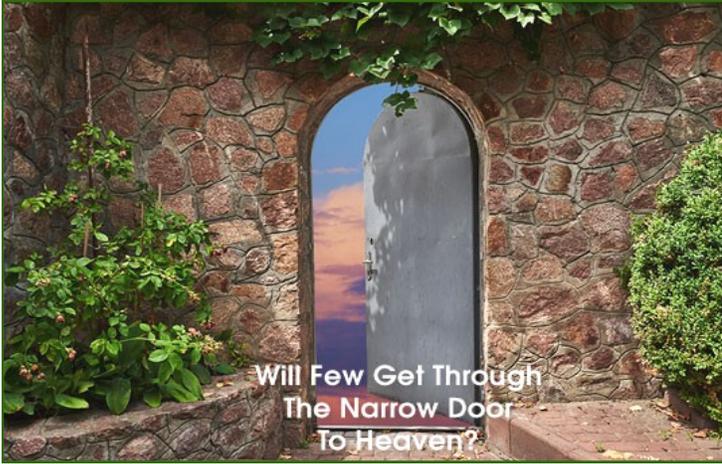


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Celebrations of the Eucharist

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 24 — 4:00 p.m.

Mary Masciarelli
3rd Anniversary Memorial

David Mauro
Birthday Memorial

Patrick Mauro
Pray for Healing

Sunday, August 25 — 10:00 a.m.

Helen Grasso
Memorial

Saturday, August 31 — 4:00 p.m.

John Mockus
4th Anniversary Memorial

Sunday, September 1 — 10:00 a.m.

Rocco Addeo
Memorial

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, August 24

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

Sunday, August 25

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

Wednesday, August 28

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

Saturday, August 31

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

Sunday, September 1

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
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

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the Twenty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 31 and September 1

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24A
Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Weekday Masses for the Week of August 25

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 August 25

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

The office is closed on
Wednesdays and Fridays.



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST **MUSIC SELECTIONS AUGUST 24 AND 25**

Gathering Song

All Are Welcome
hymnal # 741

Preparation Rite

We Come To Your Feast
hymnal # 814

Communion

Taste and See
booklet # 8

Recessional

Rain Down
hymnal # 505

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.

FROM FR. FRAN



Thank You, Diane!

Please join our St. Matthias parish family this Sunday after the 10 AM Mass as we thank Diane Balinski for her many years of service to our parish as Office Manager. Diane has done wonderful work for our parish, not only as Office Manager, but as a volunteer in so many aspects of parish life. Diane began at St. Matthias 14 years ago in a volunteer position, putting together the bulletin. This grew into her position as Office Manager, which, in her own words, she considered "more of a vocation than a job".

I'd like to thank her for her years of dedicated service and ministry to our parish. We are so much richer for her presence among us in our office and will miss her greatly. So please, come and thank her for sharing her gifts with us at the coffee hour in her honor, this Sunday, August 25, after the 10AM Mass.

Prayers for our Students

Over the next few weeks busses will roll again, families will settle their college students into dorms, and life will take on a different pace. Please take some time in your prayer over the next few weeks to pray for our students and their families as they return to school. May this be a year of growth in knowledge and wisdom for our students, and may the Holy Spirit guide them and their families as they live the joys and challenges of the school year ahead.

A Financial Note

Summertime is traditionally a time when parish collections take a bit of a nosedive with folks on vacation and such. If you have been following our weekly collection statistics, you'll see that we have been doing fairly well this summer, thanks to your great generosity. Just a gentle reminder that it is crucial for us to hit our 4 thousand dollar per week goal to keep our budget balanced. Thank you to so many who have increased their weekly contribution. If at all fiscally possible, I invite others to please consider an increased weekly donation.

Looking toward the fall season, in a few weeks the parish Finance Council will be releasing the end of the year report for FY2019. Our Grand Annual campaign for 2020 will then kick off in mid-October or so. Stay tuned for more info. Thanks again for your fiscal support of our parish!

Greeters for Funerals

As I have mentioned in the last few bulletins, we are in need of more parishioners to volunteer to be greeters at our parish funerals. The ministry consists of arriving about one half hour before a funeral, (funerals are usually scheduled for 10AM) greeting folks, handing out booklets and answering any questions worshipers might have. In all, this would be about a two hour commitment once every month or six weeks, depending on the number of greeters and funerals.

