

# *Saint Matthias Parish*

## *A Stewardship Parish offering Spirituality, Community and Hospitality*

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### *Celebrations of the Eucharist*

#### **The Lord's Day**

Saturday Vigil: 4PM

Sunday: 10AM

#### **Liturgy of the Word for Children**

Liturgy of the Word for Children is  
Celebrated at the 10AM Mass on the 2nd  
Sunday of the month

#### **Weekday**

Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9AM

#### **Holy Days**

9AM, 7PM

### *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](mailto: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 Fr. Fran.

### *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 in 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 introduce yourself to the staff and complete a welcome card or register at the parish office.

**ST. MATTHIAS PARISH, MARLBOROUGH, MA**

**INTENTIONS OF THE  
EUCHARIST**

**Saturday, August 8 — 4:00 p.m.**

Ralph and Edith Hale — Memorial

**Sunday, August 9 — 10:00 a.m.**

Mary Goulet — Memorial

**Saturday, August 15 — 4:00 p.m.**

Marion L. Cox and  
Brendan Cox — Memorial

**Sunday, August 16 — 10:00 a.m.**

Howard Zerella and  
Gloria Zerella-Mason — Memorial



Gifts of Sanctuary and Altar Candles for the  
month of August are donated in the memory of:

**Eleanor Laspada**

**Weekday Masses for the Week of August 10**

**Monday, Tuesday and Friday**

**9:00 AM—Downstairs Conference Room**



**MUSIC FOR THE  
EUCHARIST**

**Gathering Song:** At The Table Of Jesus  
*booklet pg. 12*

**Psalm 34:** Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord  
*hymnal #917*

**Preparation Rite:** We Come To Your Feast  
*hymnal #814*

**Communion Song:** Life Giving Bread, Saving Cup  
*hymnal #821*

**Recessional:** Alleluia, Sing To Jesus  
*hymnal #826*

**THIS WEEK AT  
ST. MATTHIAS**

**Saturday, August 8**

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

**Sunday, August 9**

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **RCIA**  
Downstairs Conference Room, 11:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, August 12**

- **Shawl Ministry**  
Downstairs Conference Room, 6:45 p.m.
- **Baptism Instruction**  
Parish Hall, 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, August 13**

- **Bereavement Group**  
Downstairs Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, August 15**

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 4:00 p.m.
- **Marlborough Cupboard Collection**  
Collection bins at the church entrances

**Sunday, August 16**

- **Celebration of the Eucharist with Baptism**  
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Marlborough Cupboard Collection**  
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**CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM**

Welcome into our faith community through baptism:

**Dominic David Godino**

**Emily Margaret Wilkinson**



During the 10:00 a.m. Celebration of the Eucharist  
**Sunday, August 16, 2015**

**New Office Hours — Week of August 10**

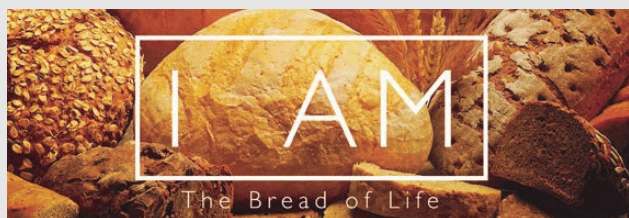


**Monday, Tuesday and Thursday**

**9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday 9:00 a.m.—Noon**

## FROM FATHER FRAN:



As we continue our “bread of life” summer gospel readings, this is a great time to thank all the members of our parish Eucharistic Bread Baking Ministry, led by Fay DiNitto. Thank you all for your dedication and the care with which you bake the bread we bless and share during the celebration of the Eucharist.

With the church’s discipline of using unleavened bread at the Eucharist, our bakers will tell you how much of a challenge it is to mix only wheat and water and come out with a worthy loaf of bread!

The tradition of unleavened bread has not always pervaded our Eucharistic history. In fact, even now the Eastern Catholic churches allow for a more expansive recipe. For those with wheat allergies, the Roman Catholic Church provides for the use of low gluten hosts. (At St. Matthias we always have low gluten hosts on hand. Just come into the sacristy before Mass and request a low gluten host from one of the Eucharistic ministers.)

The western use of unleavened bread reflects the feeling by some scripture scholars that the meal we call Jesus’ “last supper” took place at a Jewish Passover meal, during which unleavened bread was always consumed, reflecting the haste with which the Israelites were to prepare to leave the bonds of slavery in Egypt.

A different interpretation of the last supper comes to us from St. John’s gospel. The author sets the scene, not within the context of the Passover meal, but on the evening before the Passover, at the hour when the lambs used for the Passover sacrifice were killed, thus interpreting Jesus last meal as foreshadowing the sacrifice of his life as the Lamb of God.

In fact, the Gospel according to John does not even include an account of the blessing of bread and wine at the meal. For the author of the fourth gospel, Jesus’ washing of his disciples’ feet and his words concerning his desire that they all be one as he and the Father are one, become the foretaste of his total gift of self upon the cross.

From these various interpretations of Jesus self-giving at the last supper the church has shaped the tradition of what we do at Mass. As we take, bless, break and share the Eucharist, we are also called to *be* the Eucharist by serving each other, by “washing each other’s feet”. We are commissioned at the end of Mass to go forth and reflect the Eucharist in our own lives. Our participation in the celebration of the Eucharist is our fuel for living a Eucharistic life. No wonder Vatican II calls it the “source and summit” of our Christianity.



## PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Goal:	\$4,000.00
Total Collection of August 1, 2	\$3,324.00
Of that amount ParishPay donations	\$ 85.00
Catholic Relief Services Collection	\$ 382.00
Parishioners celebrating Mass August 1, 2	298



### August Special Collection

Parish Maintenance

August 8 and 9

## PARISHPAY

As a reminder, your weekly contributions to the St. Matthias Parish offertory, parish maintenance, special collections and even Faith Formation tuition are simple, direct and safe through **ParishPay**.

