

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH, MARLBOROUGH, MA

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, November 25— 4:00 p.m.

Florence Myers — Memorial

Sunday, November 26 — 10:00 a.m.

Al Barcinas — Memorial

Saturday, December 2— 4:00 p.m.

Paul Becker — 10th Anniversary Memorial

Sunday, December 3 — 10:00 a.m.

Rita Rembetsy — 16th Anniversary Memorial

Friday, December 8 — 9:00 a.m.

Vera Tirone — Memorial

Weekday Masses for the Week of November 26

Weekday Celebration of the Eucharist
will be held on:

Monday and Tuesday
9:00 a.m. Downstairs Conference Room

**There will be no Mass on Friday, December 1 due to
set-up for the Christmas Bazaar.**

Celebration of the Eucharist Music

Gathering: You Gather Us
Booklet # 1

Preparation: All Glory Is Yours
Hymnal # 524

Communion: Bread Of Life, Cup Of Salvation
Booklet # 10

Recessional: To Jesus Our Sovereign King
Hymnal # 492

Christmas Bazaar Calendar

Week of November 26

Set-Up Monday through Friday in the Parish Hall

Raffle Basket Drop-Off in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, November 29 and Thursday, November 30
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Baked Goods Drop-Off in the Parish Hall

Friday, December 1: 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 2: 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Soup Drop-Off in the Conference Room

Saturday, December 2: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, November 25

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 4:00 p.m.
- **Giving Tree—Tags Available**
Church Foyers

Sunday, November 26

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, following Mass
- **Giving Tree—Tags Available**
Church Foyers

Wednesday, November 29

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

Thursday, November 30

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

Saturday, December 2

- **St. Matthias Christmas Bazaar**
Parish Hall, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 4:00 p.m.
- **Giving Tree—Return Gifts with Tags**
Church Foyers

Sunday, December 3

- **Faith Formation Grades 1—5**
Parish Hall / Class Room, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
- **Celebration of the Eucharist
with Liturgy of the Word for Children**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, following Mass
- **St. Vincent DePaul Meeting**
Downstairs Conference Room, 11:15 a.m.
- **Children's Choir Rehearsal**
Church, Following 11:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m.
- **Giving Tree—Return Gifts with Tags**
Church Foyers
- **Faith Formation Grades 6 through 8**
Parish Hall / Class Room, 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Office Hours for the Week of November 26



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

Wednesday
9:00 a.m. — Noon

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

FROM FR. FRAN

The Feast of Christ the King

The official title of today's feast is the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. In an age where it's common knowledge that Leonardo DiCaprio declared himself "the king of the world" years ago on the deck of the Titanic, and countless science fiction and comic book characters claim all of creation as their own, a title such as "King of the Universe" can seem either comic or silly. However, when you look back on the origins of this feast, the title reclaims its power and impact.

In 1925, Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in his encyclical *Quas Primas*. The letter was a response to what he saw as the dangers of growing secularism and nationalism, especially in Europe. The feast, which he titled "Our Lord Jesus Christ the King" was a reminder that ultimate authority rests, not within the power of earthly kings, dictators, and presidents, but within the power of God alone. In Jesus Christ, that power is experienced as a foretaste and promise of the fulfillment of the reign or "kingdom" of God.

From its inception until 1969, this feast was celebrated on the last Sunday in October, preceding the Feast of All Saints by a few days. In 1969, Pope Paul VI gave the feast its current name and transferred its celebration to the very last Sunday of the liturgical year. So, we now conclude each year of faith by celebrating Christ as the one who brings all things, seen and unseen, to God, through his death and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Given the present state of the world and politics, perhaps this feast has even more relevance now than it did in 1925. Sadly, here in 2017 we see another rise of nationalism in Europe and the United States. Here at home, Neo-Nazis and white supremacists have once again taken

to the streets with their words of hatred and discrimination. For Catholics, Pope Pius XI words of wisdom ring true for our time. The ultimate power and authority in the world come from God who rules with justice, mercy, compassion and inclusion.

