

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

9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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, May 5 — 4:00 p.m.

Alice and James Robertson — Memorial

Sunday, May 6 — 10:00 a.m.

Patrick Blaney — Memorial

Saturday, May 12 — 4:00 p.m.

Mim Gowaski — Memorial

Sunday, May 13 — 10:00 a.m.

Constance Aramburu — 1st Anniversary Memorial

Weekday Mass for the Week of May 6



Weekday Mass will be held

Monday and Tuesday

9:00 a.m.

In the downstairs conference room

Office Hours for the Week of May 6



Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. — Noon

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
WORSHIP BOOKLET**

The Worship Aid for the Easter Season is found in the book rack in the pews. All of the Mass responses as well as the musical selections are included. Lift your voices in celebration. Please return the booklet to the book rack at the end of Mass. *Thank you.*

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12 and May 13

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 John 4:11-16

John 17:11b-19

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, May 5

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

Sunday, May 6

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, following Mass
- **St. Vincent DePaul Society Meeting**
Downstairs Conference Room, following Mass

Tuesday, May 8

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

Wednesday, May 9

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

Thursday, May 10

- **Mass for the Ascension of the Lord**
Church, 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 12

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

Sunday, May 13

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

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 10

9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

In the Church



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FAITH FORMATION

The sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to our candidates by Bishop Robert Reed Sunday, May 27, 2018 at the 10:00 am Mass. Please remember these candidates and their families in your prayers as this day approaches.

Registration for Faith Formation for the 2018-2019 year will begin in June.

During the summer months may these words of St. Ignatius of Loyola help us live our lives focused on the Lord.

*"Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous;
teach me to serve you as you deserve:
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to ask for reward
except that of knowing that*

I am doing Your will.

Amen. "



PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK



Please Pray For...

Richard Abraham, Joan Abshire, 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, Jason Fournier, John Gifford, Hannah Gluck, David Giugno, Philomena Hedin, Russ Hokanson, Cristina Janunas, Emma Johnson, Margaret Little, Mary Martocci, Emma Larrivee, Maura McGuiness, Holly McIntyre, Kay McNeill, Roger Melenson, Michael Messom, Steven Meuse, Glenn Molloy, Betty Montgomery, Donna Morgan, Theresa Morrill, Deborah Natoli, Jennifer Natoli, Bob O'Connor, Theresa Perry, Jean Peltak, Matt Pendergast, Janet Pilecki, Michael Pilecki, Andy Rivers, Lois Schofield, Kathleen Shine, Benjamin Smith, Edward Suzano, Andrew Tivnan, Ray Thomas, Trunfio Family, Jenny Weibel and Robert Vona.

***Please let the office know if you would like to continue to be included in the prayer line. As of June 1, this list will be refreshed.*

EASTER FLOWERS

The Easter season is filled with joy as we reflect upon the incredible sacrifice Christ made for us. A small part of that Easter joy is the beautiful arrangements of flowers adorning the church. The floral displays last throughout the 50 days of the Easter season. 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. Simply place your contribution in the envelope, put your name and the names of those you wish to honor on it and drop it in the collection basket. Contributions may also be made on-line through WeShare. All contributions are greatly appreciated.



SCRAPBOOKING SATURDAY SATURDAY, JUNE 9 ST. MATTHIAS PARISH HALL

Scrapbooking Saturday, June 9 is a time to enjoy an atmosphere of fellowship, laughter, and of course, time to work on your scrapbooks! We hope you will join us for a wonderful day of scrapbooking on June 9, 2018 at St. Matthias Parish Hall, Marlboro, MA from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. The cost per person is \$35.00 and proceeds will benefit the St. Matthias St. Vincent dePaul Society, a conference whose work is to provide assistance to the needy in Marlboro. For more information, please contact Jackie Tolan at (508) 633-3852 or at tolansvdp@aol.com.

MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION



The St. Matthias Parish monthly Marlborough Community Cupboard food collection bins will be placed at the church entrances next weekend **May 12 and May 13**, to support our Marlborough friends and neighbors who need a bit of assistance.

