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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)

Weekend 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, July 31, 2021, 4PM

Salvatore and Mildred Ponterella — Memorial

Sunday, August 1, 2021, 10AM

Janet Landers — Memorial

Saturday, August 7, 2021, 4PM

Susan DiAngelo — Memorial

Sunday, August 8, 2021, 10AM

George Gazza — 3rd Anniversary Memorial

Scripture Readings

Readings for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31 and August 1

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35

Readings for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7 and August 8

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30—5:2

Gospel: John 6:41-51

ALL ARE WELCOME

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

All parishioners, friends and families are welcome and can be assured it is safe to attend.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, July 31

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 1

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday, August 7

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 8

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 10:00 a.m.

Music for Celebrations of the Eucharist July 31 and August 1

Gathering Song: At The Table of Jesus
booklet #15

Preparation: We Come to Your Feast
hymnal #814

Communion: Bread of Life From Heaven
hymnal #803

Recessional: From This Table
booklet #3

WELCOME !

As of this weekend, July 31 / August 1, the seating protocol inside the church will be adjusted. The right side of the church will remain with physical distance markers for attendees, however, masks, though preferred, will no longer be required.

The COVID safety team at St. Matthias Parish will continue to monitor and assess the COVID rates in Marlborough and the Massachusetts State guidelines and will keep parishioners informed should any changes need to be implemented. *Thank you.*

From Fr. Fran

This weekend we will be making a change in our seating arrangement for masses. **People who wish to wear face coverings may continue to sit on the right side of the church** where there will continue to be physically distanced seating. In addition, **those who have been vaccinated and choose not to wear a face covering may also sit on the right side of the church.** (With seating in every other pew, we feel that there will be enough distance between folks.) **We continue to ask unvaccinated people to wear a face covering** wherever they choose to sit.

We are making these changes due to the small number of parishioners who are wearing face coverings at the moment. This will also help to spread the congregation out more evenly, giving everyone more space. Perhaps those who choose to wear a face covering and want to be as distant as possible from others could sit in the front area of the right side of the church.

With the much more contagious Delta variant of the COVID 19 virus taking hold and with a number of fully vaccinated people contracting it, it appears that we are nowhere near the end of this pandemic. The latest projections are that the peak of this wave will happen sometime in October. It is discouraging to read that only 40% of our country is fully vaccinated. There are of course legitimate reasons not to get the vaccination, but for healthy Catholic Christians it should be a no brainer.

From the Vatican on down to local dioceses and parishes throughout the world, the word has gone out that it is morally fine and ethically imperative to get the vaccine to protect ourselves and most importantly to protect one another. So I encourage each parishioner who has yet to be vaccinated to please do so.

It is very clear that there is a lot of misinformation about the vaccine out there. Places like Facebook, Twitter and assorted media outlets are full of misleading information. If you are hesitant about getting the vaccine let me encourage you to speak with your doctor and take anything you might hear “on the street” with a huge grain of salt.

While we all long for life to return to normal, it looks like we are in the middle of another difficult period. It is imperative that all of us, the vaccinated included, be vigilant. This could mean the return to required mask wearing, even for the vaccinated. At present there are no new directives from the

Archdiocese of Boston concerning masks, but I wouldn't be surprised to see something coming if COVID cases continue to climb.

I know how good “unmasking” feels, and I for one don't look forward to masking up again, but it could be needed. I've heard the arguments that “I am protected by the vaccine and if I get COVID it will probably be a minor case”. That could be very true, however, if you get the Delta strain, there is a much greater chance that you could infect those around you because of it's potency.

It is unfortunate, even deadly, that mask wearing and getting vaccinated have become politicized. As Catholic Christians, this should have nothing to do with politics. It has everything to do with love of neighbor. That mask you are asked to wear may be a nuisance for you as a vaccinated person, but it could be a life saver for the unvaccinated person standing next to you in the grocery line. And, for that matter, the person sitting next to you at Mass.

**SAVE THE DATE****Sunday, September 12**

**St. Matthias Parish welcomes ALL to an
Welcome Back Picnic Brunch
and Outdoor COVID Memorial Mass**



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!

