

Saint Matthias Parish

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Celebrations of the Eucharist

The Lord's Day

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Liturgy of the Word for Children is Celebrated at the
10:00 a.m. Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month
(October through April)

Weekday

Monday, Tuesday, and Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Holy Day

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 Theresa Salafia (tsalafia@stmattpar.org).

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 during 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 complete a registration card found at the church entrances or register at the parish office. We look forward to welcoming you to our parish community.

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH, MARLBOROUGH, MA

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, January 6 — 4:00 p.m.

Richard (Rick) Welsh—Memorial

Sunday, January 7 — 10:00 a.m.

People of St. Matthias Parish

Saturday, January 13 — 4:00 p.m.

In Memoriam

Frank and Leah Calore

Joseph Calore

Eleanor Laspada

Sunday, January 14 — 10:00 a.m.

People of St. Matthias Parish



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

Frank and Leah Calore

Eleanor Laspada

Joseph Calore

Office Hours for the Week of January 7

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. — Noon



Weekday Mass for the Week of January 7

Weekday Celebration of the Eucharist will be held on:

Monday, Tuesday and Friday

9:00 a.m. Downstairs Conference Room

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST WORSHIP BOOKLET

The Christmas Season Worship Aid can be found in the pews. This booklet contains Mass responses as well as our musical selections. Lift your voices in celebration.

After use, please return the booklet to the book rack located in the pew. *Thank You.*



THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, January 6

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

Sunday, January 7

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
with Liturgy of the Word for Children
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Epiphany Breakfast**
Parish Hall, 11:00 a.m.
- **St. Vincent DePaul Society Meeting**
Downstairs Conference Room, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, January 8

- **Finance Council Meeting**
Upstairs Conference Room, 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, January 9

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

Wednesday, January 10

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

Thursday, January 11

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

Saturday, January 13

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

Sunday, January 14

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Marlborough Community Cupboard**
Collection bins at church entrances
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, 11:00 a.m.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for January 13 and January 14
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3:3B-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13C-15A; 17-20;
John 1:35-42

JANUARY 7, 2017

FROM FR. FRAN

**“On the Twelfth Day of Christmas”
The Feast of the Epiphany**

Some might remember when today’s Feast of the Epiphany was known as “Little Christmas”, reflecting the tradition in the Eastern Christian Churches that gifts are exchanged on this day which commemorates the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh brought to the child Jesus. In many cultures, Epiphany is still *the* premier day of Christmas gift giving.

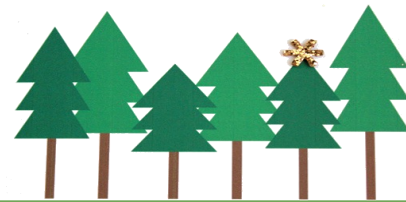
Before the 1970 reform of the liturgical calendar, this feast was always celebrated on January 6, the 12 day of Christmas. (Yes, the 12 days of Christmas don’t *end* but *begin* on 25 December.) In today’s liturgical calendar, the feast is usually celebrated on the third Sunday in the Christmas Season. It commemorates not only the visit of the wise ones, but what it theologically signifies, that the outsider is welcomed, and that the child born in Bethlehem is for all people of all times. As Christ came for all people of all times, so too does he call *us* to ever widen our circle of friends by sharing the joys and burdens of life with each other.

The word “*epiphany*” can mean manifestation, revelation, or illumination. When the early Christians celebrated the Epiphany, they were celebrating *all* of the following in one feast: the *Nativity*, when Jesus was revealed to the small band of shepherds in Bethlehem; the *Epiphany* when, through the visit of the Magi from the east Jesus was revealed to people outside of the small Jewish nation; his *baptism*, when God revealed Jesus as “beloved Son”; and the *wedding feast at Cana*, when Jesus revealed the miraculous power of God working through him. Eventually, in the Western Church, these Epiphany themes evolved into the Christmas Season.

The pattern of the season shows Jesus being revealed to more and more people, and ultimately, at his baptism, he is revealed to the world as the Son of God. At *our* baptism, we were given our life’s mission to *continue* to reveal Christ to *our* world. As we begin the year 2018, how is God calling each of us to continue the Epiphany of Christ? Rather than trying to keep that all too breakable New Year’s resolution, how about making an Epiphany resolution this year. What about resolving to bring more of Christ’s light into the world, by resolving to be a light for others. What about resolving that, in our words and actions, we will bear Christ’s message of love to our corner of the world. Let’s keep journeying onward into 2018, expecting God’s epiphanies and making them happen for others.

When the Power Goes Out in the Winter

On the Saturday before Christmas, just before the 4 PM Mass, we experienced a power outage that lasted six or seven hours. During that time a coil in the air exchanger that serves the parish hall froze and well, you know the rest! Our heating guru is working on a fix and we will be looking towards a more permanent solution to the problem. Until then, the parish hall might be a bit more chilly than usual. Just think about the heat of August when you come downstairs to coffee hour!



PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$4,000.00
Total Collection of December 23 and 24	\$3,737.00*
Of that amount WeShare donation	\$ 767.00
Parishioners Celebrating Mass.....	230
Total Collection of Christmas Mass -	
Clergy Benefit Trust	\$4,198.00
Of that amount WeShare donation	\$ 125.00
Parishioners Celebrating Mass.....	675
Total Collection of December 30 and 31	\$2,802.00*
Of that amount WeShare donation	\$ 465.00
Parishioners Celebrating Mass.....	286

* This represents a deficit of \$1,561 over the two weekend mass collection goal.

Special Collections for January 2018

January 13 and 14—Parish Maintenance
January 27 and 28—Support of the Church around the World

GRAND ANNUAL

Goal	\$80,000
Total Pledged	\$52,205
Total Received	\$45,445
Total to Reach Goal	\$27,795
Number of Families Pledged	99

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation gatherings will resume

Sunday, January 21

Grades 1 through 5 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Grades 9 and 10 10:00 a. m. Mass attendance
followed by coffee social
and meeting until noon

Grades 6 through 8 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.



OUR FATHER'S TABLE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

NEW HOPE CHURCH — (204 MAIN ST.)

St. Matthias Parish community members will be hosting *Our Father's Table* on **Tuesday, January 9, 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 contact Sue Dolesh for further details via email: daledoles@gmail.com.



MASS, FAITH FORMATION, AND EVENTS WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

Information regarding cancellation of Mass, Faith Formation classes, and St. Matthias Parish Events will be published on the website's homepage. The voicemail message will also be changed to reflect any cancellations.

In addition, Faith Formation class cancellations will be reported on WBZ (Channel 4), WCVB (Channel 5) and NBC CW56 7 News (Channel 56) as well as WBZ (1030) or WRKO (608) AM radio.

During the week, the general rule is that if Marlborough Public Schools are closed the office will be closed and there will be no morning Mass. If there is a delayed opening the office will be open, but morning Mass will be cancelled.



BRUNCH

**Sunday, January 7 following 11:00 a.m. Mass
Parish Hall**

You are invited to join the St. Matthias Parish community on **Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 11 a.m.** for an **Epiphany Brunch**. Come enjoy a delicious meal and friendship with your fellow parishioners.

Brunch items include French toast bake, quiches, freshly baked muffins, eggs, sliced ham, etc.

Monetary Donations for this event will be collected to support the *Our Father's Table* ministry. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD COLLECTION — JANUARY 13 AND 14

Our monthly food collection bins will be placed at the church entrances the weekend of January 13 and 14. Keeping our neighbors and friends nourished through the winter months.

In addition to donating food items, some of the services that the Cupboard provides and which you may assist with are the donation of personal hygiene items, baby diapers, clothing and pet food. Other options include on-line donations to feed a family and food delivery to homebound seniors through our *Senior Mobile Market* program. Check out the United Way website: <https://www.uwotc.org/MCC> for more information. Thank you.

PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK



Please Pray For...

Richard Abraham, Joyce Belliveau, Boyle Family, Conor Canavan, Elisangela Cardoso, 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, 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, Janet Pilecki, Michael Pilecki, Andy Rivers, Lois Schofield, Benjamin Smith, Edward Suzano, Andrew Tivnan, Ray Thomas, Trunfio Family, Jenny Weibel and Robert Vona.

ART AND ENVIRONMENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Art and Environment Ministry is inviting you to join in the beautification of the church and its grounds. The Art and Environment group is responsible for planning and decorating the worship environment throughout the various seasons of the liturgical year. Not simply “flower arranging”, this committee plans the décor to make the church a warm and inviting place to encourage participation in the liturgy. The two major events of liturgical year – Triduum and Christmas – require planning months in advance. Feast days, November’s Month of Remembrance, Lent and Advent also require attention to detail.

Meetings take place monthly, and sometimes more frequently for major liturgical events. Set up for these special celebrations may take one or more days. If you have a creative streak (or wish to tap into that creative spirit buried deep inside), this is the group to join! Floral arranging and bow-making skills are welcome, but are not necessary.

CHRISTMAS ENVIRONMENT

One of the many delights of the Christmas season is the beautiful decorations. You are invited to help make this possible with a contribution towards the Christmas Environment. You will find special envelopes labeled “Christmas Flowers” at the back of the church over the next few weeks. Please place your donation and the names of those you wish to memorialize in the envelopes. You may place the envelope in the weekly collection basket or return it to the parish office. If you choose to donate via

WeShare please be sure to send the memorial information to the parish office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



BOSTON CELTICS VS. NEW ORLEANS PELICANS RAFFLE TICKETS

*Tuesday, January 16, 2018
Loge 13, Row 2, Seats 9—12*

*Raffle Tickets on Sale After Mass
January 6 and 7
January 13 and 14*



*Raffle Ticket
\$10*

