

# Saint Matthias Parish

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## Celebrations of the Eucharist

### The Lord's Day

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

### Liturgy of the Word for Children

Liturgy of the Word for Children is Celebrated at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month (October through April)

### Weekday

Monday, Tuesday, and Friday: 9:00 a.m.

### Holy Day

9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

## 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 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 found at the church entrances or register at the parish office. We look forward to welcoming you to our parish community.

## St. Matthias Parish

### INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

**Saturday, June 16 — 4:00 p.m.**

David Mauro — 5th Anniversary Memorial

**Sunday, June 17 — 10:00 a.m.**

Thomas Grasso and Edward Surprenant — Memorial

**Friday, June 22 — 9:00 a.m.**

Rocco Addeo — 2nd Anniversary Memorial

**Saturday, June 23 — 4:00 p.m.**

Anthony and Yvette Peltak — Memorial

**Sunday, June 24 — 10:00 a.m.**

Niceas Barcinas — Memorial

### Weekday Mass for the Week of June 17



Weekday Mass will be held  
**Monday, Tuesday and Friday**  
9:00 a.m.

in the downstairs conference room

### Office Hours for the Week of June 17

**Monday, Tuesday and Thursday**

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**

9:00 a.m. — Noon

### *CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST MUSIC SELECTIONS*

**Gathering:** Praise and Thanksgiving  
Hymnal # 754

**Preparation of Gifts:** Plant Your Word  
Booklet # 4 pg. 15

**Communion:** Where Two Or Three Are Gathered  
Booklet # 10 pg. 19

**Recessional:** Bring Forth The Kingdom  
Hymnal # 640



### THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

**Saturday, June 16**

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

**Sunday, June 17—Happy Father's Day**

- **Celebration of the Eucharist with Baptism**  
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**  
Parish Hall, following Mass

**Wednesday, June 20**

- **Shawl Ministry**  
Downstairs Conference Room, 6:45 p.m.
- **St. Vincent DePaul Meeting**  
Parish Hall, 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, June 23**

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

**Sunday, June 24**

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**  
Parish Hall, following Mass



### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Please welcome into our faith community

*Arianna Claire Gerber*

**Sunday, June 17** during the 10:00 a.m.  
Celebration of the Eucharist

Together let us pray for *Arianna Claire Gerber*  
and Arianna's family.

### **NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Readings for Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
June 23 and June 24

Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80

FROM FR. FRAN

**Father's Day**

**Happy Father's Day** to all the dads, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, uncles, brothers and special men in our lives who have shown us love and affection over the years. May God continue to bless you in your vocation and may the Holy Spirit be your constant companion.

For the entire month of June, we also remember those important men in our lives who have gone before us and await us in God's reign. If you haven't already done so, please inscribe their names in our parish Book of Remembrance which you will find next to the tabernacle.

**The End of the Fiscal Year**

On June 30<sup>th</sup> we will close the books on another fiscal year at St. Matthias. While our annual report to parishioners will be presented in September, here's a snapshot of some of the more significant items from this year's ledger.

While we didn't hit our Grand Annual Goal of \$80,000, at this writing we are just over \$60,000. There is still time to donate! If you stretched your donation out over the year, now is the time to make your final payment. For those who have yet to donate, whatever you are able to give will be greatly appreciated. Is it too much to dream that we can close out the year with \$70,000?

We just received our final bill of the snow removal season. As you may remember, old man winter was not kind in March. While we budgeted \$15,000 for snow removal and lawn care we will end up over budget by a few thousand dollars.

We needed to purchase a new phone system this year and at the same time we switched our carrier. This will result in a significant reduction of the phone bill and much more reliable equipment.

We had some unbudgeted repair bills for the parish hall heating unit. The unit must now be replaced. This cost will be included in our FY19 budget.

The most concerning statistic this year is that our Weekly Offertory Collection for FY2018 is under budget by \$10,000. Some of this has been made up by generosity to the Grand Annual Collection and coming in under budget in a number of other areas. However, it looks like we will end the year with an approximately \$5,000 deficit which will be covered by our cash reserves.

Members of our Parish Finance Council, who are now putting the finishing touches on next year's budget, tell me that we will be in good shape *if* we have a consistent weekly Offertory of \$4,000 in FY2019. (If you are keeping track of our weekly donations you will see that in recent times our weekly collections have been far under our goal.)

Whatever *you* can do to help us meet our goal is greatly appreciated. Please don't forget our parish during the summer months when you are traveling and are with us less frequently. If you haven't checked out our on-line giving program I encourage you to do so. Many parishioners have found it a great way to support St. Matthias. Information on Weshare is found below.

Thanks for your continued generosity. Onward into summer!

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP	
<b>Weekly Offertory Goal:</b>	\$4,000.00
Offertory collection of June 10 and June 11	\$ 4,403.00*
Of that amount WeShare donations	\$ 1,120.00
Parish Maintenance Collection	\$ 2,203.50
Of that amount WeShare donations	\$ 120.50
Parishioners celebrating Mass	308
*This represents a <b>surplus of \$403.00</b> toward the weekly offertory goal.	
<b><u>Special Collections for June</u></b>	
June 16 and June 17 — Promoting the Gospel	
June 23 and June 24 — Parochial Schools	

**WESHARE — ONLINE OFFETORY**

The Parish Community wishes everyone a safe and fun summer while traveling or enjoying a local vacation. Throughout the summer the work of the parish community continues and can only be accomplished with your continued monetary support through the offertory collection.

