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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.

Downstairs Chapel

Holy Day

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

Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.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 FOR THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, June 1 — 4:00 p.m.

Mary Edna Maguire — Memorial

Sunday, June 2 — 10:00 a.m.

Rayfield Johnson — Memorial

Saturday, June 8 — 4:00 p.m.

Salvatore Ponterella — Memorial

Sunday, June 9 — 10:00 a.m.

Michael Trunfio — Birthday Memorial

Weekday Masses for the Week of June 2

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

Downstairs Conference Room Chapel

For Mass updates, please check the
website and voice message
on the Parish Office phone.



Office Hours for the Week of June 2

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.



OFFICE HOURS

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST WORSHIP BOOKLET



The Worship Booklet for the Easter season can be found in the book rack within the pews. This booklet contains Mass responses as well as our musical selection. Please return the booklet to the book rack at the conclusion of Mass.

Thank You.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for Pentecost Sunday
June 8 and June 9



Acts 2:1-11;
1 Corinthians 12:3B-7, 12-13;
John 17:20-26

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, June 1

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 4:00 p.m.
- **Celebration For Deacon Doug (40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate)**
Parish Hall, following Mass

Sunday, June 2

- **Celebration of the Eucharist with Baptism**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass
- **St. Vincent dePaul Society Meeting**
Parish Hall, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Chat**
Classroom, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, June 4

- **Confirmation Rehearsal—Students and Sponsors**
Church, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 5

- **Rosary Recitation**
Church, 6:00 p.m.
- **Shawl Ministry**
Downstairs Conference Room, 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, June 6

- **Choir Rehearsal**
Church, 7:00 p.m.
- **Bereavement Group**
Downstairs Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 8

- **Celebration of the Eucharist with Confirmation**
Church, 4:00 p.m.
- **Marlborough Community Cupboard**
Collection Bins at Church Entrances

Pentecost Sunday, June 9

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass
- **Marlborough Community Cupboard**
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FROM FR. FRAN

This weekend it is with great joy that St. Matthias Parish celebrates the 40th anniversary of Deacon Doug Peltak's ordination to the Order of Deacon. In May of 1979 Doug was a member of one of the first classes of deacons ordained for the Archdiocese of Boston after the restoration of the Diaconate called for by Vatican II. For the entirety of his ministry Doug has been assigned to parishes in the city of Marlborough, first to St. Ann, then Immaculate Conception, and for the last 13 years, to St. Matthias. (And not to be left out, Doug was baptized at St. Mary Parish!)

The diaconate is still one of those ministries that may seem a bit mysterious to the average parishioner. Just what is a deacon and what does he do?

The diaconate consists of transitional deacons, those who are studying for ordination to the priesthood, and permanent deacons, ordained for the lifelong ministries of the diaconate. As stated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in their article on the permanent diaconate, the ministry of deacons includes ministry of Word, Sacrament and Charity:

“As ministers of Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach, and teach in the name of the Church. As ministers of Sacrament, deacons baptize, lead the faithful in prayer, witness marriages, and conduct wake and funeral services. As ministers of Charity, deacons are leaders in identifying the needs of others, then marshaling the Church's resources to meet those needs. Deacons are also dedicated to eliminating the injustices or inequities that cause such needs. But no matter what specific functions a deacon performs, they flow from his sacramental identity. In other words, it is not only WHAT a deacon does, but WHO a deacon is, that is important.”



As we celebrate Doug this weekend, it is easy to see how well he lives out the ministry of deacon. We are so blessed to have such a faith-filled and dedicated man in our parish family. As minister of the Word, his homilies break

open the scriptures in thought provoking and challenging ways. They are composed from his heart and flow from his deep faith, rooted in our community life.

Doug also spends countless hours with families preparing for funerals, presiding at wake services and facilitating a ministry for those who are grieving. He has a natural gift for walking with those who are experiencing the loss of loved ones.

I could go on and on about his gifts and ministry, but the last line of the statement from the Bishop's Conference stated above sums it all up, as wonderful as his work in service to our parish is, what is more wonderful is *who* he is. With great empathy and kindness he lives out the day to day joys and struggles of the diaconate.

