

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, 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.

Saturday, August 11—4:00 p.m.

Joseph Meany — Birthday Memorial

Sunday, August 12 - 10:00 a.m.

Teresita Barcinas — Memorial

Weekday Mass for the Week of August 5

Weekday Mass will be held

Monday, Tuesday and Friday

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



NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 11 and August 12

1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30, 5:2; John 6:41-51

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST ***MUSIC SELECTIONS***

Gathering: All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly
Booklet # 9, pg. 18

Preparation of Gifts: We Come To Your Feast
Hymnal # 814

Communion: Where Two Or Three Are Gathered
Booklet # 10, pg. 19

Recessional: Now From This Table
Booklet # 8, pg. 17



THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

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.

Wednesday, August 8

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

Saturday, August 11

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

Sunday, August 12

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, following Mass
- **Marlborough Community Cupboard**
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Office Hours for the Week of August 5

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

Wednesday
9:00 a.m. — 12:00 noon



WELCOME FR. DAVID COSTELLO

Please welcome Fr. David Costello, visiting diocesan priest from The Society of Saint James who will give us some insight into the missions in South America. The Society, founded by Cardinal Cushing in 1958, has members serving in Peru. Each year a few of the members come north to spread the word about their missionary work and to appeal for donations. Please give generously.

For more information, please visit the Society of St. James website: www.socstjames.com.

FROM FR. FRAN

The other day I was reading in the paper that there was an open casting call in Boston for the next Mark Wahlberg movie. The casting directors were looking for the “mafia and construction worker” look. I thought to myself, this movie must be another Boston based flick, because they were searching for what has come to be known as the Boston stereotype.

A stranger to Boston might deduce from the movies that Boston is a dangerous town, full of thugs, juvenile delinquents, drugs, corrupt cops, even more corrupt politicians, that it’s run by Whitey Bulger and the Irish mob, and that everyone has a wicked accent that no one can understand. Let me assure you, as a native Bostonian, the movies do a great disservice to the city, its residents, and its “accent”.

Over the last decade or so, there seems to be a just as erroneous stereotype of the Catholic Church out on the street. With the latest round of revelations of abuse, this time involving one of the most powerful cardinals in America, the whole ugliness of priestly misconduct has returned, along with stereotypical reactions and pronouncements about the dangers of celibacy, gay clergy, and an all-male priesthood. To me this is just as much a scapegoating of the problem as the way in which bishops shuffled abusers around and hoped for the best. To get to the heart of the issue, and to resolve things in healthy ways, it’s important to stop scapegoating and stereotyping.

What is clear and true is that the church is, thankfully, dealing with the very real scandal of abuse at the highest levels. In just over a week’s time, two bishops, one being a cardinal, resigned their positions, one because of credible accusations of abuse, the other because of his complicity in covering up abuse in his diocese. This is a huge development in a church that has been accused, and somewhat rightly, of moving too slowly on these issues. What is stunning and long overdue is that those in power who covered up abuse are now being held accountable by Rome. This is very good news.

Those priests who have crossed boundaries with adults and preyed upon children are the ones we read about. Dioceses are now quick to take them out of ministry. What hasn’t been quick in coming is any sort of systematic dealing with those in authority who enabled these priests to continue in ministry. That is what is now changing. Cardinal Sean O’Malley, in a very strong statement on the issue, declared that it is time to develop policies to systematically deal with bishops who enabled cover-ups in their dioceses.

While the ongoing scandal is incredibly painful, especially to those who were abused and their families, many good things have come out of this terrible time. Still, there is much work to be done. What is incredibly sad is that so many people have left the faith because of the sinfulness and unlawfulness that has been uncovered in the institution. While divinely conceived, the church is still made up of very flawed human beings. The church does herself no favors when she continues to reward a culture of clericalism that puts the clergy and the institution on a pedestal. Only when we acknowledge our personal and corporate sinfulness will we begin to heal.

If we strip away the stereotyping and scapegoating, we will find that being a follower of Jesus Christ as a member of the Catholic Church is truly life-changing. In an age when truth is of small value, when respect for difference is hard to come by, when people don’t know where to turn for wisdom and guidance, the church has so much to offer. It’s heartbreaking that, just when the church can offer solid guidance on how to live a moral, ethical, compassionate and merciful life, so many people have turned away. It’s deeply disturbing that this situation has been brought about by church members themselves, especially by those in authority unwilling or unable to deal with sickness, sin, and unlawful acts.

In the end, there is much to be said for being a member of the Body of Christ in the Catholic Church. Even in these difficult times, the Holy Spirit is continually renewing the church. Christ is still our Good Shepherd, leading us through the dark valleys into places of light, hope and joy. Are you ready to follow him and show that the Church has much to offer a world in need of God’s embrace?

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$4,000.00
Offertory collection of July 28 and July 28	\$3,607.00*
Of that amount WeShare donations	\$ 695.00
Parishioners celebrating Mass	265

*This represents a **deficit of \$393.00** to reach the weekly offertory goal.

August Special Collection

August 4 and 5 — Society of St. James Mission
August 11 and 12 — Parish Maintenance

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

Registration for Faith Formation is ongoing. Our year begins Sunday, September 16 with attendance at 10:00 a.m. Mass followed by our parish picnic. During this Mass catechists will receive a blessing for their service to your children in forming them in faith.

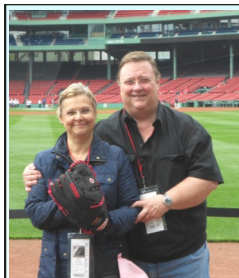
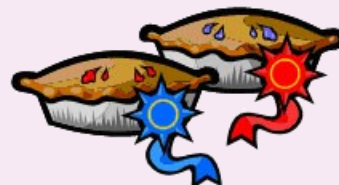
For those families who have not registered as yet please considering doing this soon. It is important to know how many children will be in each level so we will have enough catechists to serve our families. Also, materials need to be ordered and received in time for September.

If you have questions please contact Theresa Salafia at tsalafia@stmattpar.org or call the parish office, 508-460-9255

OTHER PARISH NEWS...

Mark your calendar for the parish picnic **Sunday, September 16, following 10:00 a.m. Mass.**

Get your PIE recipes ready! We welcome BAKERS to submit their favorite pie for the judges to make this sought after award. Questions? Contact the parish office at 508-460-9266.



FOND FAREWELL TO OUR FRIENDS CHRIS AND SUSAN O'BRIEN

To honor our friends and fellow parishioners, Chris and Susan O'Brien, before they relocate to Florida in the fall, friends within the parish will be

hosting a reception in the parish hall on **September 8, 2018, following the 4:00 p.m. Mass.**

If you would like to take part in planning the event or if you would like to attend, please contact Darleen Doona at darleendoona@hotmail.com or 508-251-2442.

PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK

Please Pray For...



Richard Abraham, Conor Canavan, Joseph Cox, Adelbert Cyr, Rita Dennison, David Giugno, 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.***

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 **August 11 and 12**, to support our Marlborough friends and neighbors. Products such as tuna, peanut butter, apple sauce and raisins make for great lunch options while school lunch is not provided to many area children.

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.



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.

