

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Call the Office for Information.

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 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 22 — 4:00 p.m.

Irene Marchant — Memorial

Sunday, August 23 — 10:00 a.m.

Josefina Tuazon and Bridgeta Gouray — Memorial

Saturday, August 29 — 4:00 p.m.

David Mauro — Memorial

Sunday, August 30 — 10:00 a.m.

James Goulet — Memorial

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

Eleanor Laspada



MUSIC FOR THE EUCHARIST

- Gathering Song:** From Age to Age
booklet pg. 10
- Psalm 34:** Taste and See the
Goodness of the Lord
hymnal #917
- Preparation Rite:** Instrumental
- Communion Song:** Take and Eat
hymnal #812
- Recessional:** For the Beauty of the Earth
hymnal #548



The smell of the salt air; the sounds of waves crashing; the warmth of the sun; the peace and tranquility found at water's edge...summer. God's gift to us.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, August 22

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

Sunday, August 23

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, August 26

- **Shawl Ministry**
Downstairs Conference Room, 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, August 27

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

Saturday, August 29

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

Sunday, August 30

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses



There will be no weekday Masses
Monday, August 24 — Friday, September 4.

The next scheduled weekday Mass will be
Monday, September 7 at 9:00 a.m. in the
downstairs conference room.

Office Hours — Week of August 24



Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.—Noon

FROM FATHER FRAN:



There has been much talk recently over the plight of migrants, not only in our country but throughout the world. This issue has a special place in the heart of Pope Francis who has made it a point to be present to the migrant population in Europe, especially the children.

The bishops of the United States have also spoken out consistently and strongly on the plight of immigrants. As this issue is likely to play an important role in the 2016 presidential campaign, I encourage you to go to the bishops' website, USCCB.org, and reflect upon what they have written concerning all migrants, whether legal or undocumented.

I remember when I came to Marlborough in 2002, I was quite taken aback by the very public negative and prejudicial attitudes some residents voiced towards migrants in our city. I heard some shameful things said under the cover of free speech. Unfortunately, it seems to be imbedded in our human nature to look upon the latest wave of people coming into our communities with suspicion. As Catholics we are called to go beyond this attitude and its accompanying rhetoric and welcome people as Christ welcomed them, without expectation or prejudice.

The Bishops of the United States and Mexico, in a joint pastoral letter issued in 2003 stated: "We judge ourselves as a community of faith by the way we treat the most vulnerable among us. The treatment of migrants challenges the consciences of elected officials,

policymakers, enforcement officers, residents of border communities, and providers of legal aid and social services, many of whom share our Catholic faith."

While acknowledging and supporting the rights of sovereign states to control their borders, the bishops' statement went on to express the conviction that the common good is not served when the basic human rights of individuals are violated. They also encouraged leaders to tackle the societal problems that lead people, many out of deep desperation, to leave their homelands.

You might remember that in April 2014 Cardinal Sean O'Malley presided at a Eucharist at the border between the US and Mexico at Nogales, Arizona. You might also remember the pictures of him distributing communion to worshipers on the Mexican side of the border through slats in the fence dividing the two countries. When asked about the politics of illegal immigration he responded that when he worked in Washington DC in the 1970's and '80s: "most of my parishioners were undocumented refugees. To me, they're not statistics; they're people, and I've seen the kinds of sacrifices and the suffering they've endured."

I think it would be good for Cardinal Sean's words and the bishops' writings to echo in our hearts as we assess our own feelings about our sister and brother immigrants to this land. After all, they are following in our footsteps.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Goal:	\$4,000.00
Total Collection of August 15, 16	\$3,057.00
Of that amount ParishPay donations	\$ 315.00
Additional ParishPay donations for last week	\$1,618.66
Feast of the Assumption of Mary	\$ 330.00

Parishioners celebrating Mass August 15, 16 291

July 2015 Finances

Total Income for the Month of July:	\$25,357.71
Total Expenses for the Month of July:	\$24,895.66
Net Income:	\$ 462.05

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.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation gatherings for families and students in **Grades 1-10** will begin with attendance at our **10:00 AM Mass Sunday, September 20** followed by a social in the parish hall. At this Mass Father Fran will lead all in attendance in blessing catechists for their commitment to sharing the faith. Families will also be blessed for spiritual guidance as they live out their role as primary educators of faith.



Specific grade gatherings begin as follows:

Grades 1-5 Sunday, September 27 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Grades 6, 7, 8 Sunday, October 4 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Grades 9, 10 Sunday, October 18
Attendance at 10:00 a.m. Mass followed by formal session ending at 12:15 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding Faith Formation gatherings please contact Theresa Salafia at 508-460-9255 or email tsalafia@stmattpar.org.

FIRE LANE PARKING REMINDER

Just a reminder that the entire space in front of the church doors is not lined for parking. This is a fire lane. It is important for everyone's safety to keep the area in front of the church clear at all times. So, please park only in the lined spaces.



WELCOME BACK SOCIAL

Save the Date: **Sunday, September 20, 2015**



As the summer days get shorter, a sure sign of fall's arrival, let's join together as a parish family for a **Community Welcome Back Social**, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 20.

Your help and ideas are needed to make this social a success. If you would like to volunteer, please call the office. As more details become available, they will be posted in the bulletin as well as on the parish's new website, which will be available soon.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

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 23, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

Readings for August 30, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27;
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK

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

"Faith is passed on, we might say, by contact, from one person to another, just as one candle is lighted from another."

- Pope Francis



**ST. MATTHIAS YARD SALE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015
9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M. — 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



**MACY'S SHOP FOR A CAUSE
FINAL WEEK TO PURCHASE PASSES**



Macy's "Shop for a Cause" event is **next Saturday - 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!

This weekend is your final opportunity to purchase passes. Passes are available after Saturday Mass at the back of the church and Sunday during the coffee social. Don't miss out on the incredible savings.

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

Sunday, November 15, 2015 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

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.