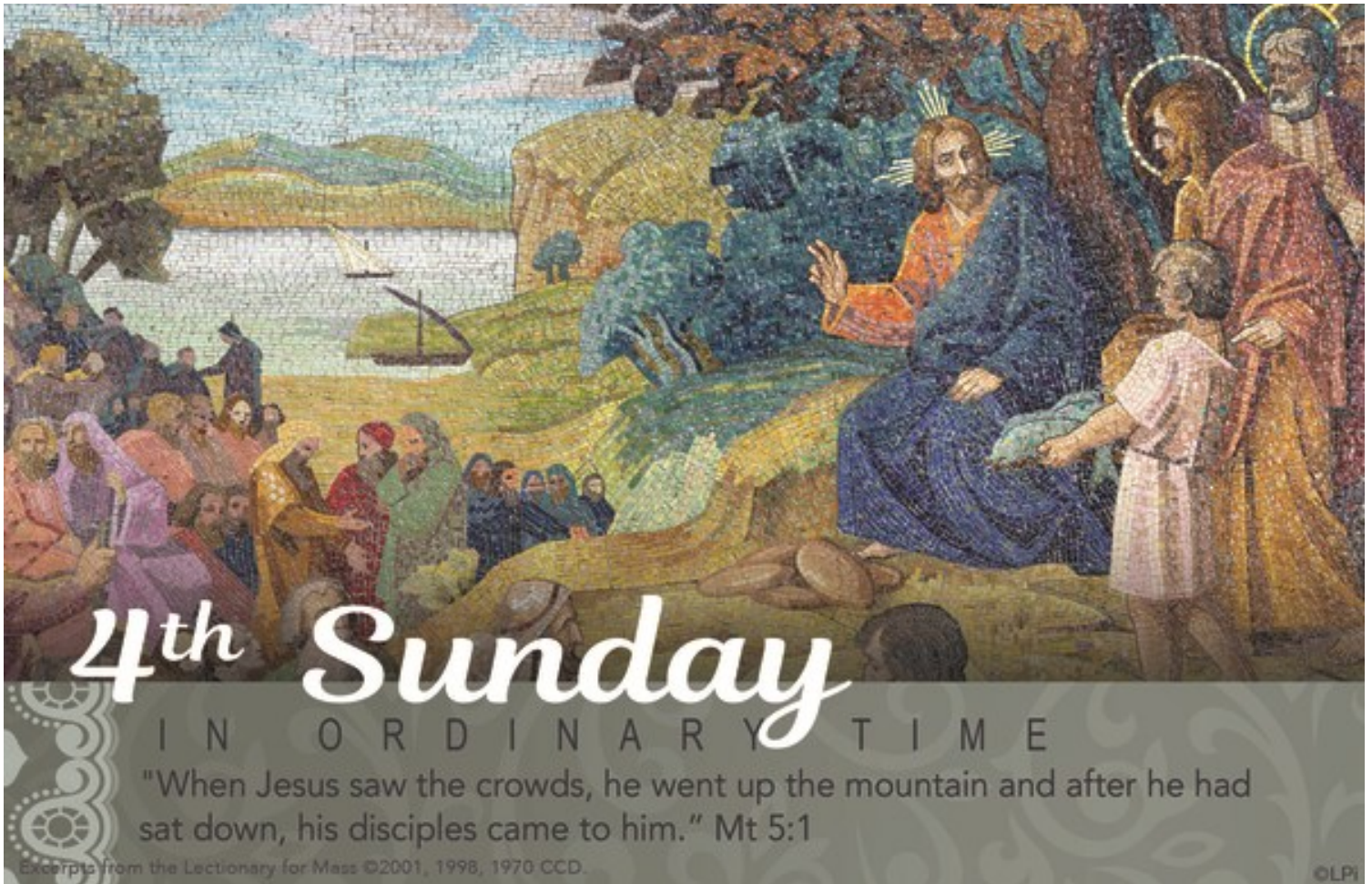


# St. Matthias Parish

409 Hemenway Street  
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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](http://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](mailto: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 31—4:00 PM**

Michael & Susan Giugno and Brandy Giugno—  
Memorial

**Sunday, February 1—10:00 AM**

John & Laura Sousa—Memorial

**Saturday, February 7-4:00 PM**

Adele Pigliavento—Memorial

**Sunday, February 8—10:00 AM**

Roland Hinterneder —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 31**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

4:00 p.m. Church

Confirmation Retreat

**Sunday, February 1**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

10:00 a.m. Church

**COFFEE SOCIAL**

**Monday, February 2**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Downstairs Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass

**Tuesday, February 3**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Downstairs Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass

**Friday, February 6**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Downstairs Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass

**Saturday, February 7**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

4:00 p.m. Church

Second Collection: Parish Maintenance

**Sunday, February 8**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

10:00 a.m. Church

Second Collection: Parish Maintenance

**Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-7**

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**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.