Contributions are automatically deducted from a checking or savings account or a credit card. Deductions may be made either once or twice a month. The parish depends greatly on its parishioners weekly offertory for running the day to day operations of the church/rectory, so please consider using ParishPay as your means to sustain your home parish. Information packets are available at the church entrances or through the parish office.

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FAITH FORMATION

Registration for Faith Formation classes continues throughout the summer. It is helpful for planning purposes to receive new registrations as well as returning registrations as soon as possible. If you have any questions please call the Faith Formation Office at 508-460-9255 or email [tsalafia@stmattpar.org](mailto:tsalafia@stmattpar.org). Thank you.

Preparation for the reception of First Eucharist in second grade follows a year of faith formation in grade one. Families are encouraged to enroll their first grader in formal classes. The reception of Confirmation completes initiation into our Catholic faith. Preparation for this sacrament requires a candidate to be present for the final two years of formation. Confirmation is usually administered on the Feast of Pentecost to those who have completed formation and are in Grade 10. If you have questions please call Theresa Salafia in the Faith Formation Office.

Your prayers are needed...for individuals to come forward and share the faith with the youth of our parish. If you wish to know more about being a Catechist or other areas of need, please contact Theresa Salafia at 508-460-9255 or email [tsalafia@stmattpar.org](mailto:tsalafia@stmattpar.org).



# ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

*"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead."*

- Nelson Mandela

Thank you to all who donated school supplies for the "Tools for Schools" backpack program. Because of your generosity many children in the greater Marlborough area will have the proper supplies to begin the school year. Know that your act of kindness has a tremendous impact on the life of a child. Thank you!

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group meets in the downstairs conference room every other Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. If you or someone you know is grieving the death of a loved one, please know you are always welcome.

We create a safe place where one can find their sense of loss validated and come to recognize their experience as normal. Navigating the path through grief which can be overwhelming becomes less complex when we have someone to accompany us on the journey. Here you find acceptance, understanding and companions who can witness to the power of hope and healing. For more information please call Deacon Doug at 508-460-9255.

*"I am the Bread of Life.  
Whoever comes to Me  
will never go hungry,  
and whoever believes in Me  
will never be thirsty."*

John 6:35



### SCRIPTURE READINGS

You are encouraged to pray these readings at home during the week as you reflect on this Sunday's Word and prepare to celebrate next week's Eucharist.

Readings for August 9, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51

Readings for August 16, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

### PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK

Paul Brazeau	Peter Goneau	Tommy O'Regan
Jane Byrne	Philip Goneau	Siobhan O'Sullivan
Betty Carima	Mary Grandy	Eleanor Partridge
Michael Cavanaugh	Russ Hokanson	Theresa Perry
Jonathan Charlot	Janet Kearns	Tinh Pham
Steven Chase	Kathryn Keeler	June Quinn
Edward Conners	Theresa Locke	Joan Rea CSJ
Jane Constable	Glenn Malloy	Alice Robertson
Joseph Cox	Paul Malone	Jamie Ruggerio
Maureen Curley	David Martin	Martin Rooney
DelRaso Family	Maria Marchand	Liz Smith
Clara Mae Dickerson	Bob McGilvray	Owen Paul Sousa
Grace Dowd	Patricia McManus	Jill Tesell
Peggy Dowling	Theresa Morrill	Ralph Trotto
Mike Ducote	Chris O'Brien	Jeanine Varley
Kathy Fischer	Frances O'Brien	Eileen Walsh
Joe Gillis	Cameron O'Marsh	AmyNoel Wyman



**ST. MATTHIAS YARD SALE  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015  
9:00 AM—3:00 PM—PARISH HALL**

Mark your calendars for the St. Matthias Yard Sale. This is a great opportunity to donate your gently used items, volunteer time with friends and help to raise money for the parish.

We anticipate a great day of sale items, baked goods and of course, hamburgers and hot dogs grilled to perfection from our Hot Dog Ministry team.

Please check the bulletin for further details. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact:

Marsha Good: 508-241-0329

Bill Lajeunesse: 508-485-3578

Parish Office: 508-460-9255



**MARLBOROUGH CUPBOARD COLLECTION**

Next weekend collection bins will be placed at the entrance doors to accept donations of non-perishable items for the local food cupboard. Thank you for your year-round support of our local neighbors who are in need of groceries to feed their families.



**MACY'S SHOP FOR A CAUSE**

Macy's "Shop for a Cause" event is almost here— **August 29, 2015**. Shopping passes cost \$5 each and *the parish will keep 100 percent of every shopping pass it sells!*

Enjoy a day of spectacular discounts, entertainment and special events at Macy's, including a chance to win a \$500 shopping pass. Pass holders will receive special discounts up to 25% on most regular, sale and clearance purchases all day and some items qualify for a 30% discount!

*Passes are available after Saturday Mass at the back of the church, Sunday during the coffee social and at the parish office during office hours.*

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN  
(VIRTUS®) TRAINING**

**Sunday, November 15, 2015 12:30 – 3:00 PM**

**Downstairs conference room**

**Facilitators: April Lowe and Theresa Salafia**

As directed by the Archdiocese of Boston Child Advocacy Office all volunteers who serve in ministries that bring them in contact with children must attend training in the protection of children. This training needs to be completed once only. Certification is documented in the Child Advocacy Office of the Archdiocese data base so if one moves from one location to another your training certificate follows. Registration for this training is necessary. You may call Theresa Salafia at 508-460-9255 or email [tsalafia@stmattpar.org](mailto:tsalafia@stmattpar.org).