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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.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS OFFERED FOR

Saturday, August 21, 2021, 4PM

Erika Brockmann — Memorial

Sunday, August 22, 2021, 10AM

Gloria Mason Zerella and Howard Zerella —
Memorials

Saturday, August 28, 2021, 4PM

David Mauro and Mary Masciarelli — Memorials

Sunday, August 29, 2021, 10AM

Jose Francis and Joy Sebastian—Memorials
Mary Masciarelli — Memorials

Scripture Readings

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

Readings for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 28 and August 29

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
Second Reading James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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 21

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

Sunday, August 22

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

Saturday, August 28

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

Sunday, August 29

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



Music for Celebrations of the Eucharist on August 21 and August 22

Gathering Song:	God We Gather As Disciples booklet #19
Preparation:	Plant your Word, O God booklet #5
Communion:	Many and Great booklet #13
Recessional:	Rain Down hymnal #505

WELCOME!

Current Masking and Seating Protocols

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

Aid for the People of Haiti

This month has seen an enormous amount of suffering around the world. The global pandemic continues. Heat and fires threaten lives in many countries including our own. People fear for their lives in Afghanistan as the country is taken over by the Taliban and the people of Haiti deal with yet another natural disaster with the recent earthquake.

We may feel helpless in all this and wonder how God could allow such great suffering. We have only to look to the cross of Christ to see God’s answer. Suffering is inevitable in this life. Innocent people suffer and die as Christ did on the cross.

While our faith in Christ’s resurrection tells us that there is something greater than the trials of the present, it also tells us that we are here to bring the things of God to our moment in time. As God reached out to bring Christ to new life, we are called to reach out and bring new life to those suffering in this hour.

Cardinal Sean O’Malley has set in motion an opportunity for the parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston to reach out in particular to the people of Haiti. He is inviting each parish to take up a collection for relief aid during the remaining weeks of August. **St. Matthias parish will take up this collection for the people of Haiti on the weekend of August 28th and 29th.**

Your donations will go to the efforts of the Catholic Relief Service and the churches of Haiti. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is sending teams to provide clean water, sanitation, shelter and emergency supplies.

Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of our sisters and brothers struggling to reshape their lives after yet another devastating blow to this island nation. Our hearts and prayers go out to the Haitian people, especially to those in our parish who have relatives and friends in Haiti.

If you would like to donate by check, please make it out to St. Matthias Parish with “Haitian Earthquake Relief” in the memo. You may mail your donation to us at any time within the next two weeks or bring it to Mass on August 28th/29th if you will be celebrating in person.

New Art Installation

Parishioners have been asking about the large orange sculpture that was recently installed across from the church at the entrance to New Horizons. Some have correctly guessed what it represents, while others have been baffled, even after being told what it is.

The following is from a communication sent to the residents of New Horizons.

“Our friends from Cummings (owners of New Horizons) have gifted us one of the sculptures of their bright orange “Iron Butterfly”... The foundation is installing these at Cummings businesses and technology parks throughout the North suburban and MetroWest areas.

Named for its resemblance to a monarch butterfly, the large-scale contemporary sculpture is a sign of hope, emergence, and rebirth... especially appropriate as we continue to rebound from the hardships brought on by the pandemic.”

One of our parishioners suggested that we should install a giant green praying mantis on our property to compliment our new butterfly neighbor. Probably not going to happen!

In any event, here is a picture of the sculpture and a picture of a recent visitor to our church garden. See the resemblance?



SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, September 12

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

FAITH FORMATION



Time to register for Faith Formation!

Please respond to your Faith Formation letter and registration by **August 30**. If you haven't received or have misplaced your registration form, please contact the office at admin@stmattpar.org or **508-460-9255**.

Also, mark September 12 on your calendar. This day Saint Matthias will celebrate our gathering as a worshipping community as we re-open after a long time away from each other. Mass will be celebrated under a large tent on the front lawn followed by a catered brunch and activities for the young and those not so young. During this mass we will remember members of our community and relatives and friends of our community who died during the pandemic. Coming together will be a source of comfort and strength for everyone.

**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.



WEEKLY OFFERTORY GOAL \$4,000.00

Offertory Collection for August 14 and August 15

Offertory Collection	\$ 1,144.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 1,907.55
	\$ 3,051.55

Assumption	\$ 215.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 0.00
	\$ 215.00

Mass attendance 109

August Special Collection

Parochial Schools: August 27 and 28

July 2021 Summary

Offertory Goal (\$4000x 4 Sundays)	\$ 16,000.00
Offertory Total Collected	\$ 13,446.20
Difference from Goal	\$ 2,553.80



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Conor Canavan

Marie Daigle

Richard Desjardin

LeAnne Gogel

Jeanette Kirk

Marie Leigh

Fr. Mike MacEwen

Maura McGuinness

Chris O'Brien,

Ayn Paoletta

Jennifer Reis

Raymond Sotek

Andrew Tivnan

Linda Thomasino

Jane Walsh

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

Thank you.



**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL
FRIENDS OF THE POOR
WALK/RUN**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

Registration at the Immaculate Conception Church beginning at 9:30 a.m.

To donate or register, go to

www.FOPWalk.org.

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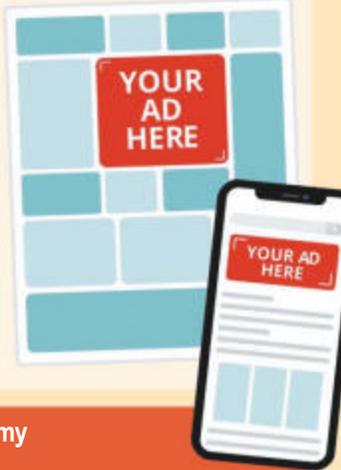
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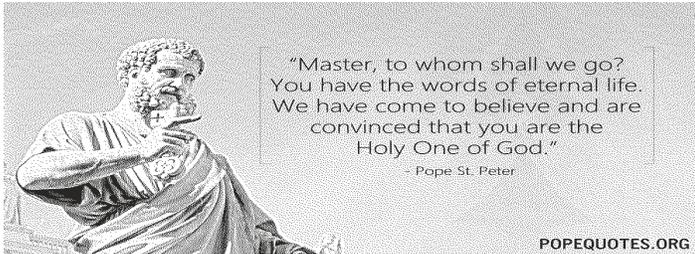
Mac Economy from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be reaching out to our community the week of **Aug 30th**, securing new ads for our church. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

Church bulletin advertising is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

Digital advertising allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on ParishesOnline.com — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!



Contact Mac Economy
207-691-5680



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Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the 2021 Catholic Appeal.

Your gift has an immediate impact on the Central Ministries that are supporting our parish, our schools, and our communities across the Archdiocese of Boston.

Our parish goal is \$22,754 and thanks to your generosity we are almost there with \$14,850. If you haven't had a chance to make your contribution, **help us reach our goal by making your gift at bostoncatholicappeal.org or scan the QR code above.**



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