Intentions of the Eucharist

Saturday, May 7 — 4:00 p.m.
Anna and Joseph Zemejda — Memorial

Sunday, May 8 — 10:00 a.m.
Andrea Decenzo — 1 Month Anniversary Memorial

Saturday, May 14 — 4:00 p.m.
Frank and Leah Calore
Eleanor Laspada — Memorial

Sunday, May 15 — 10:00 a.m.
Eileen Flagg — 1 Year Anniversary Memorial

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

Frank and Leah Calore
Eleanor Laspada

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 May 7 and 8, Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26

Readings for May 15 — Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; Romans 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23b-26

Weekday Mass for the Week of May 9

Monday at 9:00 a.m.
Downstairs Conference Room

There will be no morning Mass on Tuesday and Friday this week.

Office Hours for the Week of May 9

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

Wednesday
9:00 a.m. — Noon

This Week At St. Matthias

Saturday, May 7

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

Sunday, May 8 — Mother's Day

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

Monday, May 9

- **Finance Council Meeting**
  Upstairs Conference Room, 7:30 p.m.
- **Confirmation Rehearsal**
  Church, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 10

- **Our Father's Table**
  New Hope Church—204 Main St., 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 11

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

Thursday, May 12

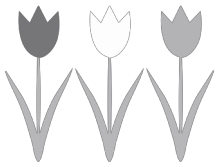
- **Choir Rehearsal**
  Church, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 14

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

Sunday, May 15

- **Pentecost — Celebration of the Eucharist with Confirmation**
  Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Marlborough Cupboard Collection**
  Collection bins at church entrances



Easter Season Worship Booklets

Our Easter Season Worship Booklet contains all the music and prayers for our Eucharistic celebrations. We will use this booklet in conjunction with our hymnal. As you follow along in the booklet during Mass, you will find a listing of hymnal numbers for the appropriate hymns and songs.

Please return booklets to the racks in the pews after Mass.

FROM FR. FRAN

Thank You, Catechists

As our Faith Formation sessions begin a summer break, I'd like to thank, on behalf of our parish, all those who have given of their time and talent to nurture the faith lives of our youngsters this year. Your example and the care with which you go about your work is an inspiration to the children whose lives you have touched week after week. A thank you also goes to those catechists working with our adults through ministry in the RCIA. Our parish greatly appreciates your sharing a part of your faith journey with those seeking a closer relationship with the Church.

All of our parish Faith Formation is under the direction of Theresa Salafia. On behalf of the parish, thank you, Theresa, for your dedication, your spirit, and your pastoral shepherding of our youngsters, adults and catechists.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Next Sunday we will have the pleasure of welcoming retired bishop, Walter Edyvean to our 10 AM Mass as he presides over the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Let us pray for the young men and women who will be confirmed, that their faith may continue to grow throughout the years, and that they may always give witness to the love and care of Christ in their lives.

Collection to Help Those in Need

As you may remember, last fall we took up a collection to aid those who come to our parish looking for assistance in times of need. At that time, we collected over three thousand dollars which we distributed in food cards, with assistance given at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and in other times of need. Since those funds have just about run out, it's time to ask for donations again.

On the weekend of **June 4th and 5th** we will have a special second collection to assist our outreach to those in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity and continued care.

Don't forget that we also participate monthly in the Marlborough Community Cupboard project as well as Our Father's Table. Information about both initiatives can be found in the bulletin monthly.

Would you like to serve our parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

Better known by its former name, a "Eucharistic Minister" is a woman or man who assists at the Eucharistic Table in the distribution of Communion, and may also bring communion to the sick. The term "extraordinary minister" is now used by the Church to distinguish this ministry from that of bishops, priests and deacons who are the "ordinary" ministers of Communion.

In our parish, Extraordinary Ministers serve once a month or so at either the 4 PM or 10 AM Mass. They arrive 20 minutes before Mass to prepare the bread and wine and the vessels to be used at Mass. At the time of Communion they minister either the body or blood of Christ, depending upon their listed assignment. After Mass they assist in storing those vessels and altar linens used in the celebration.

While all of the above is important, the *most* important thing that an Extraordinary Minister does is to become a vessel of Christ's love as they communicate his body and blood to the Assembly. An Extraordinary Minister shows in her or his manner not only a deep reverence for what is communicated but a welcoming manner.

Over the next few weeks I invite any parishioner who has completed their Christian Initiation through Confirmation, to prayerfully discern if the Holy Spirit might be calling you to serve our parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Often people hesitate to volunteer for this ministry thinking that they are not "worthy enough" for such a task. Well, news flash: none of us live perfect lives! You are welcome to be considered for this ministry *only* if you are a sinner striving to do your best on the way to a saintly home in heaven. (That would be most of us.) Worthiness consists of celebrating the gifts God has given us, acknowledging our failings before God, accepting Christ's forgiveness, and striving to live out his law of love. If you can check all those boxes, then please consider serving our parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

At the Masses on **May 21st and 22nd**, representatives of this ministry will briefly share their experiences and you will have an opportunity to ask them questions and attend a brief informational session following Mass.

