

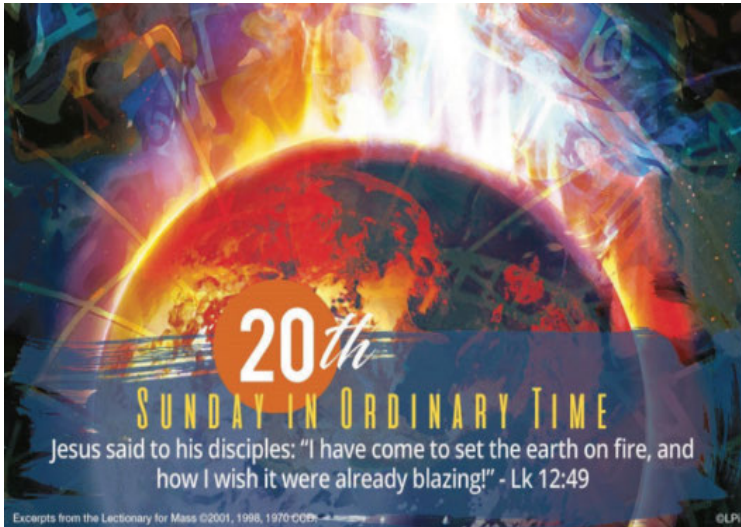
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Celebrations of the Eucharist

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 in the Church

Saturdays 4:00 PM

Sundays 10:00 AM

Weekdays in the Conference Room Chapel

Mondays and Tuesdays 9:00 AM

Holy Days: 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 currently celebrated 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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Week of August 14

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday



9:00AM to 12:00PM

During off-hours you may e-mail the office at any time
at: admin@stmattpar.org
or leave a voicemail at 508-460-9255.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, August 13

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 4:00 p.m.

Marlborough Community Cupboard Collection

Sunday, August 14

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 10:00 a.m.

Marlborough Community Cupboard Collection

Coffee Social Following Mass

Monday, August 15

Celebration of the Eucharist

Downstairs Conference Room Chapel, 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 16

Celebration of the Eucharist

Downstairs Conference Room Chapel, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, August 20

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 21

Celebration of the Eucharist

Church, 10:00 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 13

George Gazza — Memorial

Sunday, August 14

John and Laura Sousa

John and Delinda Roque

Memorial

Saturday, August 20

Lawrence Foti — Memorial

Sunday, August 21

Anne Verhallen — Memorial



Coffee Social

Sunday, August 14

Parish Hall following 10:00 AM Mass

Join us for some coffee and conversation
Sunday following the 10:00 a.m Mass.

All Are Welcome



Music for Celebrations of the Eucharist August 13 ad August 14

Gathering Song: Come To Me O Weary Traveler
hymnal # 630

Preparation: Take Up Your Cross
hymnal # 690

Communion: Unless A Grain Of Wheat
hymnal # 699

Recessional: God, We Gather As Disciples
booklet # 11

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13 and August 14

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20 and August 21

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30



Pre-recorded Mass can be found posted online
on Facebook post Sundays by 10:00 AM. Just
search [@stmattpar](https://www.facebook.com/stmattpar) OR Visit our website on
your favorite browser at www.stmattpar.org
to view the Mass from our homepage.

From Fr. Fran

The other day I was talking to our exterminator who was here checking on our buildings. I mentioned that we've been seeing a lot more wildlife around the neighborhood lately and I wondered if it had anything to do with the drought. Perhaps the critters were seeking out food closer to our homes because the supply was lean in the woods. He doubted that was the case and said that I'd be amazed at how many, and varied species of animals live all around us. He said he wouldn't be surprised if there are some bears in our local community, since they've been seen in Southborough and Sudbury.

This got me thinking that sometimes we can get so caught up in our daily agendas that we might miss some interesting things happening all around us. It's easy to live in our own personal bubbles. We can find like-minded folks on social media; we can watch news programs tailored to our point of view; we are worried about the economy, our health, our families. One or more of these concerns can become obsessions without us realizing it.

How Jesus dealt with the everyday stresses and concerns of his life is a model for us. There are many passages in scripture where we see Jesus first go off alone to pray before embarking on a mission. Afterwards he would steal away by himself again to reflect upon all that God had done through him. Since so many of the images he used in his parables involved the land, crops, sheep, birds, etc., he surely saw in nature not only his inspiration but also how the hand of God was caring for all of creation, not just humankind.

It would be good for us to follow his lead. When our worries get the best of us, when our frustrations with the world overwhelm, instead of ruminating on it all, how about making space for God to enter in. That might mean regularly scheduling some quiet alone time with God, or a simple walk in the woods, or enjoying a piece of music or a sunset, or watching for the wildlife living their lives all around us. The gifts of God are everywhere to be found if our eyes and ears are open to them.



