

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



**Saturday, September 17 — 4:00 p.m.**

Mildred Ponterella — Birthday Memorial

**Sunday, September 18 — 10:00 a.m.**

Paul Cormier — 2nd Anniversary Memorial

**Monday, September 19 — 9:00 a.m.**

Paul Goulet — Memorial

**Tuesday, September 20 — 9:00 a.m.**

Mary Goulet — Memorial

**Saturday, September 24 — 4:00 p.m.**

Mim Gowaski — Memorial

**Sunday, September 25 — 10:00 a.m.**

Elizabeth “Lizzie” Montgomery  
23rd Anniversary Memorial



**Saturday, September 17**

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

**Sunday, September 18**

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Faith Formation Catechists Meeting**  
Downstairs Conference Room, 11:00 a.m.

**Monday, September 19**

- **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting**  
Downstairs Conference Room, 7:15 p.m.
- **Faith Formation Catechists Meeting**  
Parish Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 20**

- **Parish Finance Council Meeting**  
Upstairs Conference Room, 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 21**

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

**Thursday, September 22**

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

**Saturday, September 24**

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

**Sunday, September 25**

- **Celebration of the Eucharist with Catechists' Blessing**  
Church, 10:00 a.m.

**Weekday Masses for the Week of September 19**



**Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 9:00 a.m.**  
Downstairs Conference Room

**Office Hours for the Week of September 19**



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

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



**Frank and Leah Calore**  
**Eleanor Laspada**

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST  
MUSIC**

Gathering Song: **Gather Your People**  
hymnal # 742

Preparation of Gifts: **We Are Called**  
hymnal # 710

Communion: **Take and Eat**  
hymnal #812

Recessional: **Diverse In Culture, Nation, Race**  
booklet # 4



FROM FR. FRAN



**This weekend the Archdiocese of Boston takes up a special collection for the benefit of the healthcare and the retirement needs of the priests of the Archdiocese.** Your generosity will be of great assistance to those who have served our parishes, schools and other ministries so well. Thanks in advance!

Our parish wishes a **Happy Birthday** to our Music Director, **Judy McManus!** This is one of those “milestone” moments, so, in honor of her birthday, the **coffee hour** after the 10 AM Mass will be a festive celebration. Please drop in after Mass to thank Judy for sharing her gifts and talents with our parish for so many years!

Next weekend we will begin the **updating of our Directory of Parishioners** by inviting each family to fill out an information card, which will be found in the pews and at the entrances to the church. This card will request basic information that will help us get a better picture of who we are as a parish. All information will be held in the strictest of confidence. Even if you have filled out a similar form in the past, we are inviting you to do so again as addresses, phone numbers and e mail may have changed over the years.

This updating is the first phase in our effort to know the people and the needs of our parish better. This project evolved from a discussion at a spring Parish Pastoral Council meeting where members brainstormed on ways to better communicate and serve the people of our parish.

Speaking of the **Parish Pastoral Council**, the first meeting will be held this **Monday, September 19, at 7:30PM** in the Parish Conference Room. Please pray that the work of the PPC will bear fruit in our parish mission to witness to the Gospel in our world.

**Next Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** is a special day in the life of our parish as we welcome back our youth for their **Faith Formation** sessions. At the **10 AM Mass** we will pray for them, and also bless our catechists, those who give of their time and talent to nurture our young people on their faith journey. **After Mass everyone is invited to our Parish Picnic** in celebration of the Fall Season and of our parish family. What a great way to gather together, get to know one another better and have some great food! Thanks to all the Faith Formation families who are coordinating the picnic under the guidance of our Faith Formation director, Theresa Salafia. Please plan to join in the fun! While burgers and dogs and drinks will be provided, you are invited to bring a favorite dish in “pot luck” fashion to share with the parish.

Finally, don’t forget to mark your calendars for our annual **Blessing of the Animals at 12 noon on Sunday, October 2.** This event in honor of St. Francis’ love of animals brings out all kinds of critters, so, don’t hesitate to bring your pet, whatever the species, as we thank God for the gift of love and friendship that our pets give to us so freely.

**PICNIC !**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**



**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 Sep. 17, 18 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary time

Amos 8:4-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-8, Luke 16:1-13

Readings for Sep. 24, 25 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary time

Amos 6:1a, 4-7, 1 Timothy 6:11-16, Luke 16:19-31

**SPECIAL COLLECTION  
CLERGY HEALTH AND RETIREMENT TRUST  
SEPTEMBER 17 AND 18**

This week’s second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit [www.clergyfunds.org](http://www.clergyfunds.org).