As we all know, the last few years have been challenging for Doug as he walks with his beloved wife, Jean, through her illness. I'm sure we all have fond memories of Jean's tireless ministry here at St. Matthias. Together the Peltaks have been such a blessing to our parish community. Our prayers are with Doug and Jean as they continue to walk together in faith, hope and love. May the Holy Spirit be with them to embrace them on the tough days and rejoice with them on the good days. And let us all thank God for their presence among us as friends and companions on the journey.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Financials May 25 and May 26
Weekly Goal: \$4,000

Offertory collection:	\$3,008.05
Deficit of \$991.95 to reach the weekly goal.	
Of that amount WeShare donations	\$330.55
 Parishioners celebrating Mass	 272

Month of June Special Collections

- Seminarian Collection — June 8 and June 9
- Parish Maintenance — June 15 and June 16
- Promoting the Gospel — June 22 and June 23



FAITH FORMATION

Our prayers and congratulations to our deacon, Doug Peltak, on the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the diaconate from the children, families and catechists in Faith Formation.

Confirmation rehearsal is Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m. in church. Candidates are reminded that sponsors should be at rehearsal. If your sponsor is unable to attend due to travel, a parent or guardian should be with you for rehearsal.



Confirmation is Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Please remember the candidates, their families and sponsors in your prayers as they prepare for this great day.

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity.

Spirit of right judgment and courage, guide us and make us firm in our baptismal decision to follow Jesus' way of love.

Spirit of knowledge and reverence, help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in everyday dealings with one another. May we respect life as we work to solve problems of family and nation, economy and ecology.

Spirit of God, spark our faith, hope and love into new action each day. Fill our lives with **wonder and awe** in your presence which permeates all creation.

Amen

REMEMBERING OUR FATHERS

"When someone you love becomes a Memory, that memory becomes a Treasure."

In honor of Father's Day, during the month of June the parish will honor and pray for the many men who have touched our lives. Inscribe your loved one in the Book of Prayers located on the altar and a donation may be made in his name using the envelopes found at the church entrances. All special intentions will be announced in a future bulletin in commemoration of these special men.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Please welcome into our faith community

Hazel Mary Greska

on

Sunday, June 2, 2019

during the 10:00 a.m. Celebration of the Eucharist.

Together let us keep *Hazel Mary* and her family in our prayers.

PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK

Please Pray For...



Richard Abraham, Conor Canavan, Carol Chatalian, Danielle and Melissa Chiasson, Steven Chiasson, Joseph Cox, Adelbert Cyr, The Del Raso Family, Fay DiNitto, Dale Dolesh, W. Joseph Doyle, Kent Dudley, Stella Fettig, David Giugno, Hannah Gluck, Thomas Gluck, Russ Hokanson, Emma Johnston, Fr. Mike MacEwen, Dave Mackenzie, Kay McNeill, Pat McNeil, Mike Mauro, Maura McGuinness, Judy McManus, Michael Messom, Theresa Morrill, Deborah Natoli, Jennifer Natoli, Mary and Bob O'Connor, Johnny Pellrine, Jean Peltak, Theresa Perry, 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.

ST. MATTHIAS GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

The 2019 Grand Annual collection is still a great opportunity to donate to the parish. **Grand Annual packets are still available at the church entrances or on-line** www.stmattpar.org and click on the On-Line Giving link.

Grand Annual Goal \$80,000

Total Pledged	\$49,640
Total Received	\$46,595
Total to Reach Goal	\$33,405
Number of Families Pledged	101



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION CHAT SESSION SUNDAY, JUNE 2 — 11:15 A.M.

The next meeting for the *Extraordinary Ministers of Communion* will take place **Sunday, June 2 following the 10:00 a.m. Mass**. This is a change from the original schedule. Grab a cup of coffee and meet in the classroom to the left side of the stage. This is our last meeting before Summer break. Thank you.



Congratulations to

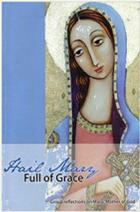
**Deacon Doug Peltak
40th Anniversary of his
Diaconate Ordination**

The St. Matthias Parish community thanks you for all your years of service and to the dedication and love you have brought to this Parish.

Thank you!

**INVITATION TO PRAY THE ROSARY
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5 — 6:00 P.M.**

Please join us in the in prayer of the Holy Rosary in the church this Wednesday, **June 5 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

**MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD
COLLECTION — JUNE 8 AND 9**

Our monthly food collection bins will be placed at the church entrances next weekend, **June 8 and June 9.**



Essential items are needed to ensure the health and nutrition of our neighbors is met. Suggested items: canned soup, tuna fish, peanut butter, jelly, sugar, condiments, ready to eat boxed meals, rice, etc. 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 and pet food. Other options include clothing, on-line donations to feed a family and food delivery to homebound seniors through the **Senior Mobile Market** program. Please visit the United Way website: <https://www.uwotc.org/MCC> for more information.