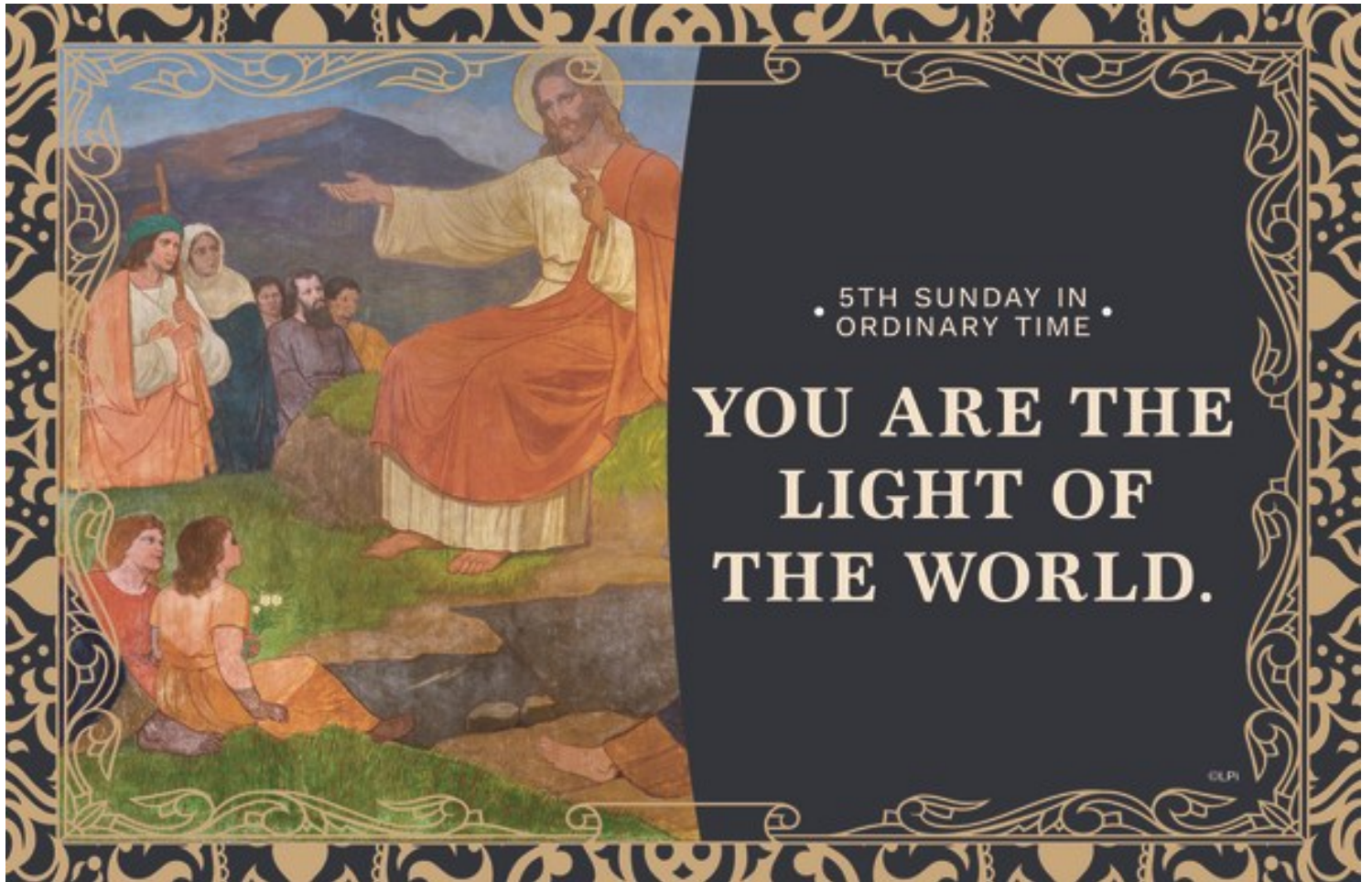


# St. Matthias Parish

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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](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, February 7-4:00 PM**

Adele Pigliavento—Memorial

**Sunday, February 8—10:00 AM**

Roland Hinterneder —Memorial

**Saturday, February 14—4:00 PM**

John and Sue O'Malley-Memorial

**Sunday, February 15—10:00 AM**

Jacqueline Powers—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, February 7**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

4:00 p.m. Church

**Sunday, February 8**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

10:00 a.m. Church

**Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-7**

**Coffee Social**

**Monday, February 9**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Downstairs Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass

**Tuesday, February 10**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Downstairs Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass

**Friday, February 13**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Downstairs Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass

**Saturday, February 14**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

4:00 p.m. Church

Second Collection: Parish Maintenance

**Sunday, February 15**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

10:00 a.m. Church

Second Collection: Parish Maintenance

**Coffee social**

## **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!



## FAITH FORMATION February 22 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** 10:00-11:45  
Participation in 10:00 a.m. Mass followed by meeting in the Parish Hall and Church

### 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.

### SAVE THE DATE

**What:** Cornhole Tournament and silent auction raising money for Marlborough Community

**When:** Sunday, March 22nd 2:00-6:00

**Where:** Tackle Box Brewery,



More information to come soon....

### COFFEE SOCIAL

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 AND FEBRUARY 15**

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



### 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** to view the recorded Mass from our homepage.

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	
Karen Chiasson	Virginia Neff	
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	

## A Faithful Instrument Nearing the End of Its Service

For more than four decades, the organ at St. Matthias has faithfully supported the prayer of this parish. It has accompanied countless hymns, psalms, weddings, funerals, and feast days, becoming part of the soundscape of our worship and our shared memory.

At the same time, instruments — like buildings, boilers, and sound systems — have a natural service life. Digital organs in particular were never designed to last indefinitely. Most have an expected lifespan of 20 years or so. At over 40 years old, our organ has long exceeded that horizon.

As technology changes, support for older instruments gradually disappears. Manufacturers discontinue parts. Circuit boards are no longer produced or stocked. Repairs that were once routine become uncertain or, in some cases, impossible. Increasingly, keeping an aging instrument functioning involves workarounds rather than true repairs.

This does not mean the organ has failed us. On the contrary, it has served generously and well. But it does mean that the instrument now requires more attention, more adaptation, and more risk management than it once did — including the risk of failure at inopportune moments.

Caring responsibly for the parish's worship life means recognizing when an instrument has reached this stage. Gratitude for faithful service and honesty about present limitations can exist side by side.

As a parish, we can continue to discern how best to ensure that music remains a reliable and prayerful support for our common worship, both now and for the generations who will gather here in the years ahead.

Let us sing,

## READINGS FOR MASS

### February 7 and February 8

*Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

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

### February 13 and February 14

*Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20  
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

## MUSIC FOR THE WEEK

Gathering Song: Arise, Your Light Has Come  
Worship Aid #1  
Preparation: Come And Eat This Living Bread  
Hymnal #820  
Communion: In Christ We Come  
Worship Aid #3  
Recessional: As A Fire Is Meant For Burning  
Hymnal #643

## 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 31 and February 1

Offertory Collection	\$ 2727.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 926.50
	\$3653.50
<b>Amount deficit to the weekly goal: 346.50</b>	
Parish Maintenance	\$645.00

## GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FY 2026

As of 1/26/2026

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:	\$33,214
Remaining to reach goal:	\$46,786
Families Contributed to date:	60

GOAL: \$80,000



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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