

Saint Matthias Parish

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To live out the message of Jesus Christ and become, in fact and appearance, a true Christian community.

Archbishop Richard Henning Statement on the Passing of the Holy Father

"I was deeply saddened by the news of the passing of Pope Francis. His legacy as Holy Father is broad and deep. In his ministry and across his writings he has continuously called us to deeper faith and to a more generous participation in the boundless compassion of God. He has challenged us to turn away from selfish impulses and towards communion with others and respect for God's creation. I am personally grateful that he called me to the Episcopacy and entrusted me with the pastoral care of the Church of Boston. His example remains a guiding light to the Universal Church. Through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, may he rest in peace."



Parish Leadership

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Welcome New Parishioners!

We invite you to share in our life as a Eucharistic Community. Please complete a registration card online at www.stmattpar.org/parish-registration or register at the parish office. We look forward to welcoming you to our parish 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. For more information, contact Theresa Salafia (tsalafia@stmattpar.org).

Community Prayer Line

Our prayer group, comprised of parishioners and coordinated by Louise Baduski, offers prayers for you, your loved ones and/or friends. Requests may be made by email to Louise at: teddybear903@verizon.net. Prayer needs may also be placed in the "Prayer Request" box at the rear of the church or call the office directly. All requests are kept confidential within the group.

Sacraments

If you are interested in baptism, a wedding, anointing or Rite Of Christian Initiation, please contact the parish office 508-460-9255 or email admin@stmattpar.org or contact Fr. Steve via email frmadden@stmattpar.org.



Celebrations of the Eucharist

Weekend Masses in the Church

Saturdays 4:00 PM

Sundays 10:00 AM

Pre-recorded Mass on-line Sundays by 10:00AM at
www.stmattpar.org and Facebook: @stmattpar

Weekdays in the Conference Room Chapel

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays 9:00 AM

Holy Days: 9 AM and 7 PM in Church

Confessions: Saturdays 3:15 PM

If you are in need of assistance, please call our
St. Matthias St. Vincent dePaul Society volunteers at: 978-493-3037

St. Matthias Parish



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Week of April 13, 2025

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

During off-hours, you may leave a message
with the office at any time.

Send E-mail to: admin@stmattpar.org

Leave voicemail at: 508-460-9255.

Intentions of the Eucharist

Saturday, April 26 — 4:00 p.m.

Paricia Savoie — Memorial

Sunday, April 27 10:00 a.m.

Christine Carey — Memorial

Saturday, May 3 — 4:00 p.m.

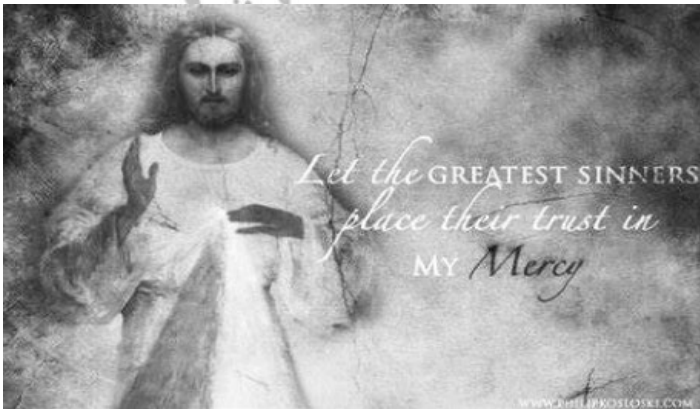
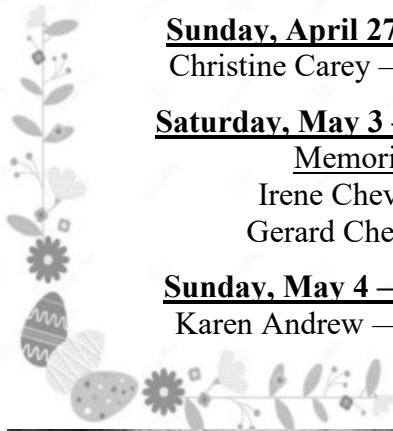
Memorial

Irene Chevette

Gerard Chevette

Sunday, May 4 — 10:00 a.m.