One of our resident critters admiring Sr. Betty's garden at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel statute in the courtyard.

As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, this Sunday at the 10AM Mass a technician from **Power Sound of New England** will be at here fine tuning our new sound system. You may be aware of the tuning during Mass. While it will be a little intrusive, it will ensure we will have the best quality sound going forward. Thanks for your understanding.

This year the **Feast of the Assumption of Mary**, celebrated on August 15th, falls on a Monday. In the United States, feasts falling on a Saturday or Monday are not considered Holy Days of Obligation. Nevertheless, we will celebrate the feast at our usual Monday Mass at 9AM in the downstairs chapel/conference room. Please join us in honor of Our Blessed Mother.

Once again I have been hacked. A number of folks have received e-mails and text messages purportedly coming from me asking for various "favours". I can assure you, they are not from me. If you do receive a text from me it will come solely from my parish e-mail address. You can always e-mail me at that address to check if the message is for real.

A Note from Peter Brockmann, Director of Music

What makes a good Communion hymn?

Generally, we want the music to fit the actions.

Communion time at St Matthias is a special part of the liturgy. It is the climax of our time together.

As a member of the body of Christ, we each come forward to receive the body of Jesus and affirm our deep and personal commitment to being a member of his holy church. We start the playing of the introduction to the hymn as the celebrant receives the body of Christ himself. There is no announcement of the song necessary, but the song to be sung is usually (almost always) posted on the hymn board and is printed in the bulletin.

Even more so, we've developed a practice of choosing songs with simple and slow refrains that one can sing, even while in procession without the worship booklet or the hymnal in ones hands. Last week, we sang Father Fran's UBI CARITAS, which was not included in the booklet, but we felt because it was so well known and easy to sing, it would work fine. And it did.

The onus, therefore, is on the cantor to sing the verses with clarity and conviction so that the lyric, which is often a meditation on the paschal mystery, shines in these holiest of moments.

Let us sing,



FAITH FORMATION

Watch your mail for Faith Formation registration materials that were mailed recently to all families who participated in gatherings during the 2021-2022 year. It is helpful for planning purposes if registrations are completed as soon as possible. If you have questions regarding the registration process please contact April Lowe in the parish office at 508-460-9255 x101.

If you know families who have moved into our area and are interested in our Faith Formation meetings please let them know they are welcome to join our program and to either contact the office or provide mailing address so information can be forwarded to them.

If you are a new family who has moved into the area and would like your child(ren) to attend this coming year, blank registration forms are available to print out and fill out on our website at: <https://www.stmattpar.org/ffregistration110> or at the entrances to the church.

Have a happy and healthy summer!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Marlborough Community Cupboard Collection weekends. Collections will occur the 2nd weekend of the month (August 13/14 and September 10/11 to start). There will be a bin available during Mass times at the entrances for collection of food/toiletry items for the cupboard. As we take comfort in a small treat with our parish family we can remember those less fortunate by bringing in a donation!

Thank you for your donations!



COLLECTION BINS WILL BE PLACED AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCES THIS WEEKEND AUGUST 13 AND 14

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:30 AM**

Thank you for supporting for our annual Marlborough Friends of the Poor Walk. The walk is a joint effort of the St. Vincent de Paul Conferences from St. Matthias parish and Immaculate Conception church. This years walk will be on the last Saturday of September to honor the patron saint of our Society, St. Vincent de Paul, whose feast day is just days later. Walkers will complete a 3 mile walk along the scenic Assabet River Rail Trail. All proceeds from the walk will directly aid those in need in Marlborough. We hope you will join us!

Register to walk:
<https://www.fopwalk.org/walkerregistration/?eventid=2757>

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Contact:
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NOTICE: To add a loved one to this prayer list, please email: admin@stmattpar.org.

PARISH FINANCES

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Collections — August 6 and August 7

Offertory Collection	\$3,450.00
WeShare Offertory	\$2,415.00
WeShare Fees:	\$ - 73.99
	<u>\$5,791.01</u>

Surplus of the \$4,000 weekly goal: \$1,791.01

Total Mass Count: 150

Special collection : PIME Mission Appeal : \$602.00



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JUST A FEW SIMPLE STEPS

To set up one-time or recurring donations to the Regular Offertory, using our online giving platform, WeShare by MinistryBrands, please use the QR-code or go to:
wesharegiving.org/app/giving/stmatt.

Donations throughout the summer are vital to the financial health for our Parish.

SCAN ME



OFFERTORY GIFTS

Please place your weekly or special collection offertory gifts in the Offertory box at the main entrance to the church. There will be no passing of the basket during Mass until further notice.



Weekday Mass — Week of August 14



Weekday Mass will be held
Monday at 9:00 AM
Downstairs Conference
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A Funeral Mass will be held for
Theresa Perry
Tuesday at 10:00 AM in the Church

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