New Railings!

We have installed new outdoor railings at the handicapped entrance, front entrance, and entrance to the downstairs church. Many thanks to a very generous couple in the parish who donated towards this project. If you would like to donate to the remainder of the cost, please let me know!

Snow time?

Not quite yet, but inevitably, winter will knock on our door. As usual, we will post any parish cancellations on our website and Facebook page. A cancellation of mass announcement will also be found on our parish voice mail. As a rule, when Marlborough Schools are closed or delayed, there will be no morning Mass.

Christmas Crafts Fair is Here!

Please let this be my personal invitation for you to join in the fun this Saturday at our annual Christmas Crafts Fair. Our own parish crafters, bakers, and greens designers have been extremely busy creating some wonderful gifts for everyone in the family. We also have some of the finest crafters in the area joining us this year. Once again, Santa and his helper elf will make a visit. There will be great food, baked goods and soups on sale. And, as always, we expect our greens table to sell out early, so don't be late to this great event!

GRAND ANNUAL

Goal	\$80,000
Total Pledged	\$35,705
Total Received	\$28,430
Total to Reach Goal	\$44,295
Number of Families Pledged	71

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Due to the early submission of the bulletin, the Financials for November 18 and 19 will be published in next week's bulletin.

Upcoming Special Collections for December

December 2 and 3 — Parochial Schools
December 9 and 10 — Parish Maintenance
December 24 and 25 — Clergy Health and Retirement Trust



OUR FATHER'S TABLE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR GUESTS

St. Matthias' *Our Father's Table* ministry is hosting a collection of **deodorant and combs** for the annual Christmas dinner celebration at *Our Father's Table*. **Please consider donating one or more of these items no later than Sunday, December 17th.** Collection baskets are located at the church entrances. For more information, contact Sue Dolesh at 248-794-3734 or email at daledolesh@gmail.com.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for December 2 and December 3
First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B, 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9;
Mark 13:33-37

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

FAITH FORMATION

No Faith Formation gatherings will be held Sunday, November 26.

Faith Formation gatherings for December 3 are as follows:

Grades 1-5	8:30 – 9:45 am
Grades 6-8	6:00 – 7:15 pm



ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE WITH POT LUCK SUPPER

Grades 6-10 and their families will attend the Advent Pot Luck Supper on Sunday, December 10 at 5:00 p.m.

This evening will include prayer, supper and presentation (please see article elsewhere in bulletin for more information).

In the spirit of giving, we will join the community with the collection of deodorant and combs which will be distributed at the annual Christmas dinner celebration at Our Father's Table.

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE ALL ARE WELCOME!

Enter into the Advent Journey by joining with the Saint Matthias community for prayer, dinner, conversation and reflection.

Sunday, December 10 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., we invite you for an Advent Pot Luck Supper that will begin with prayer and end with a reflection by Kevin Dowd. Kevin has worked extensively in youth ministry and adult enrichment. His presentation "Front and Center" is a reflection on the centrality of the Eucharist in Christian life and mission. Through storytelling and drawing on real life events, Kevin inspires participants and leaves them feeling renewed in their faith and commitment.

Please save the date and time. Information will be forthcoming regarding individual and family donations of food for the supper.



PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK



Please Pray For...

Richard Abraham, Joyce Belliveau, Boyle Family, Conor Canavan, Peggy Cronin, Delia Cruz, Connie Cyr, Del Cyr, Rita Dennison, Clara Mae Dickerson, Grace Dowd, Doyle Family, Jack Duprey, Trevor Faulls, Colin Fawkes, Lee Ann Fital, John Gifford, Joe Gillis, Hannah Gluck, Philomena Hedin, Russ Hokanson, Cristina Janunas, Emma Johnson, Kathryn Keeler, Mary Martocci, Emma Larrivee, Maura McGuinness, Holly McIntyre, Kay McNeill, Roger Melenson, Michael Messom, Glenn Molloy, Theresa Morrill, Deborah Natoli, Jennifer Natoli, Theresa Perry, Jean Peltak, Michael Pilecki, Andy Rivers, Lois Schofield, Benjamin Smith, Edward Suzano, Andrew Tivnan, Ray Thomas, Trunfio Family, Jenny Weibel and Robert Vona.