Karen Andrew — Memorial



WEEKDAY MASS WEEK OF APRIL 27



Weekday Mass will be held on
Monday, Tuesday and Friday
9:00 AM Downstairs Chapel

FACE BOOK LIVE-STREAMED/RECORDED MASS

Unable to attend Mass in person? Please view the pre-recorded Mass video posted on Facebook after Sunday Mass by **12:00 pm**. Just search **@stmattpar** OR visit **www.stmattpar.org**

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, April 26

Celebration of the Eucharist

4:00 p.m., Church

Sunday, April 27

Celebration of the Eucharist

10:00 a.m., Church

Monday, April 28

Celebration of the Eucharist

9:00 a.m., Downstairs Chapel

Tuesday, April 29

Celebration of the Eucharist

9:00 a.m., Downstairs Chapel

Wednesday, April 30

Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m., Church

Friday, May 2

Celebration of the Eucharist

9:00 a.m., Downstairs Chapel

Saturday, May 3

St. Vincent dePaul Clothing Drive

Celebration of the Eucharist

4:00 p.m., Church

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

5:00 p.m., Parish Hall

Sunday, May 4 — First Eucharist

St. Vincent dePaul Clothing Drive

Celebration of the Eucharist

10:00 a.m., Church

READINGS FOR MASS

April 26 and April 27

Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31

May 3 and May 4

Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Meetings for 2024-2025 have concluded. We are now in preparation for **First Eucharist, Sunday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m.** and Confirmation, Sunday, May 18 at 10:00 a.m. During these days please remember the candidates and their families in your prayers. We hope you will join in the celebrations of Eucharist and Confirmation on May 4 and May 18.

ST. MATTHIAS ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY A CALL TO SERVE

INFORMATION SESSION—REFRESHMENTS MAY 10 5:00PM PARISH HALL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic lay organization that helps those in need or those living in poverty. We grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to people in need. We see “the face of Christ” in those we service as Jesus taught us when he said, “Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do to me.”

Today, the need to service those who are living in need is very great. We have been able to help over 250 families in Marlboro with utility, rent and food assistance, provide transportation to doctor’s visits and interviews and car repairs to name a few.

Our Conference is a small group of dedicated women and men who are inviting you to consider joining us in making a difference. Not only will you be helping those in need, but you will also find yourself growing in God’s love and the desire to share that love with others.

After Mass on **Saturday, May 10th**, there will be members of the St. Matthias Conference downstairs in the Paris Hall to answer your questions about our organization. Please take some time to reflect in your heart if God is calling you to serve those in need through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Thank you for your past generosity that you have shown to the works of the Society by your financial and material donations.

Please, come join us downstairs, **Saturday, May 10th** after Mass for some refreshments and to find out more about what we do.

Thank you,

Jackie Tolan, President

A NOTE FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR PETER BROCKMANN

This Sunday’s Gospel recounts the powerful moment when the risen Christ appears to the disciples, and Thomas—who had doubted—comes to believe: “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28). This encounter gives rise to Jesus’ blessing: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” In other words, blessed are we—modern disciples—who walk not by sight but by faith.

That’s why today’s hymn, *We Walk by Faith*, is such a fitting response. Written by Henry Alford in the 19th century and set to the tune *Shanti* by Marty Haugen, the hymn expresses the journey of discipleship in the absence of physical proof. It speaks directly to the heart of Thomas’ story—and ours—where belief isn’t rooted in visible signs, but in the witness of others and the trust that grows through grace.

Each verse gently acknowledges our human struggle: “We may not touch His hands and side, nor follow where He trod,” but affirms that Christ is truly present and invites our faith anyway. The refrain echoes our prayer: “Increase our faith!” It’s a reminder that faith is a gift and a journey.

As we sing this hymn today at the Preparation of the Gifts, may it be both a comfort and a challenge. In a world that often demands proof, we are called to walk in trust—supported by Scripture, the sacraments, and each other—toward the One who lovingly calls us to believe.

