

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

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, July 28—4:00 p.m.

Florence Myers—8th Anniversary Memorial

Sunday, July 29 - 10:00 a.m.

Hazel V. “Clifford” Byrnes – Memorial

Saturday, August 4—4:00 p.m.

Susan DiAngelo—Memorial

Sunday, August 5 - 10:00 a.m.

Memorial

Ella L. Mahoney, John R. Mahoney, Sr.
Annie R. Mahoney, and John R. Mahoney, Jr.



Weekday Mass for the Week of July 29

Weekday Mass will be held

Monday, Tuesday and Friday



9:00 a.m. in the
downstairs conference room

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST MUSIC SELECTIONS

Gathering: At The Table Of Jesus
Booklet # 14, pg. 21

Preparation of Gifts: Where Two Or Three Are Gathered
Booklet # 10, pg. 19

Communion: A Banquet Is Prepared
Booklet # 13, pg. 20

Recessional: From This Table
Booklet # 2, pg. 13



THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, July 28

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 4:00 p.m.
- **School Supplies Drive**
Collection bins at church entrances

Sunday, July 29

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, following Mass
- **School Supplies Drive**
Collection bins at church entrances

Wednesday, August 1

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

Saturday, August 4

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

Sunday, August 5

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, following Mass
- **St. Vincent DePaul Society Meeting**
Downstairs Conference Room, 11:15 a.m.

Office Hours for the Week of July 29



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

Wednesday
9:00 a.m. — 12:00 noon

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 4 and August 5

Exodus 16:2-4; 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-14
John 6:24-35

FROM FR. FRAN

Each year the Boston Archdiocesan arm of the Vatican's worldwide Society for the Propagation of the Faith invites every parish to host a missionary group that works to spread the gospel throughout the world, especially in poor and developing countries. The goal of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is to help all Catholics become aware of and support a missionary spirit of prayer and sacrifice.

This year the archdiocese is inviting us to support the work of the Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle. This society was established right here in the Boston Archdiocese by Cardinal Richard Cushing in 1958 to serve the needs of the church in Latin America, primarily in Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia. Over the years, many priests and women religious from Boston and from dioceses throughout the English speaking world have given a part of their ministerial lives to the Society.

As a seminarian I spent part of a summer with the Saint James Society in Lima, Peru. It was a life changing experience. We visited inner city and rural areas where we found the poorest of the poor dedicating themselves to God through worship and through community building. We learned from the priests and sisters working there that their original philosophy of "bringing Christ" to the people was totally misguided, for the people already knew Christ well. It was the *missionaries* that needed to learn and respect how God was working within a culture so different from their own.

Sixty years on, the mission continues to evolve, as can be seen from the Society's mission statement: *"The members undertake to be present with the poor who seek to be freed from systems and situations that perpetuate all forms of injustices and deny them their*

dignity and rights; and to inspire all, especially the young, to build a society more fully human and therefore more fully Christian. This demands a commitment to a ministry of evangelization where works of social action and human development are seen as an authentic expression of evangelical charity, and where a profound respect for the culture, values and traditions guides the ministry of the missionary and develops a more authentic integration of the fullness of the gospel message and the richness of the native cultural heritage."

Next weekend St. Matthias parish will host Fr. David Costello, who, since 2014, has been the director of the Society of St. James. He will share with us his own experiences of the missionary work of the Society and encourage us to assist the Society through a special collection.

For more information on the Society of St. James, take a look at their website at : www.socstjames.com.



PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$4,000.00
Offertory collection of July 21 and July 22	\$2,858.00*
Of that amount WeShare donations	\$ 485.00
Parishioners celebrating Mass	265

*This represents a **deficit of \$1,142.00** to reach the weekly offertory goal.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

St. Matthias Parish community will welcome into our faith community

Beckett Michael McElman



On **Saturday, August 11** during the 4:00 p.m. Celebration of the Eucharist

Keep **Beckett Michael** and his family in your prayers as they prepare for their Journey of Faith

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation registration is ongoing. During these quiet summer months planning for gatherings during Sunday mornings and evenings for all levels, 1-10, takes place. Materials are received, the calendar is devised and reviewed multiple times, service activities and retreats are scheduled, as well as parent and guardian meetings relating to sacramental preparation. It is important that all aspects of faith formation are in place for our children as they embark on another year of formation. Our catechists are special messengers of faith as they meet face to face with our young people. Our entire community serves as witnesses to others that were are disciples of Jesus. Together we strive to "grow in wisdom, age and grace,"

During World Youth Day in 2016 Pope Francis spoke with the young people in attendance. His words speaks about God's unconditional love for us.

