

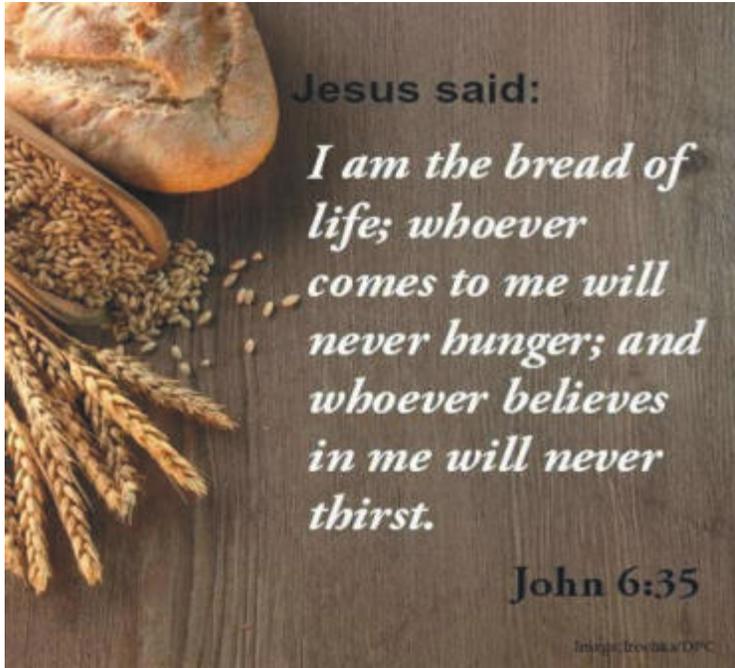
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Celebrations of the Eucharist

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.

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, August 7, 2021, 4PM

Susan DiAngelo — Memorial

Sunday, August 8, 2021, 10AM

George Gazza — 3rd Anniversary Memorial

Saturday, August 14, 2021, 4PM

Anthony Brockmann— Memorial

Sunday, August 15, 2021, 10AM

Teresita Barcinas — Memorial

Scripture Readings

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

Readings for the Assumption of Mary

August 14 and August 15

First Reading: Revelations 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20—27
Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

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, August 7

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 8

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, August 14

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 15

Assumption of Mary

Church, 10:00 a.m.

Music for Celebrations of the Eucharist *August 7 and August 8*

Gathering Song: You Gather Us From Far and Near
booklet #7

Preparation: *Instrumental*

Communion: God's Great Care
booklet #12

Recessional: To Live Your Word
booklet #18

Recessional: Now From This Table
booklet #9

WELCOME!

Update for the Weekend August 7 and 8

As the COVID positive numbers increase in the county of Middlesex, and in accordance with the CDC guidelines, it is strongly advised that all parishioners wear face masks during the Celebration of the Eucharist.

Please note the seating protocol inside the church on the right will remain with physical distance markers for attendees.

Thank you.

From Fr. Fran



New Face Covering Guidelines

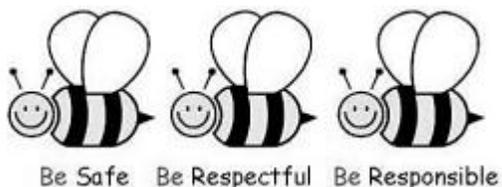
This week Middlesex county entered the CDC's definition for an elevated risk of COVID-19. The CDC suggests that all people, vaccinated or not, wear a face covering at indoor events with a large number of people. Here in Marlborough the weekly count of active cases of COVID rose from 3 to 17 in two week's time. While that may not seem a great number, it reverses the steady downward trend in our city. With this as background, **St. Matthias parish is now strongly advocating that everyone wear a face covering at our weekend masses.**

No one wants to go back to this, however, it is our Christian imperative that we care for and protect one another. While breakthrough cases of the fully vaccinated are still rare, we've seen that they happen and that a fully vaccinated person can transmit the disease to others.

As I wrote in last week's column, 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 or the immunocompromised person sitting next to you at Mass or at any other public gathering.

I know that masking up again may feel as though we are going backwards in the battle against COVID. Psychologically, the pandemic has taken a toll on all of us and now wearing a face covering again just enhances our uneasiness. But as the science tells us, the pandemic will be over when the virus is through with us and not when we are through with the virus.

So, may I challenge every parishioner to become part of the solution and not the problem by keeping yourself and those around you safe by sweating through another period of mask wearing, so that the virus will be through with us sooner rather than later.



Parish Finances

Our new fiscal year began on July 1st. The parish Finance Council has worked hard to present a balanced budget. As for many parishes, this will be another challenging year for St. Matthias. All those on our Finance Council agree that increasing the weekly offertory is crucial. Bottom line, our **offertory must be \$3,500 weekly** in order for us to meet our financial goals and responsibilities during the coming year. Reaching our stated weekly goal of \$4,000 would let us breath easier and put some funds away for needed projects.

As we look towards June 2022 when we will become a Pastoral Collaborative with St. Michael Parish, it is crucial that our finances are in good shape. If you are able to increase your weekly giving it would be a great gift to our parish. Online giving through WeShare would be an even greater gift as it would ensure us a steady weekly income. Thanks in advance for prayerfully considering your level of giving to our parish.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 12

**St. Matthias Parish welcomes ALL to a
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 brunch details will be in a future bulletin, on Facebook and on the parish website: stmattpar.org!

August 8, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Thank you to the many parishioners and friends who contributed to the Tools for School sponsored by the United Way through the Marlborough Community Cupboard. Your donations will enable children in our community to be "Ready to Learn."
Thank you.

3 EASY WAYS YOU CAN STILL 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

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

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
COVID MEMORIAL MASS**

On Sunday, September 12 the St. Matthias Community will celebrate a **Covid Memorial Mass** for our loved ones and friends who have died from the Coronavirus over the past 16 months. This outdoor celebration provides us with the opportunity to worship, pray and remember their lives and the love that we share for one another during a time when friends and family members were unable to provide comfort. A special mass booklet will include all the names of deceased due to the Coronavirus and each name will be read aloud. If you have lost a loved one or friend due to the Coronavirus and would like to have them remembered at this special mass, please contact the parish office by phone 508-460-9255 or by email admin@stmattpar.org.

Following the mass, a parish-wide outdoor brunch will be held and everyone is invited to attend the mass and the gathering.



**August 8, 2021
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!"
1 KINGS 19:7

God knows that committing to a stewardship lifestyle is difficult. However, we were not designed to do it on our own, we need His help. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all, His son, Jesus. Through the gift of the Eucharist we join our sacrifice with the sacrifice of the Holy Mass and receive the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples.



**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 31 and August 1

Offertory Collections	\$ 2,448.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 1,077.55
	\$ 3,525.55

Mass attendance 168

August Special Collection

Parish Maintenance:	August 7 and 8
Parochial Schools:	August 27 and 28

**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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