Let us sing!

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Jacqueline Abraham	Robert Fischer	Patty Murphy
Donna Anastas	Patricia Gazza	Debra Natoli
Bill Balicki	Rachael Goulet	Dennis Natoli
Arthur C.	Rosalie Green	Virginia Neff
Jim C.	Brian Hendrix	Keri Prindle
Melissa C.	Dean Horton	Judy Richards
William C.	John Keeler	Danielle Saitz
Conor Canavan	Chris Kenney	Ellie Signa
Karen Chiasson	Theresa Lamb	Marge Shea Burke
Ronald Chiasson	Patrick Mauro	Linda Thacker
Stephen Chiasson	Ray McCabe	Linda Thomasino
Andrea Durant	Sylvia Morey	Lydia Whitcomb
Claire Fallon	Mike Morrissey	Alexandra Zahir

NOTICE: Add your loved ones to this prayer list. Please email: admin@stmattpar.org or call 508-460-9255.

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

JOIN US!

St Matthias Parish invites you!

Tacos and burritos, piñata surprise,
Beer, wine, and laughter—joy multiplies!
Grab your sombrero, bring castanets,
A night full of fun, no one regrets!

Test what you know with trivia delight,
Celebrate Mexico—one festive night! 🌮🥂



Saturday, May 3, 2025 5 pm

Buffet Way Catering • Desserts • Wine • Beer
• Juices • Sodas • Entertainment • Sing-a-long
• Trivia • 50/50 Draw • Piñata • Door Prizes

LAST WEEKEND FOR TICKET SALES



Tickets: \$20/adult, \$10/child
on sale after Mass: April 12/13, April 26/27

Bring your friends!
Bring your neighbors!

St. Vincent de Paul

SPRING

Clothing and Shoes Drive

Saturday

Sunday

May 3

May 4



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SPRINKLING RITE

The rite of sprinkling, also called the Asperges rite, recalls the new life we receive in the waters of our baptism. Though most common during the Easter season, this rite can take place on any Sunday and is used in place of the penitential act.

Prayer of Divine Mercy

O Blood and Water that redeems and saves,
have mercy on us!

O Blood and Water that heals and restores,
have mercy on us!

O Blood and Water that strengthens and renews,
have mercy on us!

Amen.

MUSIC FOR THE WEEK of **April 26 and April 27**

Gathering Song: *Christ Has Risen*
Booklet # 6

Preparation: *We Walk by Faith*
Hymnal # 583

Communion: *Bread Of Life From Heaven*
Hymnal 803

Recessional: *There's A Wideness In God's Mercy*
Hymnal 626

PARISH FINANCES

Weekly Offertory Goal \$4,000.00

April 12 and April 13
Offertory Collection

Offertory Collection	\$ 2,553.00
WeShare Offertory	\$ 672.00
	\$ 3,225 .00

Weekly Goal Deficit: \$ 775.00

**Please note that the Easter Collection goes directly to the Archdiocese of Boston for the Clergy Retirement Health Fund. Therefore no funds will be deposited into the St. Matthias Operating budget.

Clergy Easter Collection: \$4,091.00



JOIN WESHARE IN JUST A FEW SIMPLE STEPS

To set up one-time or recurring donations to the Regular Offertory, using our online giving platform, WeShare by Ministry Brands, please use the QR-code or visit: wesharegiving.org/app/giving/stmatt
Your donations support the daily operations and overhead expenses of the parish.

SCAN ME



GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FY 2025 **as of 4/22/25**

The **St. Matthias 2025 Grand Annual Collection** is still open for your donations to the parish's operating budget. We appreciate your on-going support.

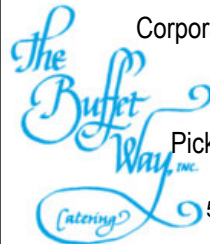
All donations go directly to our operating budget, so please consider the parish finances and pray for our parish's future.

Goal: \$80,000

Donation Total:	\$57,125
Remaining to reach goal:	\$22,875
Percentage of goal achieved:	71%

Thank You!

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