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 the **Senior Mobile Market** program. Check out the United Way website: <https://www.uwotc.org/MCC> for more information.

"Thank You" to **David Lavallee** for donating his time transporting the food donations to the Cupboard.

MAY 6, 2018

FROM FR. FRAN

Summer Parish Coffee Hour?

Each Sunday we go from the table of the Eucharist at 10AM to the table of coffee and conversation in the parish hall. This is a chance for us to share the week's news, support those going through difficulties, and welcome newcomers into our parish life. Over the years some strong friendships have evolved from our weekly get togethers.

I would like to thank those dedicated parishioners who host the coffee hours. Your Sunday morning service to the parish has an impact far beyond the purchase of donuts and the making of coffee! This is truly a ministry of hospitality and outreach and is appreciated by everyone who gathers on any given Sunday.

We are always in need of new folks to help host these gatherings. This July we will be giving parishioners a chance to get a taste of hosting to see if it is a ministry you might like to join in the fall. For the month of July we are inviting individuals or families to take on the hosting duties for one Sunday. You will be given the training you need during the month of June, and will be able to "shadow" the hosts during a coffee hour prior to your own. This is a great way to "test the waters" of this ministry, and help us out during the summer when many of our regular hosts are on vacation. In fact, we are counting on you! It looks as though so many of our hosts will be away that *we will have to cancel the July coffee hours if folks don't come forward!* So here is your chance to help our parish continue this important ministry of hospitality during the month of July.

All those interested are invited to contact April Lowe at our parish office or drop her an e mail. Her information may be found on the front cover of the bulletin. Thanks in advance.

Phone System Upgrade

Our phone system upgrade has begun! Well, it's not really an upgrade, it's a whole rewiring. We are in the process of having Comcast switch us over from a complete jumble of wires dating back to the time of "Ma Bell" to a modern system. When this is completed our new hardware will be installed. It will be good to say goodbye to our present antiquated system which is just a grade above tin cans and string! Many thanks to parishioner and Finance Council member Allen Scalise for spearheading this project.

New Life at our Front Door!

Spring has finally come to New England and with it a new allergy season and an abundance of new life. A wonderful example can be seen in the flower basket hanging on the door to the parish offices/rectory. What I believe is a house finch has taken up residence there, and is tending to a number of eggs. It's a mystery to me why mother bird decided upon this location, as she must have seen the frequent comings and goings through this main door. Perhaps she wants her brood to get some early socialization with their human neighbors.

Anyway, I would ask you to be mindful of this situation when you come to the Parish Offices. You may just be greeted by this low-flying mom- to -be as you pass by her residence. And, in a week or so, you may be serenaded by a choir of hatchlings!



PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$4,000.00
Total Collection of April 28 and April 29	\$3,372.00*
Of that amount WeShare donation	\$ 645.00

Parishioners celebrating Mass April 28 and April 29... 472

*This represents a deficit of \$647.00 towards the weekly offertory goal.

GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

Goal	\$80,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$61,825.00
Total Collected:	\$58,850.00
To Reach Goal:	\$18,175.00
Families Pledged:	119

MAY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

May 12 and May 13—Parish Maintenance
May 19 and May 20—Seminaries

RED SOX TICKETS — AUCTION

2 Red Sox Tickets up for Auction
Red Sox vs. Athletics
Tuesday, May 15 at 7:10p.m.

Field Box 10 Row E, Seats 3 and 4
(estimated stubhub value of \$150 each).

Place bid following masses using box and bid sheet located at the church entrance or call the Parish Office (508) 460-9255 to place a bid. One bid per person. Highest bid wins. **Bidding closes Thursday, May 10 at Noon.** All bids will be kept confidential.



REMEMBERING THE SPECIAL WOMEN IN OUR LIVES



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 the 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.

OUR FATHER'S TABLE

TUESDAY, MAY 8

NEW HOPE CHURCH — (204 MAIN ST.)

St. Matthias Parish community members will be hosting *Our Father's Table* on **Tuesday, May 8 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: daledolesh@gmail.com.

