

Hear what parishioners are saying:

"My first visit to the church with my family, everyone was very welcoming and concerned. That encouraged my family to stay."

"It's a great congregation...acceptance and the style of worship teach the youth and adults about the ways of God and the importance of life."

"I feel that I am part of a family, welcomed and supported."

"The most meaningful part of our worship is participating together in the service and sacrament of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

"I knew St Matthew's cared when parishioners visited, did yard work, and sent cards after my husband's surgeries."

"The prayer book is important as a foundation but we are open to some experimentation."

"The prayers show care and concern for our congregation. Parishioners care and support St. Matthew's by volunteering in various capacities, altar guild, reading group, knitting and crocheting, baking and SWNIC."

"I love the church in every form."

"I came to Worcester as an international PhD student. At St Matthew's I found a family, a caring support system, a community that lives its faith in word and deed, that welcomes strangers with open arms, feeds the hungry and helps the poor. The people at SM are my guides on a spiritual journey that inspired me to get confirmed in the Episcopal church."



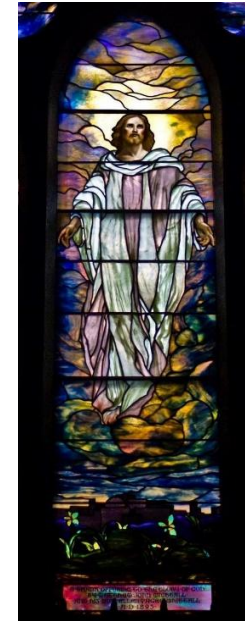
About Worcester MA

- Located in Central Massachusetts, the second largest city in New England (pop. approx. 180,000); one hour drive from Boston, Providence, and Hartford and three hours from New York City.
- A city of immigrants and a point of entry for many, including Europeans, Latinos, Middle Easterners and more recently Brazilians, Vietnamese, and Africans.
- Home to nine institutions of higher education, including The College of the Holy Cross, Clark, WPI, Assumption, MCPHS (Mass College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and Worcester State University.
- Major industries: HealthCare and Biotechnology. Top employers: UMass Memorial Health Care, the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Reliant Medical Group, Saint Vincent Hospital, Saint-Gobain, WPI...
- Worcester firsts: first National Women's Rights Convention (1850); first liquid fuel rocket (Robert Goddard, WPI grad); first woman to serve in a President's cabinet (Frances Perkins, Franklin Roosevelt's Secretary of Labor); first Bible and first dictionary printed in the United States (Isaiah Thomas of Worcester)
- Places of interest: Worcester Art Museum, Worcester Historical Museum, Ecotarium, Hanover Theater, Mechanics Hall...
- Local sports: The Boston Red Sox AAA team (the WOO Sox) plays at Polar Park.
- Worcester is home to the Worcester Railers Hockey team

www.discovercentralma.org



Worcester was home to Harvey Ball-artistic creator of Smiley



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Worcester, Massachusetts

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? [Isaiah 43.19]

St. Matthew's is here for you.

Are you called to be here with us?

www.stmatthewsworcester.org

Facebook- St Matthew's Worcester



Who we are:

We are a community of people from different places in the world, with different faith experiences, joined to worship and serve God, learn, and build relationships. Rooted in the South Worcester neighborhood, our landmark building (1893) houses a beautiful sanctuary with historic Tiffany stained glass windows, a contemporary chapel and a newly refurbished kitchen designed for community meals. We welcome everyone: inquirers, life-long disciples, long-time residents, newcomers, immigrants, college students, children, youth and families, singles, and seekers.



We are a diverse, faithful, "Home and Hearth" community. "St Matthew's is high on the theological diversity scale and flexible with worship." We are traditional, stable, secure, dependable, clear "guardians" welcoming, and grounded. The open posture of the Prodigal Father best represents St. Matthew's. (*Holy Cow Survey*)

Learn more about St. Matthew's history on our website:

<https://www.stmatthewsworcester.org/about.html>

St Matthew's has a re-designed Chapel worship space, kitchen facility, parish hall, parlor/meeting room.



Ministries and Outreach. Many groups meet within our parish walls, including several Recovery Groups. St Matthew's is home to a Craft Group, a Men's and Women's Group, a Book Club and a Prayer Shawl Ministry. With our beautiful pipe organ, St Matthew's also has a small but active choir. St Matthew's children participate in its Sunday school.



Part of the Episcopal Church of Worcester (ECOW):
"One Church with Five Altars."

A close association with the South Worcester Neighborhood Center, making weekly food and clothing donations, school supplies, and handmade knitted goods. St Matthew's has been part of the South Worcester neighborhood since 1871.

<http://www.swnic.net/>

The 4 Corners Friendship Kitchen Ministry food distribution happens on the 4th Sunday of the month in our parking lot. (September- May)



St Matthew's is the 5th site in the city for Worcester's Woo Fridge organization.

<https://www.woofridge.org/>

