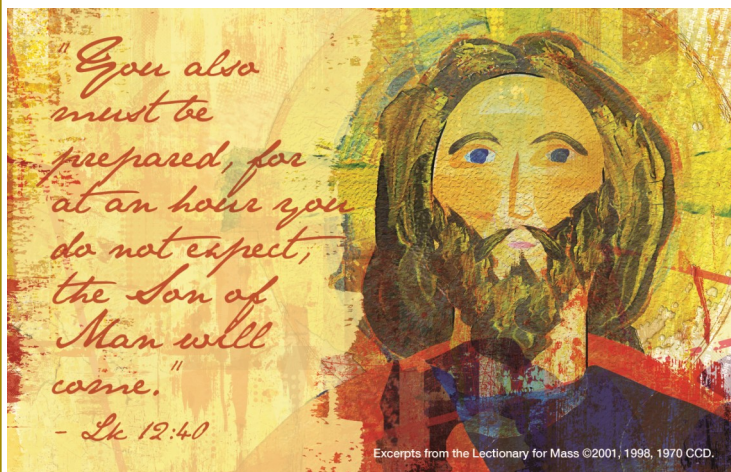


Saint Matthias Parish

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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., 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 OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, August 10 — 4:00 p.m.

Josephine Myers
Memorial

Sunday, August 11 — 10:00 a.m.

Michael Fortunato
Memorial

Monday, August 12 — 10:00 a.m.

George E. Gazza
1st Anniversary Memorial

Saturday, August 17 — 4:00 p.m.

Joe Meany and Paul Meany
Memorial

Sunday, August 18 — 10:00 a.m.

Teresita Barcinas
Birthday Memorial

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, August 10

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

Sunday, August 11

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

Tuesday, August 13

- **Funeral Mass for Richard Sullivan**
Church, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, August 14

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

Thursday, August 15

- **Feast of the Assumption of Mary**
Church, 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 17

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

Sunday, August 18

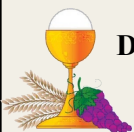
- **Celebration of the Eucharist with Baptism**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 17 and August 18

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4
Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Weekday Masses for the Week of August 11



Monday 9:00 a.m. in the
Downstairs Conference Room Chapel

Feast of the Assumption of Mary

Thursday, August 15
9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Church

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

No Weekday Mass Tuesday and Friday, August 16

Office Hours for the Week of August 11

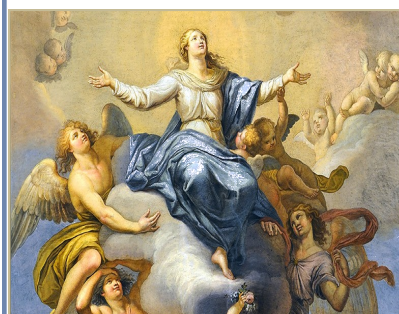
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

*The office is closed on
Wednesdays and Fridays.*



Mass of the Feast of the Assumption of Mary
Thursday, August 15
Church, 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



*"My soul glorifies the Lord^h
and my spirit rejoices in God
my Savior, ⁸for he has been
mindful of the humble state of
his servant."*

Luke 1:46-48

FROM FR. FRAN

Cardinal Sean's Response to the Recent Mass Shootings

Our nation is still reeling from the recent mass shootings we have experienced. Our prayers are of course with the victims and their families. We readily hear from politicians and pundits whenever these tragedies occur. However, statements from our religious leaders often don't get the coverage they deserve.

In our Catholic Christian communities many bishops have spoken out and released statements that look at the situations from the eyes of faith. Below is the statement from our own archbishop, Cardinal Sean O'Malley.

"The mass murder of 31 innocent people in a 24 hour period, fueled by hate and disregard for human life, is unacceptable in any society. We offer our prayers and support for the communities of El Paso and Dayton in the midst of this time of immense pain.

Our nation was founded on the principle that all people are entitled to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." We implore our elected leaders to rise above ideological differences and work together to address the serious issues facing our country by enacting meaningful and effective policies to end the violence. This includes keeping firearms, particularly assault weapons, out of the hands of those who would use them to inflict devastating harm on our communities. We must address inadequate mental health care in this country. Finally, we must work towards a more civil and just society that rejects all forms of violence and hatred in our country. The fabric of our national conscience is at risk.

Today we give thanks for the bravery of the first responders who selflessly rush to the aid of the victims and pray for the healing of those injured in the shootings. We call upon the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, for the protection of our loved ones, friends and neighbors as we entrust to our Lord's mercy those lost to this violence. Together let us strengthen our commitment to do what is necessary to stop these horrendous attacks."

*Cardinal Sean O'Malley,
Archbishop of Boston*

Transitions

Within the next few weeks we will be saying goodbye to two of our staff members at St. Matthias Parish. Our Office Manager, Diane Balinski, and our custodian, Jim Cannava, will be moving on after many years of service to our parish. Both Diane and Jim have worked tirelessly for our community. They have given

more than one hundred percent to their respective positions each day. Their care for our parish community goes way beyond their job descriptions. I would like to personally thank them both for their good work on behalf of our parish and wish them both well for the future.

Our parish will have an opportunity to thank them both at upcoming coffee hours after the 10 AM Sunday Mass. Our thank you for Diane will be on Sunday, August 25th. Our thank you for Jim will be on a subsequent Sunday. Again, many thanks Diane and Jim!

