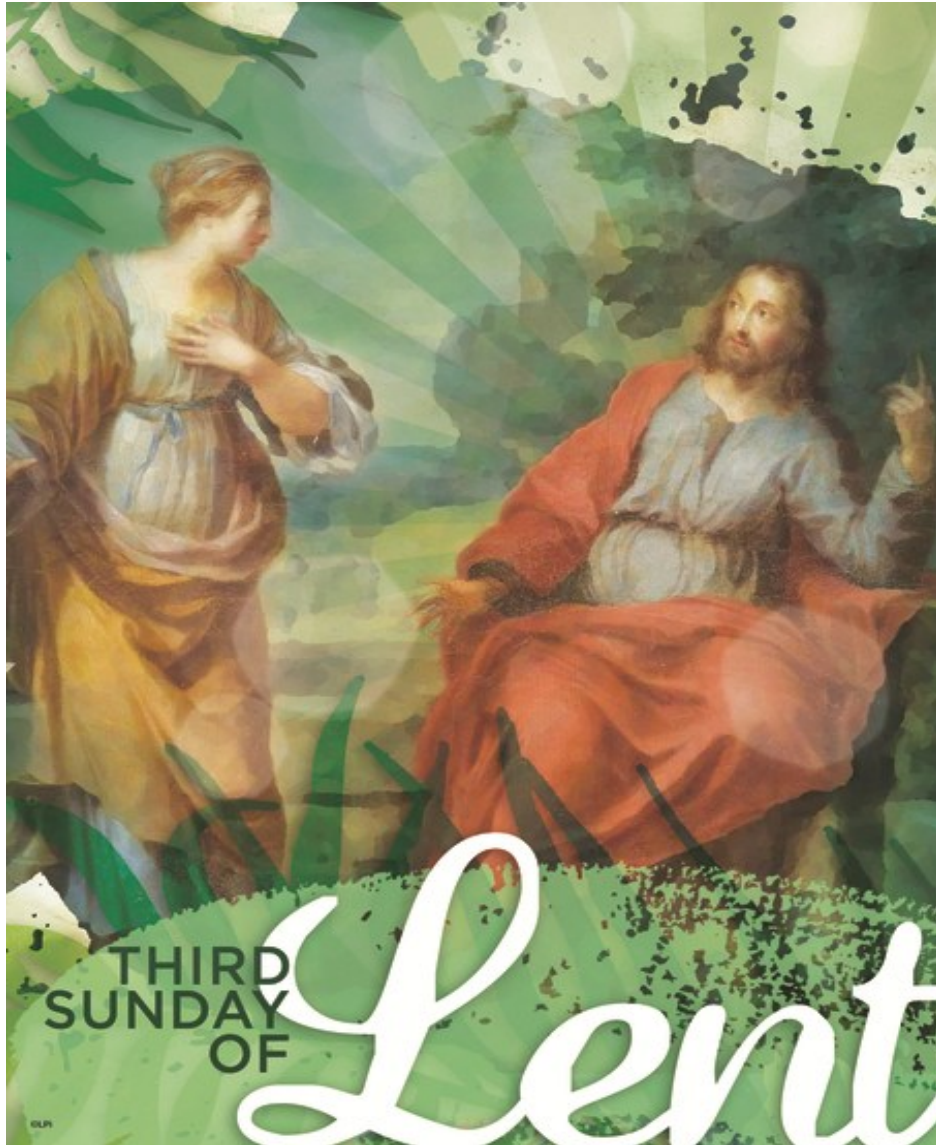


St. Matthias Parish

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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, March 7-4:00 PM

Hilda Sweeney-Memorial

Sunday, March 8—10:00 AM

Donna McGuire —Memorial

Saturday, March 14—4:00 PM

Jacqueline Powers -Memorial

Sunday, March 15—10:00 AM

Fr. Ray Goulet—Memorial

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Week of March 8, 2026

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.

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, March 7

Celebration of the Eucharist

4:00 p.m. Church

2nd Collection: Parish Maintenance

Sunday, March 8

Celebration of the Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Church

2nd Collection: Parish Maintenance

Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-7

Monday, March 9

Celebration of the Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Mass Canceled

Tuesday, March 10

Celebration of the Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Mass Canceled

Friday, March 13

Celebration of the Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Mass Canceled

Saturday, March 14

Celebration of the Eucharist

4:00 p.m. Church

Sunday, March 15

Celebration of the Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Church

Confirmation Class

St. Vincent de Paul Appreciation Breakfast

There will not be Weekday Masses Week of March 8



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



St. Vincent de Paul Cornhole Fundraiser

March 22, 2026 - 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Tacklebox Brewery - 416 Boston Post Road East

Join the **St. Vincent de Paul Societies of St. Matthias/Immaculate Conception** for an afternoon of fundraising to support friends and families who live and work in our local community.