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation registration is ongoing. Thank you to families who have completed their registration process. For your convenience, the Faith Formation calendar is listed on our parish website, www.stmattpar.org. If you would like more information or have any questions, you are welcome to call the parish office 508-460-9255 to speak with Theresa Salafia, Faith Formation Director, or contact Mrs. Salafia by email at tsalafia@stmattpar.org.

During these summer days families may enjoy going to the following websites. These websites have unique media resources that help families remain connected to our faith.

- www.catholic-kids.com
- www.pluggedin.com
- www.holyheroes.com
- www.bustedhalo.com
- www.catholic.org/saints/funfacts



The start of the school year brings a nervous excitement for children of all ages. Will there be a lot of homework? How will they like their teachers? Some children have other worries. Will they have the supplies they need for class projects and homework?

St. Matthias is excited to be able to collaborate with The United Way to collect items for the Tools for School drive this year! Collection will take place this weekend **July 31-August 1**. Bins will be placed at the entrances to the church or donations may be dropped off at the parish office during office hours or dropped off at the Walker Building on Main Street.

The UWTC's Tools for School program provides children in grades K-12 with new backpacks full of grade-specific school supplies from crayons to calculators and everything in between.

You can give children the tools they need by donating school supplies or backpacks, sponsoring a child or packing backpacks full of the supplies so all children begin the school year ready to learn.

3 EASY WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- 1.) Purchase school supplies/backpacks for the program or
- 2.) Sponsor a child. Your \$25.00 donation, will provide a student with his or her own backpack filled with supplies. or
- 3.) Volunteer to sort and assemble backpacks

FLYERS with suggested items is available at entrances to the church for supply ideas and suggestions.

For additional information please contact Barbara LaGrenade - Director of Volunteerism 508-370-4902 or email barbara.lagrenade@uwotc.org

August 1, 2021
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.” EXODUS 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our “wants” from our “needs”. Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.



WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOU

NOTICE: If you would like to add a loved one to this prayer list, please email admin@stmattpar.org.

Thank you.

Please Pray For...

Conor Canavan, Richard Desjardin, LeAnne Gogel, Jeanette Kirk, Marie Leigh, Fr. Mike MacEwen, Maura McGuinness, Chris O'Brien, Ayn Paoella, Jennifer Reis, Andrew Tivnan, Linda Thomasino, and Jane Walsh.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY: GOAL \$4,000.00

Offertory Collection for July 24 and July 25

Offertory Collections	\$ 1,551.00
WeShare Offertory	<u>\$ 1,042.55</u>
	\$ 2,593.55

Mass attendance : 162

August Special Collection

Parish Maintenance: August 7 and 8

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY
FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021**

The coronavirus has hit many people very hard this year: physically and financially. The St. Vincent de Paul societies of St. Matthias and Immaculate Conception are here to help those in Marlborough through these tough times. Our friends often call the St. Vincent de Paul society when they are having difficulty paying rent or utilities due to unplanned expenses or to help with food when they have become sick and can't work and want to live with dignity and respect. The Marlborough Chapters of St. Vincent de Paul societies are funded through donations from the good people of Marlborough, and we hold one fundraiser every year: **The Friends of the Poor Walk**. This year the walk will be held on **September 25 with registration at the Immaculate Conception Church beginning at 9:30 a.m.**

We ask that you join St. Matthias parish for our annual walk. All proceeds from the walk will benefit Marlborough residents in need. Due to the pandemic, we feel the need will be even greater. The funds raised from our Walk are needed more than in previous years.

To donate or register, go to www.FOPWalk.org. To donate to a walker, just enter the name in the "find a walker" box and then hit "search". The walker's name should appear on the next page. Just hit "donate to walker" and then input the information required.

To register to walk on the FOPWalk.org site, follow these instructions:

Look for "Choose your state" and put in Massachusetts and then hit "next".

On the screen you should see "Marlborough FOP Virtual Walk".

Hit "Register to Walk".

Now on the screen you should see "Beneficiary".

Hit "choose Beneficiary".

Under "Narrow your Search" put in St. Matthias.

You should see our parish below and hit "select".

Fill in all your information on the sheet and then hit "Submit".

This should complete your registration.

In the near future we will provide a list of some of the people who will be walking on behalf of St. Matthias Parish. You are welcome to send a donation by check c/o St. Matthias parish. Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sue Dolesh at 248-794-3734 or daledolesh@gmail.com.

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