SHAWL MINISTRY HONORED

The members of the St. Matthias Shawl Ministry were honored at a reception last Wednesday evening for their work with St. Vincent's Hospital in Worcester. Last Spring, the Shawl Ministry began donating shawls and lap robes to the patients in the Critical Care Unit at St. Vincent's Hospital. The daughter of one of the Shawl Ministry members, Debra Natoli, is the Patient Advocate for the unit. Ms. Natoli and Monsignor Peter Beaulieu distributed shawls or lap robes to individual patients, placing them on the patient as they were prayed over. They felt this helped the patient relax. Before long the CEO of the hospital, Mr. Jeffrey Welch, began receiving letters of thanks from the families. Mr. Welch asked if he could invite some of the hospital staff to meet the wonderful women responsible for making these beautiful shawls.

On Wednesday evening, Mr. Welch, Monsignor Beaulieu, Dr. Yuka Vinagre, Medical Director for ICU; Michael Paruta, Chief HR Director; Lisa Holmsgren, Nurse Manager PCU; and Wendy Lancey, Nurse Director of ICU spent a lovely evening mingling with members of the Shawl Ministry. Mr. Welch presented the Shawl Ministry with a framed commendation from the hospital along with a generous monetary donation to use for supplies. Hospital staff members shared stories about how the shawls have impacted the lives of those who received them. Members of the Shawl Ministry provided refreshments and the evening ended with everyone praying over some of the shawls that will be distributed by the members of the hospital staff. The hospital staff have promised to visit again soon. The Shawl Ministry would like to thank Fr. Fran, Deacon Doug, Jean Peltak, Diane Balinski and April Lowe for their help. It was an evening that none in attendance will ever forget.





ADVENT GIVING TREE

The Annual Advent Giving Trees will be set-up for this weekend, **November 25-26**. The tags on the trees will help fulfill the Christmas wishes of Marlborough area children, in need, through the United Way of Tri-County's "Hope for the Holidays" program. The Giving Trees will be located at the main entrance and by the glass doors downstairs. Please take a tag the first weekend (November 25-26) and return the gift on the second weekend (December 2-3). **Gifts should be returned, unwrapped, with the gift tag taken from the tree securely attached, no later than Sunday, December 3.** This allows those organizing the gifts ample time to get them ready for drop off at the Walker Building. Donations of *extra large gift bags* and tissue paper are welcome and will be given to the families so they can wrap their children's gifts.

Rita, Bill, Matthew and Ryan Fettig are the coordinators of the program so if you have any questions, please contact Rita or Bill at 508-786-9646 or email. bilrit@comcast.net. The parish thanks the Fettig family for their efforts and the Fettig's appreciate your strong support of this program.



St. Matthias Parish
Christmas Bazaar
Saturday, December 2
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Local Crafters with Unique Gifts

St. Matthias Craft Table

Traditional Greens

St. Matthias Baked Goods Table

Raffle Prizes - Basket Raffles

Grilled Favorites - Homemade Soup

Visit from Santa and his Elf
(11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.)

ADVENT MORNING OF PRAYER SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

The Sights, Sounds, and Colors of Advent
with Sr. Nancy Sheridan, SASV

St. Anne's Convent

720 Boston Post Road East, Marlborough, MA

Pre-registration is required by November 29. Please contact:

Email: WomenofFaithSSA@gmail.com or Ann Williams at 508-481-8176 or Sr. Yvette Bellerose, SSA, at 774-239-3372.