

Saint Matthew Parish Southborough, MA



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105 Southville Road
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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00PM
Sunday: 7:30AM, 10:00AM & 6:00PM

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Mass: Monday—Friday at 8:00am
Prayer Service : Saturday at 8:00am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

9:00AM-3:00PM, Monday - Friday, or by appointment

PARISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

All items must be presented to the Parish Office by Tuesday at 9:00 AM

CONTACT:

Parish Office (Rectory): 508-485-2285, Fax: 508-485-4437
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Tuesday at 6:30pm or by appointment.
Communal Penance Services during Advent and Lent.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Contact Pastor six months in advance to allow for pre-marriage program and arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism.
Baptism Class for parents are held the second Friday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Parish Center.

VISITATION OF THE SICK:

Anyone who is unable to celebrate the Eucharist with us in the Church because of age or illness, please contact the Parish Office.

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS:

We welcome new members to our parish family and ask that you contact the Parish Office to register.

MASS Intentions

4:00 Saturday, December 18, 2021
Sam Sanchioni, 20th Annivesary, req. by his daughter Betty
Francis Venuto, 1st Anniversary, req. by family

Sunday, December 19, 2021
7:30 Laurie Bilodeau, req. by Maryanne Bilodeau
10:00 Anne and Victor Muschiano, req. by their family
Margaret Anne Hostage, req. by the family
6:00 Thomas Collacchio, 17th Anniversary, req. by the family

Monday December 20, 2021
8:00 Mrs. Cunis, req. by Jean and Carol Borek

Tuesday, December 21, 2021
8:00 Christopher Murphy, 1st Anniversary, req. by Betty Murphy

Friday, December 24, 2021
5:30 Rita McCarthy, req. by the family
10:00 William and Marguerite Murphy, req. by Barbara Murphy

Sunday, December 25, 2021
4:00
7:30 Arthur J Smith, 11th anniversary, req. by Patricia Smith Murphy
10:00 Bob Veno, req. by Meg Veno
Margaret Anne Hostage, req. by the family
Sister Ursula Tisdall, req. by Sister Betsy
6:00 Deceased members of the Maillett family, req. by the family

PRAYERS-Please pray for all the sick and hospitalized in our parish community including: Virginia Phillips, Gloria Aspesi, Giovanna Moynihan, David and Madeline Gracia, Annemarie Hackett, Barbara Callahan, Nancy Monahan, Robert Whitney, Richard Coughlin, Tracy Benkowsky, Linda Lane, Sara Riordan, Jerry Philippon, Walker Smith, Philip Decisero, Dylan Hackett, Bill Pound, Gregg Merloni, Christine McManus, Evelyn McDonald, Steve Ryan Thomas Fell, Bernie Bradstreet, and Vinnie Acampora.



The Symbolism in the Christmas Wreath



The circle of evergreen symbolizes everlasting life. It also symbolizes the eternity of God, who has no beginning and no end. Next time you see a Christmas wreath, remember God's promise of everlasting life through Christ.



Inclement Weather Notice: Please note that if the Southborough Schools are **DELAYED** or **CLOSED** due to inclement weather, there will be **NO 8:00AM Mass**.

Offertory: Last weekend's offertory was \$10,894.00 Thank you for your continued generosity. Our second collection for the Retirement fund for the Religious received \$1879.00 thank you for your generosity



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve:

4:00pm—Fr. James Flynn
5:30pm—Fr. Conrad Pecevich
10:00pm—Fr. James Flynn

Christmas Day:

7:30am—Fr. Tony Penna
10:00am—Fr. James Flynn

St Jude's of Waldron, Arkansas- Christmas Gift Cards



We have been asked to help the people of St. Jude's in Arkansas with gift cards from Home Depot, Walmart or Target. The area has been devastated by the pandemic, tornados, and unemployment. Our help is urgently needed. Thank you and God bless.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to the Pernet Giving Stars Christmas Gift Drive and to St. Jude's Gift Card Drive. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will bring many smiles on Christmas morning.



2021 Christmas Festival of Lights
Fatima Shrine
101 Summer St., Holliston MA
December 9-27
5:00pm-9:00pm

Lessons and Carols

Robert and David and some of the lectors will join together this Christmas and offer a **Lessons and Carols** event right before the 10:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. This beautiful traditional event will consist of Christmas readings and multiple carols. It's a truly wonderful Christmas experience. This program will start at 9:15p.m. in the Church with the 10:00 Christmas Eve Mass following this event. All are welcome.