If you are interested or would like to know more about this ministry please speak with any of us on the parish staff.

Weekly Financials—Weekly Goal: \$4,000

Offertory Collection - August 17 and 18	\$4,677.05
Of that amount WeShare donations	\$1,077.55
Parishioners celebrating Mass August 17, 18	287
Assumption of Mary - August 15	\$ 535.00
Parishioners celebrating Mass	92

Special Collections August

August 24 and 25: Support of Parochial Schools

July 2019 Budget Comparison

Income:	\$29,650.95
Expenses:	\$25,787.90
Net Income:	\$3,863.05

Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, September 5, 2019
Welcome New Members

The 2019-2020 Parish Choir season will hold it's first rehearsal on Thursday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. We welcome interested singers from high school age and beyond to join us. Rehearsals are held Thursday evenings 7:00-8:30 pm in the church. Additional rehearsals are held for Christmas and Easter masses.

The Choir Director, Joyce Belliveau is available after each mass if you have any questions regarding the Choir. We welcome new members as we begin the new season and throughout the year.

Come sing with us.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation registration for the 2019-2020 year continues. Thank you to families who have submitted their re-registration information.

CALENDARS may be found on our parish website: www.stmattpar.org. We are always in need of catechists to serve as substitutes throughout the year. If you wish to explore further the role of catechist please contact Theresa Salafia, Director of Life Long Faith Formation at tsalafia@stmattpar.org or call the parish office at 508-460-9255.

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."

First Gathering Date:

September 29 — 8:30 a.m.—9:45 a.m.

Grades 1 through 5

October 6 — 10:00 a.m. Mass with meeting until Noon in Downstairs Conference Room

Grade 9 — Confirmation I

October 6 — 6:00 p.m.—7:15 p.m.

Grades 6, 7 and 8

October 20 — 10:00 a.m. Mass with meeting until Noon in Downstairs Conference Room

Grades 10—Confirmation II

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, Paul 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.

Sign-up sheets for donations and volunteer duties will be available soon!

Coffee Social Reception for Diane Balinski

Sunday, August 25

Following the 10:00 a.m. Mass

Please join the parish staff and parish community as we say good-bye to Diane Balinski as Office Manager of the parish office this **Sunday, August 25 during the Coffee Social following 10:00 a.m. Mass**. The parish office has been blessed having Diane as a member of the parish staff for over 14 years and her time and commitment are greatly appreciated. Although Diane is leaving as a staff member, she will continue to be part of our Parish community. Take time to share your well-wishes with Diane as she moves into the next phase of her working career.



ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

Join the St. Vincent DePaul Society, on their biggest fundraiser of the year, **Friends of the Poor Walk (FOP)**, on **Saturday, September 28, 2019**. The fundraiser walk meets at the Immaculate Conception Church and walks along with the Immaculate Conception SVdP Conference on the Marlborough to Hudson section of the Assabet River Rail Trail, for approximately 3 miles. The walk begins at 10:00 a.m. (registration begins at 9:30 a.m.).

Please consider joining our community effort to help those in need. You may sign-up to be a walker yourself and request donations or donate to a walker.

Instructions to sign-up to be a walker:

Visit the website: FOBwalk.org.

Find **Register to Walk at an Event Near You**.

Scroll to and click on “**Massachusetts**” in the “**Choose your state**” box and click on “**Next**”.

Type **Marlborough** in the “**Keyword Search**” box. Click “**Register to Walk**” in the Marlborough FOP Walk box.

Under **BENEFICIARY**, you must click “**Choose Beneficiary**”. On the next page, “**Massachusetts**” should be selected, click on “**Choose a Diocese**” and click on “**Archdiocese of Boston**”. Begin typing “**matt**” in the “**Narrow Your Search**” box. When St. Matthias comes up, click “**Select**”.

Fill in your contact information.

Once, you have registered to walk, begin asking friends and relatives if they would like to be a part of your effort by donating to your walk.

NOTE: If you register to walk before August 15, you can choose to receive a free t-shirt.

Instructions to donate to a walker:

Call the Parish Office to ask who is walking in the FOP Walk (or watch for a future bulletin article).

Visit the website: FOBwalk.org.

Under **WALKERS** in the “**Find a Walker**” box enter a walker’s name and click on “**Search**”.

Click on “**Donate to Walker**” in the walker’s box, enter your information and donate your chosen amount by credit/debit card.

