

Saint Matthias Parish

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12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"
- Mk 4:39-40

Scripture from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1996, 1975 CCD. . . .

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Celebrations of the Eucharist

The Lord's Day

Pre-recorded Mass on-line Sundays by 10:00 AM at

www.stmattpar.org and facebook: [@stmattpar](https://facebook.com/stmattpar)

In-Person Masses

Saturdays 4:00 PM

Sundays 10:00 AM

Weekday: Canceled until further notice.

Holy Day: As announced

Mission Statement

To live out the message of Jesus Christ and become, in fact and appearance, a true Christian 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. The Faith Formation Program at St. Matthias Parish provides opportunities to grow as individuals and as a community. We offer classroom sessions for grade school children, a comprehensive Confirmation program, intergenerational learning in a variety of formats, and an adult enrichment program. For more information, contact Theresa Salafia (tsalafia@stmattpar.org).

Community Prayer Line

Our prayer line, coordinated by Marie Mangan (978-562-2891), offers prayers for you, your loved ones and friends. Requests may also be placed in the "Prayer Request" box at the rear of the Church. All requests will be kept confidential.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Those who are not baptized or have been baptized into another Christian community and are interested in learning more about initiation into the Catholic faith are invited to speak with Theresa Salafia (tsalafia@stmattpar.org).

Infant Baptism

Our parish celebrates the sacrament of Baptism for infants and children under the age of 7 at regularly scheduled Sunday Masses. Please call Deacon Doug at any time during pregnancy or at least two months in advance for information on baptismal catechesis and the choosing of godparents.

Adult Confirmation

Adults desiring to complete their Christian Initiation with the sacrament of Confirmation are encouraged to contact Fr. Fran.

Reconciliation

This sacrament of God's infinite forgiveness, also known as Penance and Confession, is celebrated on Saturdays at 3:15PM or by appointment with Fr. Fran. Communal celebrations of the sacrament occur during Advent and Lent.

Anointing of the Sick

The Church encourages all who are ill, about to undergo surgery, or confined to their homes due to illness to be prayed over and anointed with sacred oil. This can take place at a parish Mass, in the home or in the hospital. Please speak with Fr. Fran for more details.

Marriage

Congratulations to engaged couples! Please contact Fr. Fran eight months to a year before your wedding to plan a program of marriage preparation.

Welcome New Parishioners!

We invite you to share in our life as a Eucharistic Community. Please complete a registration card online at <https://www.stmattpar.org/parish-registration> or register at the parish office. We look forward to welcoming you to our parish community.

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH

St. Matthias Parish Office Information

508-460-9255

Parish Office hours are **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00AM to 3:00PM.**

You may also e-mail the office at any time at admin@stmattpar.org.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 19, 2021, 4PM

David Mauro — Memorial

Sunday, June 20, 2021, 10AM

Rocco Addeo — 5th Anniversary Memorial

Music for Celebrations of the Eucharist June 19th and June 20th

Gathering Song: *How Can I Keep From Singing*
hymnal #598

Preparation: *The Clouds' Veil*
hymnal #619

Communion: *Deep and Lasting Peace*
booklet #1

Recessional: *Your Wonderful Love*
hymnal #649



A warm welcome to our parishioners, friends and visitors. It is a blessing to join together for the Celebration of the Eucharist.

We have now made accommodations for those who are ready to take off their masks and sit near others, and those who are not. We respect and want to protect all of our parishioners!

All parishioners and family are welcome and can be assured it is safe to attend. Please see the notice of Mass protocol changes in the next column of this bulletin.

Mass will continue to be recorded and/or livestreamed and posted both on Facebook and our website by 10:00 AM on Sundays.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, June 19

Memorial Mass for Judy McManus
Church, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 19

Celebration of the Eucharist
Church, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 20—Happy Father's Day

Celebration of the Eucharist
Church, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 26

Celebration of the Eucharist
Church, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 27

Celebration of the Eucharist
Church, 10:00 a.m.