Sign up for the Cornhole Tournament where teams of two will compete to be the reigning Cornhole Champions of the Day.

Fun activities include pool, darts, table tennis, air hockey, foosball and shuffleboard.

Live music from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM -- **The Highland Woods Project** acoustic trio will bring to life the classic sounds and harmonies of the 60's and 70's.

Win Raffle prizes, Gift Cards and Baskets with specialties provided by our local sponsors; Wellys, Apex Entertainment, Chill, Wayside Inn, 110 Grill, Joy-Den jewelers and many more.

Silent Auction with wonderful items that include: A visit with "Belle the Owl", A ride to school in a police cruiser, 4 tickets to a Red Sox game, 4 tickets to a Woosox AAA game, 2 Bruins tickets, 4 tickets to a Revolution soccer game plus a VIP parking pass, A round of golf for 3 at the Marlborough Country Club and a behind the scenes tour at a local zoo and so much more.

Register today! Scan the QR Code below, visit the St. Matthias Facebook page and scan the QR code or visit <https://svdpstmatthiasmarlborough.ticketspice.com/cornhole>.

To register for the tournament: \$20 per person / winning team prize \$50 each.

To register for an afternoon of games, music, raffle and silent auction: \$5 per person.

Register early for the tournament and receive 10 raffle tickets to be put in cans for the individual raffle items. Pay at the door and purchase of Raffle Tickets are available the day of the event. Food and drinks available!



MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY

CUPBOARD COLLECTION

Saturday, March 14 and 15

St Vincent de Paul Appreciation Breakfast

Sunday, March 15-Parish Hall - Following Mass

FAITH FORMATION

March 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

Next Meeting March 15th

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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Patricia Gazza	Linda Thacker	
Rachael Goulet	Gage Thompson	
Rosalie Green	Alexandra Zahir	
Brian Hendrix	Danny Tesler	

For the Third Sunday of Lent, we hear one of the most powerful encounters in all of Scripture: Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well in the Gospel of John.

At noon, in the heat of the day, a woman comes to draw water. She arrives alone. She carries not only an empty jar, but a complicated life. And there, unexpectedly, Jesus asks her for a drink.

What begins as a simple request unfolds into revelation. Jesus speaks of “living water” — water that quenches thirst not for an hour, but forever. The woman slowly realizes that the one speaking to her knows her completely and does not turn away. By the end of the encounter, she leaves her jar behind and runs back to the town to share the news.

Our preparation hymn this weekend, Come to the Water by Dan Foley, could be the soundtrack to this Gospel: “Come to the water... you who are thirsty...”

The invitation is simple. It is not addressed to the perfect or the put-together. It is addressed to the thirsty.

Lent has a way of revealing our thirst. We notice our impatience, our restlessness, our distractions. We become aware of places in our lives where we draw water that does not satisfy. The Samaritan woman went to the well at noon perhaps to avoid others. Yet it was precisely there, in that exposed and ordinary moment, that Christ met her.

As we sing “Come to the Water” during the preparation of the gifts, we are not just recalling a Gospel scene. We are placing ourselves in it. We bring forward bread and wine, but we also bring our thirst — our questions, our weariness, our need for mercy.

And like the woman at the well, we discover that Christ is already waiting.

The living water he promises is not an abstract idea. It flows from his own life poured out for us. It refreshes, heals, and sends us back into the world changed. This Sunday reminds us that Lent is not only about sacrifice. It is about encounter — and about accepting the invitation to come, honestly and humbly, to the water that truly satisfies.

Let us sing,

READINGS FOR MASS

March 7 and March 8

Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading:	Exodus 17:3-7
Second Reading:	Romans 5:1-2,5-8
Gospel:	John 4:5-42

February 28 and March 1

Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading:	1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Second Reading:	Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel:	John 9:1-41

MUSIC FOR THE WEEK

Gathering Song:	Raise Us Up Worship Aid #4
Preparation:	Come To The Water Hymnal #502
Communion:	Take And Eat Hymnal #812
Recessional:	Istrumental (Fugue VII, Eb Major in 3 voices, BWV 852, J.S. Bach)

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!

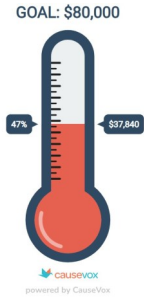
Goal: \$80,000.00

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

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