**508-460-9255.**



The St Matthias St. Vincent de Paul conference has been chosen as the nonprofit recipient through Stop & Shop for the month of February. Our conference will receive \$1 for each specially marked \$11.99 **Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet** sold in February at the **Stop & Shop located at 10 Technology Dr. in Hudson.** If you like to get bouquets for yourself or others please consider getting them from Stop & Shop in Hudson during February. You can enjoy pretty flowers and also help those in need!



The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Matthias meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:tolansvdp@aol.com) or call (508)633-3852 if you have any questions.

**FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE RECORDED OR LIVESTREAMED MASS**

Pre-recorded Mass can be found posted online by Facebook post Sundays by **12:00 PM**. Just search **@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.

**FAITH FORMATION  
February 8 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**

**AN INVITATION TO ALL FROM DEACON RUSS**

I had the opportunity to experience a program when I was in my previous parish in Laconia, NH. We called it Discovering Christ. I would like to bring it to St. Matthias this year.

Discovering Christ is a program that prepares people to become disciples who share Christ with others; making them sharers in Christ. It is a series of seven sessions involving reading, a presentation, a video and discussion. Each session will be approximately 90-120 minutes.

All are invited—please let us know of your interest. Please call the Parish Office at 508-460-9255 with the day of week and time that works best with your schedule. I will make a decision based on what works best with those who have signed up.

**COFFEE SOCIAL**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

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



**If you are in need of assistance, please call our St. Matthias St. Vincent dePaul Society volunteers at: 978-493-3037**

# 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-
Cheryl Bellan	Patrick Mauro	Cather
Bill Balicki	Ray McCabe	Paula Kelly
Arthur C.	Sylvia Morey	Joanne Litster
Jim C.	Mike Morrissey	
Melissa C.	Patty Murphy	
William C.	Debra Natoli	
Conor Canavan	Dennis Natoli	
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Ronald Chiasson	Paul Pelletier	
Stephen Chiasson	Keri Prindle	
Andrea Durant	Judy Richards	
Claire Fallon	Danielle Saitz	
Patricia Gazza	Linda Thacker	
Rachael Goulet	Gage Thompson	
Rosalie Green	Alexandra Zahir	
Brian Hendrix	Danny Tesler	

### Why Playing the Organ Has Become Harder

Most parishioners experience music at Mass from the pew: as something that either supports singing easily, or requires a little extra effort. Organists experience it from the bench — and over time, that experience has changed.

As instruments age, they don't usually fail all at once. Instead, small inconsistencies begin to appear. A sound that once filled the church evenly may now favor the front or back of the space. A pedal note may hesitate, stick, not sound at all, or respond unpredictably. Certain combinations of sounds may no longer work as expected. None of this is dramatic on its own, but taken together it makes playing more demanding.

In response, organists do what musicians always do: they adapt.

They choose registrations (combinations of sounds and voicing) carefully, avoid certain pedals, alter tempos slightly, and listen more intently to compensate for what the instrument can no longer do consistently. Much of this happens instinctively and invisibly, all in service of keeping the congregation singing and the prayer flowing.

Environmental factors also play a role. Changes in humidity and temperature — especially during the summer months — can affect how reliably an aging instrument, even an electronic one, responds. When that happens, an organist must manage not just the music, but the mechanics of the instrument itself, often while the liturgy is unfolding.

The result is that more energy is spent managing the instrument, and less energy is available for shaping the music, listening to the assembly, and responding musically to the prayer of the moment.

This is not a matter of fault or neglect. It is simply the reality of a faithful instrument that has served the parish well for many decades and is now asking more of those who play it.

Recognizing this helps us better understand the role the organ plays in supporting our common prayer, and invites us to reflect thoughtfully on how best to care for the musical life of the parish going forward.

### READINGS FOR MASS

#### January 31 and February 1

*Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

First Reading:	Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Gospel:	Matthew 5:1-12a

#### February 7 and February 8

*Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

First Reading:	Isaiah 58:7-10
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 1:2:1-5
Gospel:	Matthew 5:13-16

### MUSIC FOR THE WEEK

Gathering Song:	Bring Forth The Kingdom Hymnal #640
Preparation:	Only This I want Hymnal #701
Communion:	Faith, Hope and Love Hymnal #609
Recessional:	Alleluia! Sing to Jesus Hymnal #826

### MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY

### CUPBOARD COLLECTION

**Saturday, February 14 and**

**Sunday, February 15**

## Weekly Offertory Goal \$4,000.00

### Collections — January 24 and 25

Offertory Collection	\$ 284500
WeShare Offertory	\$ 745.00
	\$ 3590.00

**Amount deficit to the weekly goal: 410.00**

## GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FY 2026

As of 1/12/2026

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

**Goal: \$80,000.00**

Donation Total:	\$29,640
Remaining to reach goal:	\$50,350
Families Contributed to date:	52



Thank you for your contributions!

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

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