MASS PROTOCOL UPDATES AS OF 6/19/21

From the Archdiocese of Boston: "Aware that the opportunity to participate in Sunday Mass is increasingly available and increasingly safe for our Catholic people, we are joining dioceses in the Boston Province (Boston, Fall River, Springfield, Manchester, and Portland) in lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation, effective the weekend of June 19 and 20, 2021." **Welcome Back!**

- ◆ Prior registration for Mass is no longer required!
- ◆ Please continue to use the front entrance (unless ADA accessibility is needed).
- ◆ **The LEFT side of the church will be designated as "Mask Optional"**. This is for those vaccinated parishioners and all those comfortable without physical distancing. In addition, all benches will be utilized.
- ◆ **The RIGHT side of the church will be designated as "Mask Required"**. This will be for Unvaccinated parishioners and all those who prefer to remain masked and physically distanced for the time being. Benches will be blocked off for every other seat.
- ◆ Communion procession will return to "normal"- two lines going up to receive.

Notes:

- ◆ **We have now made accommodations for those who are ready to take off their masks and sit near others, and those who are not.** We respect and want to protect all of our parishioners!
- ◆ If we are notified of a COVID-19 positive Mass attendee, it will be posted on our website.

From Fr. Fran

Happy Father's Day!

The origin of Father's Day has European Catholic roots that go back to at least the Middle Ages, when, on each March 19th, the church would celebrate the vocation of fatherhood on the Feast of St. Joseph. In this celebration Joseph was referred to as the "*Nutritor Domini*", the "Nourisher of the Lord".

The celebration was brought to the Americas by the Spanish and Portuguese and continued to be celebrated on March 19th. It wasn't until the mid-twentieth century that Father's Day (outside of Catholic tradition) became widely celebrated in the United States.

That the holiday has its roots in the Feast of St. Joseph resonates with us today. Joseph's vocation to Jesus and Mary is our touchstone for fatherhood. So to all the fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, uncles, and all men who live the vocation of nurturing others: may God's blessing be upon you today and may St. Joseph inspire and guide you in your vocation.

While we don't have a physical Book of Remembrance for our deceased fathers this year, we will remember them in a prayer at the Prayers of the Faithful and names given to the parish office and through memorial donations will be included in the bulletin.

Finances – Parish and Archdiocesan

As I mentioned last week, **time is running out to donate to our 2021 Grand Annual Collection**. While we have already achieved our goal, your donation is still important, especially during this time of COVID. If you are able, please consider a donation before our books close for the fiscal year on **June 30th**.

Our **Parish Finance Council** is hard at work preparing a **budget for the new fiscal year** which will begin on 1 July 2021. One of the major issues that needs to be addressed is our weekly offertory. Like many parishes, our weekly collections have decreased as the pandemic has moved along. In order to keep us financially sound **we need to increase the weekly offertory**. You will be hearing about efforts to do so in the coming months. However, if you are able to increase your weekly donation to the parish at this time it would help us get through the summer months in good shape.

Because of the obstacles of the pandemic, the Archdiocese of Boston is doing a **relaunch of the 2021 Catholic Appeal during the month of June**. Our parish still needs to raise just over \$10,000 dollars to fulfill our obligation to the archdiocese. Whatever we are unable to raise through parishioners' donations will be then taken out of our parish funds. This weekend you will see envelopes in the pews with a pledge card and all the information you need to make a donation. This is a very important fundraising drive for the ministries of the archdiocese. As I have said many times before, not a week goes that our parish doesn't benefit from interaction with one or more of the central ministries of the archdiocese. Funds from the Annual Appeal are spent solely on ministries and not on any obligations stemming from the abuse crisis. Your generosity will go a long way in aiding the good work of the Archdiocese of Boston.

