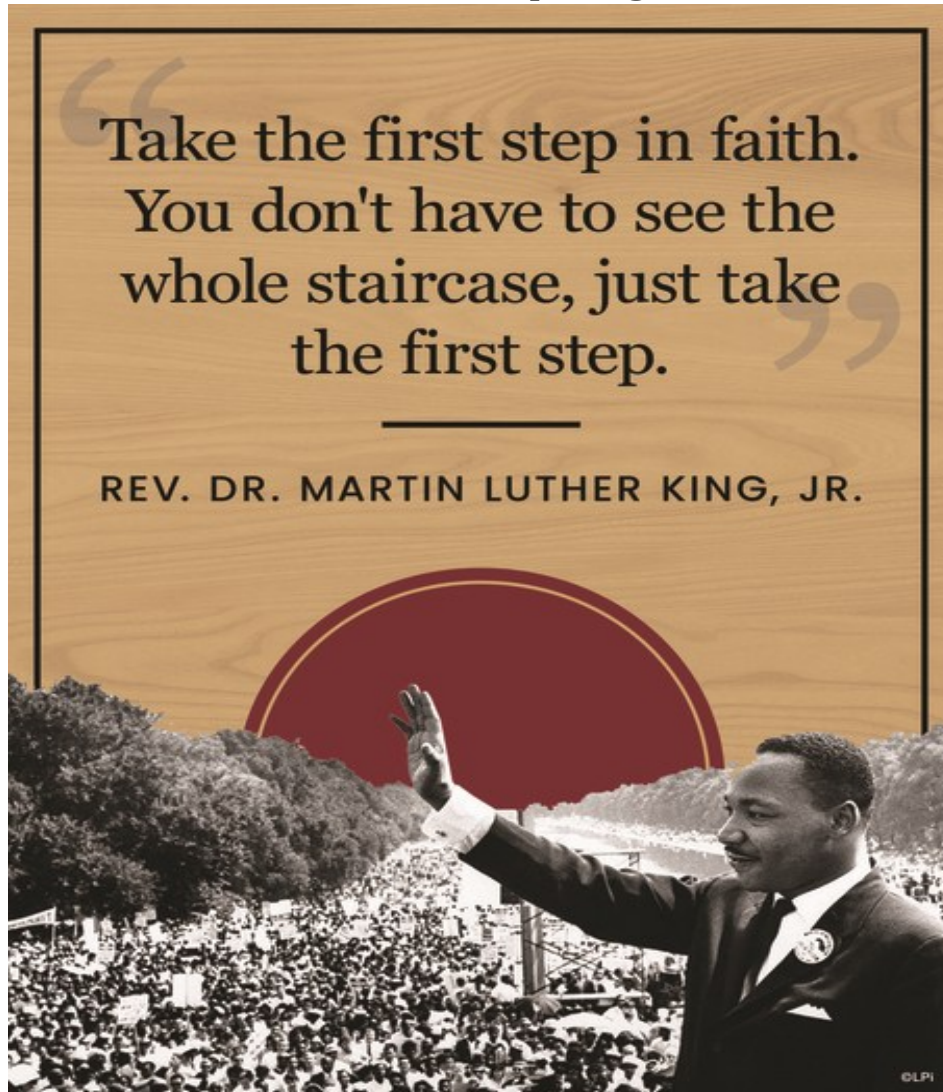


St. Matthias Parish

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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 17—4:00 PM

Charles Gobron—Memorial

Sunday, January 18—10:00 AM

Joanne Verhallen —Memorial

Saturday, January 24-4:00 PM

Harold & Ellen Dolan and Anthony & Frances
Ferrara—Memorial

Sunday, January 25—10:00 AM

Mary Alice Reilly —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 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

Monday, January 19

Celebration of the Eucharist

Downstairs Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, January 20

Celebration of the Eucharist

Downstairs Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, January 21

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—6:30 p.m. PH

Friday, January 23

Celebration of the Eucharist

Downstairs Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, January 24

Celebration of the Eucharist

4:00 p.m. Church

Second Collection: Church in Latin America

Sunday, January 25

Celebration of the Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Church

Second Collection: Church in Latin America

Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-7

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

A very special thank you to Tracy Gilpin for the beautiful calendars she creates for our Parish. You'll see the calendars at the Church entrances and throughout the building. We are so grateful for her time and talent!



FAITH FORMATION January 25 schedule:

Grades 1-5 8:30-9:30am Parish Hall

Grades 6-7 10:00 – 11:45 a.m.
Participation in 10:00 a.m. Mass followed by meeting in the Conference Room

Confirmation Retreat: January 31st

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Matthias meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm in the parish hall. All are welcome to learn how important the Society is to our community. Please mark your calendar to see how you can contribute! Please email Jackie Tolan at tolansvdp@aol.com or call (508)633-3852 if you have any questions.



MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY

CUPBOARD COLLECTION- FEB 14 AND 15

Congratulations to Skylar West, winner of the Keep Christ in Christmas contest, which was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and St. Matthias Parish. The Knights of Columbus sponsor this contest every November to help our youth remember the true meaning of Christmas. Great work Skylar!

