



# Saint Matthew the Evangelist Parish Wide Gathering

April 11, 2023

# WELCOME!

Sister Pat Boyle will facilitate tonight's meeting

## General Information

- Bathrooms are located out the main door of the parish hall to the right. Please follow the signs.
- We ask that you respectfully silence all mobile devices.
- Light refreshments are available.



# Meeting Guidelines

- *Your comments and feedback are encouraged. Thank you!*
- After a short presentation, we will gladly hear comments and feedback.
  - **Be respectful to others.** We ask that one person speak at a time.
  - **Offer thoughts, observations, and concerns** to understand or to gain clarity.
  - **Please stand and state your name.**
  - **Be considerate of others who are speaking**, avoiding repetition of what has already been said.
  - **Interruptions are discouraged** so that individuals have the opportunity to complete their thoughts.
    - We suggest making a note of a question or different point of view that occurs to you when someone is speaking and then address that issue when there is an opportunity to speak.



# Introductions of Council Chairs



Parish Pastoral Council

Allison Laliberte



Parish Finance Council

Chad Laliberte




Building Committee

Dan Quattrocchi for Bob Hart



# What does St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish need to do to be sustained and move forward

- Pastorally
  - Financially
  - Our Buildings
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# Parish Pastoral Council Summary

Allison Laliberte

## ***Value of Parishioner Feedback***

### Parish Pastoral Council Commitment

- Challenges from the pandemic – recognizing the need for parishioners to have a voice
- The need for more transparency for collaboration and decision-making

### Parishioner Pulse

- Platform for parishioner ideas and constructive feedback and suggestions
- Use ideas, feedback, and suggestions as action items for the council

## St. Matthew the Evangelist Logo





## Parish Pastoral Council Corner

- Promote volunteer opportunities within the parish
- Acknowledge those that have volunteered their time
- Provide updates from council meetings
- Announce parish events sponsored by the council

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### **PPC Corner Announcement - THANK YOU!**

Saint Matthew the Evangelist Parish Pastoral Council would like to express their sincere gratitude to the following groups for graciously volunteering their time and talents for our weekly Soup and Stations:

- *St. Vincent de Paul Society*
- *The Knights of Columbus*
- *St. Matthew Parish Women's Club*
- *The Courageous Catholic Women's Group*
- *St. Matthew Parish Finance Council*
- *St. Matthew Parish Pastoral Council*
- *St. Matthew Parish Liturgical and Homebound Ministry Team*
- *St. Matthew Parish Staff and Teen Ministry Group*

The PPC would also like to thank Heather Murphy for the countless hours she spent coordinating this event each week. Soup and Stations was a huge success and our parish is truly blessed to have such dedicated and generous parishioners. Thank you again and have a wonderful Easter!





# Parish Finance Council Summary

Chad Laliberte

Overall financial theme for past several years in Billerica...

- Operating Expenses have historically exceeded Offertory over the past decade
  - Annual Operating Expenses are between \$1 million and \$1.4 million
  - Annual Offertories typically ranged between \$900,000 to \$1.1 million
- How does this compare to pre-pandemic figures?
  - Attendance is down more than 50%
  - Offertories have fallen 30%

# Offertory and Attendance over Last 10 Years

	FY2014- FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023 (6 months)
<b>Offertories</b>	~\$900,000 - \$1 million	\$982,449	\$693,803	\$633,353	\$349,813
<b>Operating Net Income/Loss</b>	Average: -\$43,293/yr	-\$137,954	<del>-\$30,089</del>	-\$178,416	\$17,806
<b>Mass Attendance (All Weekend Masses)</b>	1,600	1,500	500	634	725
<b>Monthly Offertory Per Household (Estimated)</b>	\$148	\$163	\$346	\$249	\$241

**FY2021** – Operating Net Loss lowered significantly due to forgiveness of Pandemic PPP loans and significant financial assistance from Archdiocese of Boston  
 Mass Attendance - Significant portion of fiscal year, there were no in-person masses or remote mass watching was widespread due to the pandemic

# Monthly Offertory Shortfall per Household

Based on current attendance levels (725 parishioners ÷ 3  
[average size per household]) = 242 households

ESTIMATED Monthly Offertory per Household	Monthly Offertory per Household to meet Budgeted Operating Expenses
\$241	\$378

<i>Yearly (in a 12 month period)</i>	
\$2,892	\$4,536

# Center Campus

*St. Theresa Church, St. Matthew Rectory, St. Matthew Parish Hall*

## PROS

- Centrally located
- Shell of church building is sound
- Sufficient parking
- Present church building has room for growth
- Living space for clergy
- Space for Parish Offices, community events (parish hall) & Faith Formation
- Saint Matthew owns the property
- Eventually – Possibility of selling St. Andrew property

## CONS

- A large number of repairs are needed.
  - These are costly repairs and maintenance needed to bring the church, rectory and hall to where they need to be.
- Renovation could take more time and money
- Current church building space is larger than needed
- Not fully handicap accessible



# Possibility of New Church Building

## PROS

- NEW church building
- Space size St. Matthew would need
- Up to date

## CONS

- Difficult for Saint Matthew the Evangelist based on current level of giving
- Cost prohibitive



# Present Saint Andrew Church

## PROS

- Church building needs some repairs
- Less work needed on church building
- Space size the approximate size St. Matthew would currently need
- St. Matthew owns the property
- Eventually- sell St. Theresa property
- Fully handicap accessible

## CONS

- Not centrally located
- Could be difficult for elderly & those needing assistance
- Not sufficient parking
- No room for growth
- Does not have
  - Living space for clergy \*\*
  - Parish Office space \*\*
  - Sufficient space for Faith Formation and community events \*\*

\*\*Significant costs associated with these items