New COVID Protocols at Mass

For the next few weeks, as suggested by the archdiocese, we will have two different seating sections in the church. As you enter from the back, the **right side** (parking lot side) of the church is designated as **mask only** and **social distancing** will apply (parishioners in every other bench). The **left side** (parish office side) of the church is designated as **mask optional and parishioners may sit where they like**. The **mask only section** is to accommodate those who have not as yet been vaccinated, those who are immune compromised, and those who feel more comfortable wearing a mask at indoor gatherings. The **mask optional section** is for those fully vaccinated and those who feel more comfortable with a mask on yet are also comfortable being around those who are unmasked.

The **communion procession has now returned to what it was pre-pandemic** with both sides of the church forming two lines in the center aisle. Communion will begin with those in the front pews of the church. When you receive communion, please remember to stand to the side and consume there before you process back to your seat.

For the time being we are asking you to **enter and exit the church by the doors we have been using during the pandemic**. The **collection box** will continue to be located at the exit door (ADA entrance). Please drop in your donation on the way out. Better yet, sign up for our WeShare online donation system. Please call the parish office for more information on how to enroll.

Sunday Mass Obligation Dispensation Lifted

As of this weekend, Cardinal Sean O'Malley has lifted the dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation. Please check out the archdiocesan video which explains that Sunday obligation means much more than just attending Mass on the weekend. This video, with a message from Cardinal Sean, can be found on our web site at: stmattpar.org and on our Facebook page.

Many of our parishioners have expressed to me the void they felt while not being able to gather together during the pandemic. I think we know in our gut that our Sunday obligation is about family and belonging. When we gather together *we are the church*.

While we were *not* able to gather together as the church, the posting of Sunday Mass on our web page gave great comfort and connection to so many parishioners. Although the dispensation has been lifted, we will still record and broadcast Sunday Mass for those unable to join us.

I'd like to personally invite you to return to our weekend celebrations of the Eucharist. They are the heart and soul of who we are as a parish. *Your* presence means a great deal to each and every parishioner. I know that some are still not ready to venture back to church. Know that we have done everything we can to ensure you will be walking into a safe environment when you do return. So, when you feel comfortable, please join with your parish family as we negotiate life after the pandemic in the sight of our God.

CATHOLIC APPEAL

A couple of weeks ago many of you may have received a letter asking your support of the **2021 Catholic Appeal**. Over the last year, we have witnessed just how important Central Ministries are in supporting not just our parish, but all parishes and schools within our Archdiocese. As we move forward through this pandemic, we are so grateful to have a team of experts that help us ensure your safety. **St. Matthias has been assessed at \$22,754 and currently has a shortfall due of \$10,179.** Every gift makes a difference. Please consider making your gift today by visiting **bostoncatholicappeal.org** Your gift has an immediate impact on our parish and the work of our Church. Thank you for your generosity.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL WALK FOR THE POOR



The St. Vincent dePaul Society of St. Matthias parish is excited to announce that the Friends of the Poor Walk will be held in person **September 25**. Please look for further details in an upcoming bulletin. This fundraiser is vital to helping our friends and neighbors in the Marlborough community.

FAITH FORMATION —THERESA SALAFIA

Happy Fathers' Day! We celebrate our fathers and those who serve as fathers to the children in our faith community. We are grateful for all you do to show us the way of love and service.

Faith Formation Registration materials will be sent shortly to families who had children enrolled for the 2020-2021 year. To help in planning for catechists, helpers and securing materials for 2021-2022 you are asked to return your forms as soon as possible. If you are aware of new families to the area or have siblings starting school, please share the registration information. If there are questions or concerns about Faith Formation contact Theresa Salafia at tsalafia@stmattpar.org or 508-460-9255 (parish office).

Catechist planning meeting will be **Sunday, June 27** in the parish hall. Catechists may choose a meeting time either 9:15 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY September 12 10:00 a.m. outdoor mass under the tent with a picnic brunch to follow. This is a great way to worship together and renew the bond of friendship we share.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN (PGC)

Volunteers 18+ must complete a Protecting God's Children (PGC) training. You may refer to the Virtus website: www.virtusonline.org and select "First-time Registrant" button. There are two trainings: VIRTUS PGC training and Mandated Reporting training. This is a one time training. Both trainings must be completed and recorded to be in compliance.