"God loves us the way we are, and no sin, fault or mistake of ours makes him change his mind. As far as Jesus is concerned – as the Gospel shows – no one is unworthy of, or far from, his thoughts. No one is insignificant. He loves all of us with a special love; for

him all of us are important: you are important! God counts on you for what you are, not for what you possess. In his eyes the clothes you wear or the kind of cell phone you use are of absolutely no concern. He doesn't care whether you are stylish or not; he cares about you! In his eyes, you are precious, and your value is inestimable."

"The fact is, God loves us even more than we love ourselves. He believes in us even more than we believe in ourselves. He is always "cheering us on"; he is our biggest fan."

"God, on the other hand, is hopelessly hopeful! He believes that we can always get up."

"He demands of us real courage: the courage to be more powerful than evil by loving everyone, even our enemies."

"People may laugh at you because you believe in the gentle and unassuming power of mercy. But do not be afraid."



SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

For over 24 years the United Way of Tri-County has been collecting and distributing school supplies to children and youth in the greater Marlborough area. This year they have seen an even greater need than years past. We are helping them with our annual "Tools for Schools" collection this weekend, July 28/29.

If you didn't have an opportunity to pick up supplies and would like to do so we will also be accepting donations at the parish office, between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm, through Tuesday, July 31.



WAYS TO HONOR A LOVED ONE OR FRIEND AT ST. MATTHIAS CHURCH



As we pay tribute to the many experiences that touch our lives and the lives of our families, St. Matthias Parish offers parishioners and friends many opportunities to celebrate a loved one while monetarily sustaining the life of our parish.

- Sponsor a Sunday Coffee Social.
- Request a Mass Intention to honor an anniversary or birthday of a loved one (living or deceased).
- Make a contribution to the Sacramental Wine and Bread or Altar Candles in honor of someone. Contribution can be made for a specific week or a special month.

All contributions will appear in the parish bulletin and a poster will be created for the coffee social sponsorship. If you are interested in donating in one of the options above or would like additional information, please call the parish office 508-460-9255. Your contribution will be most welcome and appreciated.

PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK

Please Pray For...



Richard Abraham, Conor Canavan, Joseph Cox, Adelbert Cyr, Rita Dennison, David Giugno, Donna Hokanson, Russ Hokanson, Fr. Mike MacEwen, Dave Mackenzie, Kay McNeill, Michael Messom, Betty Montgomery, Theresa Morrill, Deborah Natoli, Jennifer Natoli, Theresa Perry, Jean Peltak, Andy Rivers, Kathleen Shine, Pedro Torres, and Jenny Weibel

****Please let the office know if you would like our parish to pray for the health and support of your loved ones.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16



Please join our parish family in worship at 10:00 am Mass followed by a picnic on the parish grounds. This yearly picnic is always a good chance to re-connect with families and friends of St. Matthias. We welcome back all Faith Formation families and catechists on this day.

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 — 9:00 AM

St. Vincent de Paul - Friends of the Poor Walk

The St. Vincent de Paul conferences of St. Matthias and Immaculate Conception invite you to join us for the annual ***Friends of the Poor*** fundraising walk on September 29. Walkers meet at Immaculate Conception then walk the Rail Trail. We greatly appreciate your support as we help Marlborough residents in need.

Last year's walk was quite a success and the walkers enjoyed the exercise and the friendship shared.

To register or sponsor a walker, log onto the registration website: www.MarlboroughFOPWalk.org. Don't forget to indicate St. Matthias as the Beneficiary of your registration. Register now and receive a free t-shirt.

PARISH YARD SALE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 9:00 AM— 3:00 PM

Mark your calendars! The St. Matthias Parish Yard Sale will be held **Saturday, October 13 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**. Clean your closets, storage units, and basement for items in good condition to be sold for the benefit of Saint Matthias. Consider volunteering some time to help with set up, receiving goods and tagging items during the week of October 8 – 13 (Yard Sale Day). Your presence on Yard Sale Day to help our customers and organize items is key to the day's success. There will be a treasure trove of items to purchase. And, a visit to our famous Bake Sale and cook out lunch for a snack is a must.

We hope you join in on this fundraising event. Call the parish office 508-460-9255, if you have any questions or would like to sign up to help. Much more information will be forthcoming during the summer into early fall. So spread the word and be part of this great fall event.

