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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, February 16 — 4:00 p.m.

Susan DiAngelo — Memorial

Sunday, February 17 — 10:00 a.m.

Eileen Ahern — 8th Anniversary Memorial

Tuesday, February 19 — 10:00 a.m.

Barbara Rose — Memorial

Saturday, February 23 — 4:00 p.m.

Yvette Peltak — 10th Anniversary Memorial

Sunday, February 24 — 10:00 a.m.

Eleanor Del Raso — 5th Anniversary
Memorial



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

Frank and Leah Calore

Eleanor Laspada

Joseph Calore

Office Hours for the Week of February 17

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.



**Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, February 18 in
Observance of President's Day**



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST WORSHIP BOOKLET

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



The Season of
ORDINARY TIME

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



Please "Like" our Facebook page and
share with others! (St. Matthias Parish or @stmattpar)

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, February 16

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

Sunday, February 17

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, Following Mass

Monday, February 18

- **Parish Office Closed**
Observance of President's Day

Wednesday, February 20

- **Rosary Recitation**
Church, 6:00 p.m.
- **Shawl Ministry**
Downstairs Conference Room, 6:45 p.m.
- **St. Vincent dePaul Society Meeting**
Parish Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 21

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

Saturday, February 23

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

Sunday, February 24

- **Faith Formation Grades 1 through 5**
Parish Hall / Classrooms, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Faith Formation Grade 9 — Mass 10:00 a.m.**
Church / Classrooms, 10:00 a.m.—Noon
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, Following Mass
- **RCIA Meeting**
Classroom, 11:15 a.m.
- **Faith Formation Grade 6 through 8**
Parish Hall, 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

Weekday Masses for the Week of February 17

**Monday, Tuesday and Friday
9:00 a.m. in the
Downstairs Conference Room Chapel**



**For the most recent updates, please check
the website and voice message
on the Parish Office phone.**

FROM FR. FRAN



From time to time parishioners will come up to me after Mass and ask if it's true that I wrote a song that we've just sung in 1958. I usually laugh and ask them just how old they think I am. Then I will explain that, in hymn books, the dates you see following the name of the composer in the fine print at the bottom of each song don't indicate the year in which they were composed, rather, they indicate the year in which the composer was born, and if applicable, the date of the composer's death. (My date of death is blank - as of this writing).

There is a wealth of information in the fine print after each song in a hymnal. If you've ever wondered what the "secret code" is all about, let me explain.

First of all, there are two predominate types of compositions in today's hymnals: hymns and "songs". Hymns are like lyric poems set to music. (e.g. Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee.) "Songs" are usually more contemporary compositions in a verse/refrain style. (e.g. "On Eagle's Wings".)

Hymns are strophic in nature and the texts often take on the forms of classical poetry. Each text has a rhythm and meter which is expressed in a series of numbers you can find in the fine print. 86.86.86, for example, tells us that there are 3 couplets of two lines. The first line has 8 syllables and the second line has 6 and this pattern repeats 3 times. (Some of you are now breaking out in a cold sweat remembering freshman English class.) Text meters may also be written in shorthand such as CM for common meter, SM for short meter, or LM for long meter. If you don't see these numbers or letters, you can assume that the song is not strictly considered to be in the traditional hymn form. The rhythm of the hymn tune will naturally correspond with the rhythm of the text.

Unlike in contemporary popular music, where a tune and a text are wed together not to be separated, hymn tunes and texts are rather flexible. This means that you can "mix and match" many tunes and texts.

Because of this flexibility, hymn tunes are given specific names, like ANTIOCH (Joy to the World), or NEW BRITAIN (Amazing Grace). These names can represent anything from the place in which they were written to the street on which the composer lived. (Yes, I have used HEMENWAY for a hymn tune title.) Since the names of hymn tunes are always printed in capital letters, they are easy to recognize.

Other information in the fine print will include the author of the text, the translators if applicable, the composer of the tune, the company which publishes the hymn or song, and the date the piece was first published, if the piece is not in the public domain. (e.g. - Text: Peter J. Rabbit, 2017-2019, Tune: BRIAR PATCH 86.86.86, Elmer J. Fudd, 1928-1976; Copyright © 2019 Looney Tunes, Inc. All Rights Reserved.)

All kidding aside, hymnals contain an amazing array of styles and traditions that have become a part of the fabric of sung liturgy since Vatican II. From chant to contemporary songs, composers throughout the history of Christianity have sought to express faith, awe, and wonder in musical forms. When we sing a chant such as O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, we are connecting with faithful Christians who have sung this tune since the 9th Century. And when we sing tunes by contemporary composers we are continuing to participate in the living and evolving sung prayer of the church.



PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Financials—Weekly Goal \$4,000.00

Offertory collection of February 9 and 10	\$4,502.05
A surplus of \$502.05 over the weekly goal. <i>Thank you!</i>	
Of that amount WeShare donations	\$ 890.55

Parish Maintenance Collection	\$2,331.00
Of that amount WeShare donations	\$ 95.00
Parishioners celebrating Mass	354

January 2019 Financial Review

Parish Income:	\$42,837.71*
Parish Expenses:	<u>\$35,720.39</u>
January Net Income:	\$ 7,117.32

*This income total reflects donations to the Grand Annual of \$17,100.00 which are not typical month to month.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Special Collection for February

February 23 and 24

Support of the Church Around the World

Next week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe and three important national Catholic missions: the Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions. Your generosity will help fund the spiritual, educational and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world. For more information about each of these organizations, the website links can be found on the Archdiocese of Boston Special Collections page www.bostoncatholic.org/specialcollections.aspx.

FAITH FORMATION

There are **NO** Faith Formation meetings on **Sunday, February 17** as the winter school break begins.

Meetings resume **Sunday, February 24.**

Grades 1 to 5 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Grades 6 to 8 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

To extend community service, during the next few meetings the children will make placemats, provide baked goods and bread for guests being hosted on **March 12 for Our Father's Table.**

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

A brief meeting with parents/guardians of children preparing for First Eucharist and First Reconciliation will be held Sunday, February 24 at 8:30 a.m. in the parish hall.

Happy winter vacation to all!



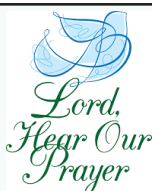
NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23 and February 24

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Luke 6:27-38

PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK

Please Pray For...



Richard Abraham, Conor Canavan, Carol Chatalian, Joseph Cox, Adelbert Cyr, The Del Raso Family, Rita Dennison, W. Joseph Doyle, Kent Dudley, Stella Fettig, David Giugno, Hannah Gluck, Thomas Gluck, Russ Hokanson, Emma Johnston, Fr. Mike MacEwen, Dave Mackenzie, Kay McNeill, Mike Mauro, Maura McGuinness, Judy McManus, Michael Messom, Betty Montgomery, Theresa Morrill, Deborah Natoli, Jennifer Natoli, Theresa Perry, Johnny Pellrine, Jean Peltak, Andy Rivers, Joan Russo, Kathleen Shine, Andrew Tivnan, Pedro Torres, Trunfio Family, Ronald Vaudreuil, Phil Verdino 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.**



INVITATION TO PRAY THE ROSARY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 — 6:00 P.M.

Please join us in prayer of the Holy Rosary in the church this **Wednesday, February 20 at 6:00 p.m.**

Prayer of the rosary is simple and humble so much like Mary. It's a prayer we can all say together with Her, the Mother of God. With the Hail Mary we invite Her to pray for us. Simple words to bring peace and unity into our lives. We hope to you will join us. *Beth and Mike Vinci*



CHILDREN'S SAFETY

Parents and guardians are reminded to accompany children to the rest room during mass as well as during the coffee social or other events in the parish hall. Entrance doors are unlocked during mass times and while events are taking place throughout the parish.

MASS, FAITH FORMATION, AND EVENTS WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

Weather related cancellation of Mass, Faith Formation classes, and St. Matthias Parish Events will be published on our website's homepage (www.stmattpar.org). The Parish Office telephone voicemail message will provide up-to-date information. 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 weekdays the general rule is, if Marlborough Public Schools are closed the office will be closed and there will be no weekday morning Mass. If there is a delayed opening the office will be open, but morning Mass will be cancelled. Safety is the highest priority.

2019 GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

As the Grand Annual continues, thank you to the many parishioners and friends who are helping to make our Parish financially stable.

Our numbers to date:

Grand Annual Goal	\$80,000
Total Pledged	\$35,395
Total Received	\$29,285
Total to Reach Goal	\$44,605
Number of Families Pledged	68

To make your pledge or contribution, envelopes are located at the church entrance. You may also visit our website to give on-line through our WeShare program. Thank you for your monetary donation and more importantly, your prayers for our parish community.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Sunday, March 3

MARDI GRAS BRUNCH

Parish Hall following 10:00 a.m. Mass

BURNING OF THE PALMS

Front of Church following 10:00 a.m. Mass



Monday, March 4

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL INFORMATION MEETING

Downstairs Conference Room,
7:00 PM



Wednesday, March 6

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass 9:00AM and 7:00 PM
In the Church



Tuesday, March 12

OUR FATHER'S TABLE

New Hope Church, 204 Main St.
4:00 PM

Saturday, March 16

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Parish Hall following 5:00 PM Mass



Society of St. Vincent DePaul

Information Meeting

Monday, March 4 — 7 p.m.

Would you like to increase your spirituality, develop some great friendships and help those in need? The Mission Statement of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is as follows: A network of friends inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships and service to people in need.

St. Matthias St. Vincent de Paul conference will be hosting an informational meeting on **Monday, March 4, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the downstairs conference room**. We invite you to attend this meeting to learn more about our conference and decide if it would be a good fit for you.

If you are interested but are unable to attend this meeting please email Dale or Sue daledolesh@gmail.com.