Feast of the Assumption of Mary, August 15th

This Thursday we will mark the Feast of the Assumption of Mary at St. Matthias parish with masses at 9AM and 7PM.

The Feast of the Assumption celebrates Mary's welcome, body and soul, into heaven. As Jesus was first to rise from the dead, he has received his mother first into eternity. For her, the resurrection of the dead has taken place already! Although it was only in 1950 that Pope Pius XII declared as dogma the bodily assumption of Mary into heaven, this feast has been celebrated on August 15 since the middle of the fifth century.

The placement of this feast, at the height of summer in the northern hemisphere, calls to mind the beginning of the harvest, the gathering in of the fruits of the earth. Mary's assumption is seen as the beginning of the great gathering into heaven of the faithful.

The Assumption is a feast to celebrate Mary as the first disciple to follow in the footsteps of her son, Jesus. Where he is, so too is his mother. We will one day follow in her footsteps as we enter into the loving embrace of Christ forever. Let us celebrate Mary as a role model of discipleship. May we follow her example of openness to God and may we trust in God as faithfully and deeply as she did.



FAITH FORMATION

Registration

Faith Formation registration continues for the 2019-2020 year. It is helpful for planning and securing materials if families submit registrations early. If you have questions about Faith Formation gatherings or a request to schedule a payment plan for registrations, please speak with Fr. Fran or contact Theresa Salafia, Faith Formation Director at tsalafia@stmattpar.org or call the parish office at 508-460-9255. We are here to journey with you and your children in faith.

The **Parish Family Picnic is Sunday, September 22**. This day is the Official opening of our Faith Formation year. All families in the parish are invited to begin this year of faith together by participating in 10:00 a.m. mass followed by the picnic on the parish grounds. Catechists who have come forward to share their faith will receive a blessing at the conclusion of mass. We are most grateful to our catechists who help our families grow "in wisdom, age, and grace."

Note for Confirmation candidates: Your Confirmation retreat previously scheduled for Saturday, October 26 will now be Sunday, November 3, 2019. **That day's schedule is:** 10:00 a.m. mass participation followed by coffee social. Retreat from 11:30 a.m.— 4:00 p.m., led by Jim Flanagan, Youth Minister at St. Elizabeth Church in Acton. Candidates will gather in the conference room for the first portion of the retreat. Lunch is 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars as this day is important for your Confirmation preparation. If you have questions or will like further clarification please contact Theresa Salafia at tsalafia@stmattpar.org or the parish office at 508-460-9255.

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, W. Joseph Doyle, Kent Dudley, Stella Fettig, David Giugno, Hannah Gluck, Thomas Gluck, Russ Hokanson, Emma Johnston, Fr. Mike MacEwen, Dave Mackenzie, Doreen Martin, Kay McNeill, Pat McNeil, Patrick Mauro, Maura McGuinness, Judy McManus, Michael Messom, Theresa Morrill, Deborah Natoli, Jennifer Natoli, Mary and Bob O'Connor, Johnny Pellrine, Jean Peltak, Theresa Perry, Joan Russo, Kathleen Shine, Andrew Tivnan, Pedro Torres, Trunfio Family, Ronald Vaudreuil, 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.



Parish Picnic

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, September 22, 2019

Please join our parish family in Celebration of the Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. followed by a picnic on the parish grounds. Re-connect with families and friends of the St. Matthias community.

Activities for the Day

Food and Beverage

Face Painting

Lawn Games



Bake your favorite Cupcake to share and enter the *Cupcake Contest*

We welcome back all Faith Formation families and catechists on this day.

Weekly Financials—Weekly Goal: \$4,000

Offertory Collection - August 3 and August 4 \$2,925.05

Deficit of **\$1,074.95** towards the weekly goal

Of that amount WeShare donations \$ 340.55

Mission Appeal - August 3 and August 4 \$1,344.00

Parishioners celebrating Mass August 3, 4 264

Special Collections August

August 10 and 11: Parish Maintenance

August 24 and 25: Parochial School Tax

Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Summary

Income: \$348,076.41

Expenses: \$411,918.96

Deficit : \$ 63,842.55

- Operating budget deficit: **\$13,595.95**
- Parish Hall Air Handler Replacement Expense: **\$50,247.00**

Air Handler Project Itemization:

Concord Heating (Air Handler for Hall)	: \$37,642.00
Erie Environmental (Asbestos removal)	: \$11,750.00
Alpha Heating (Additional Repair)	: \$ 855.00
	\$50,247.00

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST MUSIC SELECTIONS AUGUST 10 AND 11

Gathering Song: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
hymnal # 613

Preparation Rite: Instrumental

Communion: Christ, Be Our Light
hymnal # 512

Recessional: The King Shall Come
When Morning Dawns
hymnal # 347

The Worship Booklet for Ordinary Time contains Mass responses as well as our musical selections. Please return the booklet to the book rack at the conclusion of Mass.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please welcome into our faith community

Ayla Mae Curtis

Sunday, August 18, 2019

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



Together let us keep *Ayla Mae*
and her family in our prayers.

Marlborough Community Cupboard Collection August 10 and August 11

Our monthly food collection bins will be placed at the church entrances this weekend, **August 10 and 11.**

Essential items are needed to ensure the health and nutrition of our neighbors is met during the summer months. Suggested items: canned soup, tuna fish, peanut butter, jelly, sugar, ready to eat boxed meals, etc. In addition to donating food items, donations of personal hygiene items and pet food are also welcome. 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.