Happy Mother's Day!

A very happy and blessed Mother's Day to all the women of our parish who share the vocation of nurturing and guiding the next generation along the way. Yours is a challenging vocation, no matter what the age of the children in your life may be!

May the celebration of this day bring you joy and closeness to Jesus' mother, Mary. May you reflect her wisdom, courage, and faith in your own life. May her words echo in your hearts:

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior."

FAITH FORMATION

The Faith Formation community wishes all our mothers and those who serve as mothers blessing on this special day.

****Reminder to Confirmation candidates and sponsors:****

Rehearsal for Confirmation is scheduled for **Monday, May 9, 7:00 PM in the church**. If your sponsor is from out of town, please have a substitute sponsor with you for rehearsal.

Confirmation is on the **Feast of Pentecost, May 15 during the 10:00 AM Celebration of the Eucharist.** We welcome Bishop Walter Edyvean as celebrant.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION COLLECTION

This week's special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). CCC communicates the Gospel through various formats, including social media, podcasts, TV, radio, and print media. 50% of the collection will support this national programming. Please visit **www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/catholiccommunication-campaign/index.cfm** for more information. The other 50% of the collection will remain at the parish to support local communication efforts, such as website technology and bulletins.

PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK

Please Pray For...

Laurie Burt, Donny Courteville, Peggy Cronin, Connie Cyr, Del Cyr, Clara Mae Dickerson, John Gifford, Joe Gillis, Russ Hokanson, Kathryn Keeler, David Martin, Frank Mangan, Margaret McNeil, Betty Montgomery, Barbara Parry and Jean Peltak.

To add someone to this prayer list, please call the parish office 508-460-9255 or email admin@stmattpar.org.

2016 CHRISTMAS CRAFT MEETING

We were thrilled by the success of the 2015 Holiday Bazaar, and are dedicated to keeping the momentum going for 2016. The craft committee would like to invite any parishioners who are interested in contributing their time, ideas, crafts or supplies to attend our first meeting **Tuesday, June 21 at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall**. If you are not able to attend we will have another opportunity that evening at 7:00 p.m. Please see Paula Kelley at 508-229-8097 for additional information. This is a fun, team oriented group that values every and all levels of talent!

MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD COLLECTION, MAY 14 AND 15

Next weekend collection bins will be set up at the church entrances for donations of non-perishable food items that will be delivered to the Marlborough Community Cupboard. In addition to canned food items the Cupboard requests personal items such as q-tips, soap, toothbrushes/tooth paste as well as baby diapers, creams etc.

Thank you for your continued support to helping our neighbors and friends in the Marlborough community.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory Goal:	**$4,000.00**
Total Collection of April 30/May 1	$3,779.00
Of that amount ParishPay donations were	$ 415.00
Collection for Ecuador April 30/May 1	$1,291.00

Parishioners celebrating Mass April 30/May 1.....372

MAY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Catholic Communications	May 7, 8
Seminary Collection	May 14, 15
Parish Maintenance	May 21, 22

2016 GRAND ANNUAL

Goal:	**$80,000.00**
Total Pledged:	$54,415.00
Total Received:	$53,200.00
Total Number to Reach Goal:	$24,385.00
Number of Families Pledged	106

2016 CATHOLIC APPEAL

Goal:	**$19,352**
Total pledged:	$21,985
Total received:	$17,000
To be collected:	$ 4,985

Our Father's Table

Tuesday, May 10
New Hope Church — (204 Main Street)

St. Matthias Parish community members will be hosting *Our Father's Table* on **Tuesday, May 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 call Sue Dolesh for further details 248-240-3615 or contact Sue via email: daledolesh@gmail.com. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

Remembering the Special Women in our Lives

The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." St. Therese of Lisieux

The month of May is a time to remember our mothers, special women who have touched our lives and Mary, mother of God. Throughout the month we will honor the many women who are the source of strength and grace in our lives, with a special prayer during the general intercessions.

You are invited to inscribe the names of the important women in your life in our book of remembrance located near to tabernacle throughout the month. Contributions may be made to the parish in honor of the special women in your life. Envelopes are available at the entrances to the church, and are included in the monthly offertory packets mailed to your home. Envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets during mass or dropped off at the parish office. A list of all contributions will appear in a bulletin at the beginning of June. Thank you for your generosity.

Easter Flowers

The Easter Season continues through Pentecost Sunday next weekend. A visible expression of the joy of the Easter Season is the beautiful arrangement of flowers that adorn the church. You may help offset the cost of the flowers with an Easter flower donation. Your contribution may be made in honor of a deceased loved one or other special intention. Envelopes may be found at the church entrances or you may use one of the purple envelopes found in the pews. Simply place your contribution in the envelope, mark it "Easter Flowers" put your name and the names of those you wish to honor on it and drop it in the collection basket. A list of all the names will appear in a bulletin at the end of May. All contributions are greatly appreciated.