Mark Polny, Youth Minister: mark.polny@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/St.MatthewSouthboroYouthMinistry/>



FIFTEEN WITH GOD every Wednesday 7:30-7:45pm in the church. Middle and high school youth, and their families, are welcome to join us for this quiet, simple and brief evening prayer. Also available on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87115379734?pwd=ZFF2WnBPkd6YWZ6ZktETW5GaE1Rdz09>
Meeting ID: 871 1537 9734

HOT CHOCOLATE BAR: Every Wednesday before FIFTEEN WITH GOD 7:00pm-7:30pm. Downstairs of the church.



GOTCHA COVERED: Thank you to everyone that made a blanket!! Over forty youth and their families made more than fifty blankets.

MISSISSIPPI MISSION TRIP 2022: Save the date!! St. Matthew Youth Ministry hopes to return to Mississippi July 23-July 30. Watch for details! Registration begins January 9th. Info and forms available at church exit. Information meetings Jan 9 after the 10:00am Mass and after the 6:00pm Mass

Pernet Family Health Service

Dear Rev. Flynn,
It is with great joy I write to you about the impact of your congregation's recent gift of \$1,050 worth of grocery store gift cards. Food insecurity is a national issue and local issue, so your generosity is greatly appreciated. This Thanksgiving, 288 families received a Thanksgiving Food Basket. A total of 11,257 lbs. of food was distributed.

You made this possible. Our Emergency Assistance Program staff and volunteers worked tirelessly to put the Thanksgiving food baskets together and delivered to the families when needed.

Your support is invaluable to us, thank you again! Please feel free to contact Wanja at wkiraguri@per4netfamilyhealth.org if you have any specific questions, we would love the opportunity to thank you again.

With deepest gratitude, and warmest wishes,

Sincerely,
Sheilah Dooley (Executive Director)



Thank you to all those who contributed to the annual Advent Gift Drive to benefit the Pernet Center!

Religious Education – Grades 1-8:

The next religious ed week is Sunday, January 9 through Wednesday, January 12. Children should plan to bring their books with them, wear masks and use hand sanitizer upon arrival.

High School Religious Ed:

The Afternoon Session of High School Religious Ed meets next on Sunday, January 30 from 4:30-5:30pm. Christian Morality and the College Experience with Fr. Flynn for grade 12 will also meet next on January 30 from 7:00-8:00pm. The next Morning Session Session is not until February 6, 2022.

Confirmation: The Enrollment Mass is scheduled for January 9, 6:00 Mass. The Candidate and Sponsor Meeting will be held immediately following. Please be in touch with Mrs. Comcowich if you have any questions or concerns.

First Communion: The next classes are Sunday, January 9 and Wednesday, January 12. Parent meetings to discuss this preparation are scheduled for January 4 at 7:00pm and Wednesday, January 5 at 10:00am; please plan to attend whichever works best with your schedule.



Congratulations to the children who received the sacrament of Reconciliation on December 11.

May God bless Jacob Arbeene, Olivia Aspesi, Sarah Aspesi, Emersyn Baker, Ila Bartolini, Zachary Beane, Emma Bellefontaine, John Benson, Sean Bishop, Michael Carbeau, Caroline Cox, Elijah Craig, Henrik Craig, Amelia Curley, Tyler Davison, Brooklyn DeHaven, Mason Gaiero, Daphne Glaser, Ethan Harpish, Abigail Hayes, Ella Hermann, Logan Hey, Lilly Jackson, Rosemary Lee, Samantha Leger, Adalynne Lorenson, Thomas MacKay, Reese MacKinnon, Samuel Mazzeo, Claire McCarthy, Jacob Medernach, Royce Mioline, Emily Murphy, Nicolas Lomuto, Abigail O'Brien, Jack Pantera, Lucien Paquette, Reagan Phaneuf, Jake Riccobono, Grace Robinson, Patrick Sassa, Ethan Siber, Cayden Slitt, Jack Sorrentino, Braeden Sugrue, Maya Vendetti, Ryan Whiting, Colin Wilson, and Christopher Wren.

A special thank you to their teachers for preparing them: Mrs. Heather Davison, Mr. Matthew Pantera and Mrs. Jessica Phaneuf.

Procedures for Reporting Sexual Misconduct

If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester. The report can be made by phone, contact Judith Audette, L.I.C.S.W, Director of the Office for Healing and Prevention, (508) 929-4363 or in writing, and sent to Office for Healing and Prevention, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

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