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Blessed Virgin Mary

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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, August 14, 2021, 4PM
Anthony Brockmann— Memorial

Sunday, August 15, 2021, 10AM
Teresita Barcinas — Memorial

Saturday, August 21, 2021, 4PM
Erika Brockmann — Memorial

Sunday, August 22, 2021, 10AM
Gloria Mason Zerella — Memorial
George Zerella — Memorial

Scripture Readings

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

Readings for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 21 and August 22

First Reading: Joshua: 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69

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 14
Celebration of the Eucharist
Church, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 15
Assumption of Mary
Church, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, August 21
Celebration of the Eucharist
Church, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 22
Celebration of the Eucharist
Church, 10:00 a.m.

Music for Celebrations of the Eucharist *August 14 and August 15*

Gathering Song: Hail Holy Queen
hymnal #784

Preparation: Gentle Woman
hymnal #779

Communion: Come to the Banquet
hymnal #810

Recessional: Immaculate Mary
hymnal #783

WELCOME!

Update for the Weekend August 14 and 15

As the COVID positive numbers increase in Middlesex County, 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


**Feast of the Assumption of Mary
August 15th**

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. The feast celebrates Mary's welcome, body and soul, into heaven. As Jesus was first to rise from the dead, he has received his mother first into eternity. For her, the resurrection of the dead has taken place already! Although it was only in 1950 that Pope Pius XII declared as dogma the bodily assumption of Mary into heaven, this feast has been celebrated on August 15 since the middle of the fifth century.

The placement of this feast, at the height of summer in the northern hemisphere, calls to mind the beginning of the harvest, the gathering in of the fruits of the earth. Mary's assumption is seen as the beginning of the great gathering into heaven of the faithful.

The Assumption is a feast to celebrate Mary as the first disciple to follow in the footsteps of her son, Jesus. Where he is, so too is his mother. We will one day follow in her footsteps as we enter into the loving embrace of Christ forever. Let us celebrate Mary as a role model of discipleship. May we follow her example of openness to God and may we trust in God as faithfully and deeply as she did.

Face Covering Guidelines For Mass

Middlesex County continues to fall within the CDC's definition of a county with 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. With this as background, **St. Matthias parish is now strongly advocating that everyone wear a face covering at our weekend masses. The right side of the church will continue to have socially distanced seating.**

As I mentioned last week, 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.

We will monitor the situation as it develops. For the most up to date information on our parish COVID protocols, please continue to check our website and Facebook page. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Parish Finances

As I mentioned last week, our parish Finance Council has submitted a very tight budget for the fiscal year which began on July 1st. Balancing the budget relies on a steady weekly Offertory income of \$3,500. Anything below that may very well lead us into the red when the year is out. Anything above will help us breath easier and put money aside for unexpected expenses and future projects.

Our Offertory traditionally is lower during the summer months. You can see by taking a look at this week's statistics that we ended up quite a bit under our \$3,500 goal last week. 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 15, 2021

Assumption of Mary

FAITH FORMATION

Pope Francis in the *Joy of the Gospel* (288) speaks of Mary as a Woman of prayer, work and solidarity. “She is the woman of prayer and work in Nazareth, and she is also Our Lady of Help, who sets out from her town “with haste.” (Luke 1:39) to be of service to others. This interplay of justice and tenderness, of contemplation, and concern for others, is what makes the ecclesial community to look to Mary as the model of evangelization.” USCCB

Faith Formation Registration reminder: Registration is ongoing. Families are asked to complete registration forms for all levels of Faith Formation. It is helpful to receive this information as soon as possible for planning purposes and to order class materials.



August 15, 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

“And Mary said, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.” Luke 1: 46

After Jesus, we look to Mary as our model of stewardship. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s will. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we too are called to reflect Christ to the world. We do this by living grateful and generous lives. We do this by putting other’s needs before our wants.



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 Paoletta, Jennifer Reis, Andrew Tivnan, Linda Thomasino, and Jane Walsh.

**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



WEEKLY OFFERTORY: GOAL \$4,000.00

Offertory Collection for August 7 and August 8

Offertory Collections	\$ 1,994.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 787.55
	<u>\$ 2,781.55</u>

Mass attendance 147

**Parish Maintenance Collection
August 7 and August 8**

Offertory Collections	\$ 562.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 155.00
	<u>\$ 717.00</u>

August Special Collection

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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