COFFEE SOCIAL SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

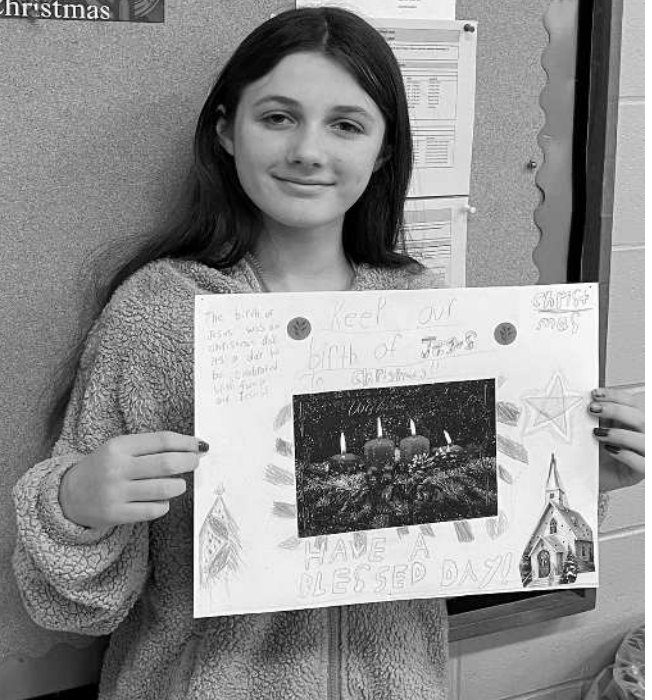
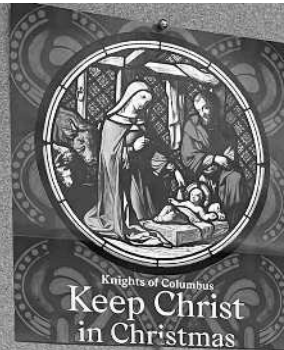


Join us for coffee, donuts and conversation in the Parish Hall following Mass

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Tuesday, and Thursday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

During off-hours, you may leave a message with the office at any time.
508-460-9255.

**The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, January 19
in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr.
Day**



Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

A Note from our Music Director

Peter Brockmann

Jacqueline Abraham	Dean Horton	Walter Synder
Donna Anastas	John Keeler	Jim Rudolph
Judi Arnott	Sean Mahoney	Col. Betty Reid-
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Claire Fallon	Danielle Saitz	
Patricia Gazza	Linda Thacker	
Rachael Goulet	Gage Thompson	
Rosalie Green	Alexandra Zahir	
Brian Hendrix	Danny Tesler	

On this Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Gospel shifts our attention from the celebration of Christ's birth and baptism to the question of recognition: *Who is Jesus, and how do we come to know him?* In John's Gospel, John the Baptist gives a clear and powerful witness: "*Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.*"

John admits that he did not fully know who Jesus was at first. It is through the action of the Spirit—descending and remaining upon Jesus—that his understanding becomes clear. What John offers us is not a dramatic story of conversion, but a testimony rooted in attentiveness and obedience. He listens, watches, and finally speaks with confidence: "*Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.*"

Our gathering hymn, "**Christ, Be Our Light**" by Bernadette Farrell, echoes this movement from seeing to believing. We ask Christ to open our eyes, to shine in the darkness, and to make us bearers of his light in a world that still struggles to recognize him. Like John the Baptist, we are called not to draw attention to ourselves, but to point clearly and humbly to Christ.

As we are sent forth, "**Your Wonderful Love**" by Fr Fran O'Brien reminds us why this witness matters. God's love, revealed fully in Jesus, is not distant or theoretical—it is wonderful, enduring, and meant to be shared. Strengthened by Word and Sacrament, we go into the world to reflect that love in the ordinary moments of our lives.

Ordinary Time (this is the season of numbered weeks) invites us to deepen our awareness of Christ already present among us—and to give voice, like John, to what we have seen and believe.

Let us sing,

READINGS FOR MASS

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

January 24 and January 25

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading:	Isaiah 8:23-9:3
Second Reading:	I Corinthians 1:10-13,17
Gospel:	Matthew 4:12-23
Gospel:	Luke 2:16-21

MUSIC FOR THE WEEK

Gathering Song:	Christ Be our Light Hymnal #512
Preparation:	Instrumental
Communion:	Bread of Life, Cup of Salvation Worship Aid # 2
Recessional:	Your Wonderful Love Hymnal #649

MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY

CUPBOARD COLLECTION

Saturday, February 14 and Sunday, February 15

Marlborough Community Cupboard Collection bins will be available at the church entrances for donations of food and hygiene supplies on **Saturday, February 14 and Sunday, February 15**. Thank you for your generous support of our friends in need in the community!

Weekly Offertory Goal \$4,000.00

Collections — January 10 and 11

Offertory Collection	\$ 2705.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 1321.00
	\$ 4026.00
Amount surplus to the weekly goal:	26.00
Parish Maintenance	\$567.00

GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FY 2026

As of 1/06/2026

St. Matthias 2026 Grand Annual Collection is underway and off to a great start. It's very heartwarming to see so many parishioners contributing so early to support our campaign!

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

Goal: \$80,000.00

Donation Total: \$26,150

Remaining to reach goal: \$53,850

Thank you for your contributions!

GOAL: \$80,000



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.



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: www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/stmatt

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