

St. Matthias Parish

409 Hemenway Street
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1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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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, February 21-4:00 PM

Patrick and Carmella Mauro—Memorial

Sunday, February 22—10:00 AM

Mike Fallon —Memorial

Saturday, February 28—4:00 PM

Helen Lambert -Memorial

Sunday, March 1—10:00 AM

John and Laura Sousa and John and Deolinda
Roque—Memorial

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Week of February 22, 2026

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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

Leave voicemail at: **508-460-9255.**



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 21

Celebration of the Eucharist

4:00 p.m. Church

2nd Collection: Church Around the World

Sunday, February 22

Celebration of the Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Church

**Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-7 and
Confirmation**

2nd Collection: Church Around the World

Monday, February 23

Celebration of the Eucharist

Downstairs Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, February 24

Celebration of the Eucharist

Downstairs Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, February 27

Celebration of the Eucharist

Downstairs Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, February 28

Celebration of the Eucharist

4:00 p.m. Church

Sunday, March 1

Celebration of the Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Church

Coffee social

Weekday Mass **Week of February 22**

Weekday Mass will be held on
Monday, Tuesday and Friday
9:00 AM
Downstairs Chapel



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



Congratulations to our wonderful students who received their First Penance last Sunday in preparation for their First Holy Communion! We are so proud of your faith, courage, and commitment to growing closer to God. May this special step in your spiritual journey fill your hearts with peace, joy, and blessings.

SAVE THE DATE

What: *St Vincent de Paul 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....



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.

FAITH FORMATION March 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** **Next Meeting March 15th**

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MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY

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Saturday, March 14 and 15

St Vincent de Paul Thank you Breakfast

Sunday, March 15

Parish Hall - Following Mass

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
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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	

During the season of Lent, St. Matthias Parish observes a simple but meaningful tradition: instead of a sung recessional hymn, we conclude Mass with an instrumental meditation. This year, I will be playing a different fugue each week by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) on the piano.

Lent invites us into reflection, prayer, and a certain noble restraint. An instrumental recessional allows us to leave the church in quiet contemplation rather than in conversation. The music continues to “pray” even as we walk out into the world.

But what exactly is a fugue?

In simple terms, a fugue is a musical conversation. It begins with a short musical idea called a “subject.” One voice presents that theme alone. Then another voice enters and repeats it, often at a different pitch. As more voices join in, they weave together in an intricate and beautiful pattern. Each line is independent, yet all fit together with purpose and order. Listening to a fugue is like following thoughtful speakers who echo, respond, and build upon one another.

Many of these fugues come from Bach’s great collection *Das Wohltemperierte Klavier*, (The Well-Tempered Piano) a work containing preludes and fugues in every major and minor key (24 in all in each of two volumes). He composed them both as teaching pieces and as a demonstration of the expressive possibilities of the keyboard.

During these Lenten Sundays, as each fugue unfolds, you may hear individual musical lines entering one by one — distinct, attentive, and beautifully ordered. In a quiet way, this mirrors the Christian life. Lent calls us to deeper attentiveness: to the movements of our own hearts, to the voice of God, and to the truth of His Word. As we go forth, let us relearn how to listen — to our hearts, to God, and to His holy Word.

READINGS FOR MASS

February 21 and February 22

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading:	Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Second Reading:	Romans 5:12-19
Gospel:	Matthew 4:1-11

February 28 and March 1

Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading:	Genesis 12:1-4a
Second Reading:	2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Gospel:	Matthew 17:1-9

MUSIC FOR THE WEEK

Gathering Song:	Raise Us Up Worship Aid #4
Preparation:	Return To God Hymnal #410
Communion:	Come And Eat This Living Bread Hymnal #820
Recessional:	Instrumental

Dear Jesus,

Help me to pray for and bless everyone I encounter, whether that be easy or hard. Help me to act in the mercy I have known through you. Help me to demonstrate generosity, as you have given so much to me. Amen.

Weekly Offertory Goal \$4,000.00

Collections — February 7 and 8

Offertory Collection	\$ 3615.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 1754.00
	\$ 5369.00
Amount surplus to the weekly goal:	\$1369.00
Parish Maintenance	\$735.00

GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FY 2026

As of 2/08/2026

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!

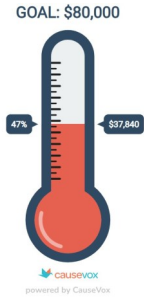
Goal: \$80,000.00

Donation Total: \$37,840.00

Remaining to reach goal: \$42,160.00

Families Contributed to date: 64

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

WeShare is perfect for summer! While you're away on vacation, the Parish will still receive your donations which continually support the daily operations of the parish.

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