If you have questions about this part of care and safety of our children, please contact Theresa Salafia via email at tsalafia@stmattpar.org or April Lowe via email at alowe@stmattpar.org. Parish phone is 508-460-9255.

PRAYER REQUEST

NOTICE: This Prayer List will be updated for the July 4 bulletin edition. If you would like to continue to pray for a loved one and/or add additional names, please email admin@stmattpar.org. Thank you.

Please Pray For...

Richard Abraham, Donna Anastas, Cheryl LaJeunesse Arsenault, Conor Canavan, William Connors, Carol Chatalian, Danielle and Melissa Chiasson, Steven Chiasson, Alice Cox, Joseph Cox, Adelbert Cyr, Richard Desjardin, Kent Dudley, Jason Fournier, LeAnne Gogel, Robert Green, Dicky Guild, Russ Hokanson, Debbie Jennings, Emma Johnston, Alice Kimball, Marie Leigh, Daniel Lopes, Fr. Mike MacEwen, Dave Mackenzie, Doreen Martin, Pat McNeil, Patrick Mauro, Maura McGuinness, Marlene Mele, Michael Messom, Deborah Natoli, Jennifer Natoli, Chris O'Brien, Mary and Bob O'Connor, Ayn Paoletta, Ann Paterson, Johnny Pellrine, Theresa Perry, Jennifer Reis, Andrew Tivnan, Linda Thomasino, Pedro Torres, Trunfio Family, Ronald Vaudreuil, Vanessa Viega, Jane Walsh, and AnnMarie Walters.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY: GOAL \$4,000.00

Offertory Collection for June 12 and June 13

Offertory Collections	\$ 2,710.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 1,327.55
	\$ 4,037.55
Parish Maintenance	
Mass Collection and Mail	\$ 501.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 335.00
	\$ 836.00
Mass attendance :	178

Upcoming Special Collections:

Promoting the Gospel June 19 and 20
(Communications/Campaign for Human Development)

Month of June

Honoring the extraordinary men who have made a positive impact on our lives.

R. Avila
 F. Bean
 Charles A. Brennan
 Harry Bucher
 Leonard Bucher
 Robert Bucher
 Frank Calore
 Joseph Calore
 Jack Carroll
 Walter Chamberlain
 Tony Consolian
 Adrien Cote
 Ronald Cote
 Curley Family
 Andrew F. Deibel
 George H. Deibel
 Dolan Family
 Anthony Ferrara
 Robert J. Fischer
 John Galoci
 Mike Galvin
 Alphonse Grassey
 Joseph Grassey
 Rev. W. Guerrette
 Richard Guirlinger
 Myles Heffernan
 John F. Henry
 John P. Henry
 Joseph Hill
 Bud Keeler
 William Kelly
 F. Kenneally
 George K. Kossuth
 George R. Kossuth
 John Kossuth
 Joseph Laspada

John Lezinski
 John Mangan
 Brian Mangan
 Frank Mangan Sr.
 Antonio Masciarelli
 Salvatore Matta
 David Mauro
 John McCarthy
 McManus Fathers:
 Pierce, Toomey, Ware,
 Lally and Beauvais
 John Mockus
 L. Mondello
 Alfred Moquin
 Anthony Orzali
 James W. Robertson
 Ernie Russo
 John Sack
 Edward Sciore Sr.
 Emmett Shea
 Timothy J. Sheehan
 John E. Smith
 Joseph Staffenberg
 A. Telles
 D. Telles
 S. Telles
 Thomas Family
 Louis Varcasia
 B. Walley
 Peter and Alton White
 Henry Yodlowski
 Joseph Zemejda
 Stanley Zemejda
 Howard Zerella
 Thomas Zerella



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 12

St. Matthias Parish Outdoor COVID Memorial Mass and Welcome Back Picnic Brunch

Let's get together to remember those we have lost due to the pandemic as well as celebrate our return to parish community. More details in a future bulletin, on Facebook and on the parish website: stmattpar.org!

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