WeShare is a simple and automated way to continue to make your contributions to the Parish offertory. Your contributions are automatically deducted from your checking or savings account or from your credit card. You select whether to make payments once or twice a month or weekly. You can sign up directly on their website <https://stmattpar.churchgiving.com> or call the parish office for assistance.

## FAITH FORMATION

Special wishes to all fathers, grandfathers, brothers, uncles, friends and those who love and protect us. We thank you for helping and caring for us this day and always. Happy Father's Day from Faith Formation families and catechists.

Re-registration forms for Faith Formation, Levels 2-10 (Grades 2-10) were mailed this week to those families who were registered during 2017-2018. If there are new members of your family joining Faith Formation you may add their information to the form.

Registration packets for new families will be in a folder attached to the bulletin board as you exit the front door of the church. You may also call the parish Faith Formation Office and request a packet be sent to you. 508-460-9255 or email [tsalafia@stmattpar.org](mailto:tsalafia@stmattpar.org)

**First Eucharist 2019 is Sunday, May 5 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Confirmation 2019 is Saturday, June 8 at 4:00 p.m.** Bishop Robert Reed will administer the sacrament. Sunday, May 19, 2019, 6:00 p.m. is Confirmation candidate dinner with families and sponsors.

Father's Day

Blessings



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY JUNE 17, 2018



Prayer Shawl  
Ministry

This **Sunday, June 17, 2018** the St. Matthias Prayer Shawl Ministry will have a display of blessed shawls and lap robes available to anyone who wishes to take one home for the comfort and support of a loved one going through a trying period in their lives. As you prepare your travel plans to visit family and friends, a shawl may be the perfect gift to share the prayers of our parish with others.

After the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall, please speak with a Shawl Ministry member and they will help you select the lap robe or shawl that fits your needs.

## OUR FATHER'S TABLE TUESDAY, JULY 10

**NEW HOPE CHURCH — (204 MAIN ST.)**

St. Matthias Parish community members will be hosting *Our Father's Table* on **Tuesday, July 10, beginning at 4:00 p.m.** If you are interested in being a server, cook or if you are able to bake desserts for the folks who attend, please contact Sue Dolesh for further details via email: [daledolesh@gmail.com](mailto:daledolesh@gmail.com).

## CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you to the 84 donors who have donated \$17,730.00 to the Catholic Appeal. This amount is 71% of our assessment. **You are still able to contribute and help Saint Matthias raise the balance of \$4,338.00 that is required of us.** If you have any questions please contact Theresa Salafia at [tsalafia@stmattpar.org](mailto:tsalafia@stmattpar.org) or contact the parish office at 508-460-9255.

## PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK

*Please Pray For...*

*Richard Abraham, Conor Canavan, Joseph Cox, Adelbert Cyr, Rita Dennison, David Giugno, Russ Hokanson, Kay McNeill, Michael Messom, Betty Montgomery, Theresa Morrill, Deborah Natoli, Jennifer Natoli, Theresa Perry, Jean Peltak, Andy Rivers, Kathleen Shine, Pedro Torres, and Jenny Weibel*

**\*\*Please let the office know if you would like our parish to pray for the health and support of support of your loved ones.**

## ARCHDIOCESE SECOND COLLECTION PROMOTING THE GOSPEL

This week's second collection, *Promoting the Gospel*, will be shared by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). These two organizations communicate the Gospel by promoting works of justice, education and the dignity of human life. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes and will support our local communications needs, such as Catholic TV programming.

For more information about these two organizations, please visit:

1. [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd)
2. [www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-communication-campaign/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-communication-campaign/index.cfm)

While this collection supports national efforts, a portion of the proceeds are designated for local CCHD grants and parish communication efforts. Thank you.

## REMEMBERING THE MEN IN OUR LIVES



During the month of June, we remember our deceased fathers and those men who have been a source of strength, comfort and inspiration to us with a special Prayer of the Faithful at each of the masses. Throughout June you are invited to inscribe the names of the important men in your life in our book of remembrance, located near the tabernacle.

If you wish to make a donation to our parish in honor of your father or any other special man in your life, you are invited to place your donation in the Father's Day envelopes found at the entrances to the church. Those who receive offertory envelopes will find a Father's Day envelope in your monthly packet. You may place your donation in the collection basket on the Sundays throughout June or drop it off (or mail it) to the parish office.

## WAYS TO HONOR A LOVED ONE OR FRIEND AT ST. MATTHIAS CHURCH



As we pay tribute to the many experiences that touch our lives and the lives of our families, St. Matthias Parish offers parishioners and friends many opportunities to celebrate a loved one while monetarily sustaining the life of our parish.

- Sponsor a Sunday Coffee Social.
- Request a Mass Intention to honor an anniversary or birthday of a loved one (living or deceased).
- Make a contribution to the Sacramental Wine and Bread or Altar Candles in honor of someone. Contribution can be made for a specific week or a special month.

All contributions will appear in the parish bulletin and a poster will be created for the coffee social sponsorship. If you are interested in donating in one of the options above or would like additional information, please call the parish office 508-460-9255. Your contribution will be most welcome and appreciated.

## Grand Annual Collection

Our **Grand Annual Collection** continues to accept donations until the end of our fiscal year, **June 30, 2018**. If you haven't already donated, now is the time! Many thanks for your participation in this important fundraiser.

### GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

Goal	\$80,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$65,525.00
Total Collected:	\$63,070.00
To Reach Goal:	\$14,475.00
Families Pledged:	123