**Clergy Health and Retirement Trust**  
*Caring for the Well-Being of our Boston Priests*

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation gatherings begin **Sunday, September 25 with attendance at 10:00 AM Mass** followed by the family picnic on the church grounds. This opening Mass will join all families with children in **Grades 1-10** with many members of our parish community to celebrate God's great goodness as we begin another year of journeying in faith.

Faith Formation calendars will be sent via email this week and are available on the website. Hard copies will be available at the parish picnic.



### PARISH HALL BULLETIN BOARD

Have you noticed the wonderful displays each season on the Parish Hall bulletin board and the bulletin board outside the church entrance? Parishioner Tracy Gilpin not only posts photos from recent parish events, but always goes a step further to thoughtfully create designs that reflect the season, with pictures and reflections. Please stop and take a moment to reflect on the most recent posting. Thank you Tracey.

Here are a few words from Tracey about this season's bulletin board:

**'Psalms about the Tree of Life'**

"This long stretch of Ordinary Time provides us with the opportunity to change our point of view. As the sun sets on a hot, dry summer and autumn blooms in glorious color, perhaps we could reflect nature's change in our own hearts and offer up a prayer or sing a psalm. Ordinary people, blessed to be rooted in the Tree of Life."

*From Tracey Gilpin*

### PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Offertory Goal: \$4,000.00**

Total Collection of September 10, 11	\$4,338.00
Of that amount ParishPay donations were	\$1,121.00
Parish Maintenance Collection	\$2,269.00
Of that amount ParishPay donations were	\$ 342.00

Parishioners celebrating Mass September 10, 11.....334

### SEPTEMBER SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Clergy Health and Retirement Trust      September 17, 18

## St. Matthias Parish Community Picnic

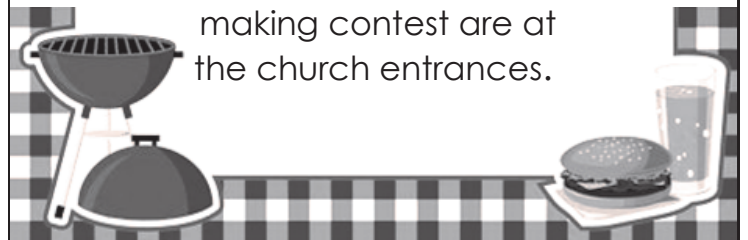
**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Sunday, September 25  
11:00 a.m.**

Welcome families and friends!  
Please come to our Parish Picnic following Mass to enjoy sharing conversation, hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages.

Take part in our "Chocolate Chip Cookie" contest. Let our team of judges try your favorite cookie recipe. Prize to be awarded to the winner! Please indicate if the recipe is gluten free, has nuts or provide other allergy alerts.

Sign up sheets for attendance, donations and/or cookie making contest are at the church entrances.



### PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK

*Please Pray For...*



Richard Abraham, Laurie Burt, Peggy Cronin, Delia Cruz, Connie Cyr, Del Cyr, Clara Mae Dickerson, John Gifford, Joe Gillis, Russ Hokanson, Emma Johnson, Kathryn Keeler, Sean Marrier, David Martin, Frank Mangan, Kay McNeill, Holly McIntyre, Roger Melenson, Theresa Perry, Jean Peltak, Andy Rivers, Benjamin Smith, Ann Vigeant and Amy Noel Wyman.

To add someone to this prayer list, please call the Parish office at 508-460-9255 or email [admin@stmattpar.org](mailto:admin@stmattpar.org).

## PARISH CALENDAR

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19—7:00 P.M.**

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20—7:00 P.M.**

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

Catechist Blessing during Mass

Parish “Welcome Back” Picnic—following Mass

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26—7:00 P.M.**

Triduum Kick-Off Meeting

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2—NOON**

Blessing of the Animals

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15**

Parish Annual Yard Sale

## 2016 ST. MATTHIAS ANNUAL YARD SALE — OCTOBER 15, 2016

**The Yard Sale committee members are looking for your help with set-up the week prior to the yard sale, sales during the day and clean-up at 3:00 p.m. on event day.**

If you are interested in volunteering, even for just one hour, please contact the office to sign up.

The week before the sale we will have designated drop-off times. If you need to store your goods earlier please contact the office and we can arrange an early drop-off or pick up of boxed items.

Once again the grills will be cooking up a tasty lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs. Our bake crew will sell their delicious array of home-made baked goodies at our indoor Bake Sale.

*Mark your calendars and tell your friends and neighbors — you can even share this event on your facebook page!*

For information or to sign up to help, call the **Parish office** at **508-460-9255**.

