

Saint Matthew Parish Southborough, MA



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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:

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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

Saturday	December 25, 2021
7:30	Greg Merloni
Sunday	December 26, 2021
7:30	David D'Aguanno req. by Terrie and Rob Pirozzi
10:00	Ginny and Frank Kelly req. by their family Margaret Anne Hostage, req. by the family
Monday	December 27, 2021
8:00	Greg Meroni
Tuesday	December 28, 2021
8:00	Greg Meroni
Wednesday	December 29, 2021
8:00	George Bailey req. by the family
Thursday	December 30, 2021
8:00	Susan Rollinson , req. by Michael Girardi
Friday	December 31, 2021
8:00	
Saturday	January 1, 2022
4:00	Ron Philips , 2nd Anniversary req. by Mary Purcell
Sunday	January 2, 2020
7:30	Robert Green, reg. the Tommaney family
10:00	Joseph V. Pyne, 2nd Anniversary , req. the by friends and family
6:00	Napoleon (Nap) Lelievre req. by his children William Paul Lawlor, req. by Tommaney 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 Deciscero, Dylan Hackett, Bill Pound, Gregg Merloni, Christine McManus, Evelyn McDonald, Steve Ryan Thomas Fell , Bernie Bradstreet, and Vinnie Acampora.



CONGRATULATIONS TO

**Vera Penelope Hudson
Julian Bennett Hudson**

We welcome them to our community.

RCIA -Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for any adult interested in becoming Catholic or for those adult Catholics who wish to receive the Sacrament of The Eucharist or Confirmation. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in learning more about the RCIA program.



Offertory: Last weekend's offertory was \$10,894.00 Thank you for your continued generosity.

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**.



New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve 12/31

5:00pm (Vigil of Solemnity of Mary)

New Year's Day 1/1/22

7:30 AM, 10:00 AM

All of the above Masses will be available on Facebook.

A very special **Thank You** to Sister Betsy for giving the woman of our parish and a few visitors a wonderful evening of reflection on the topic of "Why Jesus Came Among us." For those that missed it, we hope you will join us for one of our future evenings. (to be announced). You wont be disappointed with this wonderful speaker.



Thank You Parishioners and Friends of St Matthew Parish

For all those who gave so generously to the Pernet Stars Giving Tree and helped make the Christmas wishes of others come true, and for those who donated grocery cards so that our friends who needed assistance could have delicious Christmas meals, and to all who donated gift cards to the St. Jude's of Waldron Arkansas, and to all the volunteers who worked so tirelessly to pull it all together so that others could have a wonderful Christmas a huge Thank you goes out to each and every one of you. Your love and kindness will be remembered by many this Christmas.



2021 Christmas Festival of Lights
Fatima Shrine
101 Summer St., Holliston MA

NATIVITY OF THE LORD



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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=ZFF2WnBPckd6YWZ6ZktETW5GaE1Rdz09>
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

St Matthew's Basketball



St Matts Basketball is a go this year!! Ashland, Hopkinton and Southborough members of Saint Matts welcome to join. Message Fr. Flynn for more information.



As the weather gets colder let us not forget our friends and neighbors who need our assistance when times are difficult.

The food pantry has asked for the following donations raspberry jelly, Cereal (but please no fruit loops, frosted flakes or cheerios,) cream of wheat, chunky peanut Butter, dill pickles, green olives, olive oil, plastic wrap, pump hand soap , zip lock bags. Donations can be left at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.



Pre- Cana

Our annual Pre-Cana will be held on January 29. from 8:30 to 4:30 please call the parish office for registration, and further details.



DECEMBER 25 & 26 2021



Thank you for your support of the annual Advent Gift Drive to benefit the Pernet Center!
"For it is in giving that we receive." – St. Francis of Assisi.

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 of High School Religious Ed will be on Sunday, February 6 from 8:30-9:30am.



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.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY — Prayer shawls are available for those who are in need of being "wrapped" in prayer and need some comfort in time of illness, grief, or experiencing a difficult time. Contact the Parish Office if you would like a prayer shawl for yourself or a friend, family, or co-worker, who may benefit from receiving one.

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