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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 31 — 4:00 p.m.

John Mockus
4th Anniversary Memorial

Sunday, September 1 — 10:00 a.m.

Rocco Addeo
Memorial

Saturday, September 7 — 4:00 p.m.

William Bruce-Tagoe
Birthday Memorial

Sunday, September 8 — 10:00 a.m.

Memorial

Frank and Leah Calorie
Joseph Calore
Eleanor Laspada

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

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

Monday, September 2

- **Parish Office Closed**
Observance of Labor Day

Wednesday, September 4

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

Thursday, September 5

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

Saturday, September 7

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

Sunday, September 8

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Chat Session**
Classroom, 11:15 a.m.
- **Marlborough Community Cupboard Collection**
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NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

September 7 and September 8

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18B
Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Weekday Masses for the Week of September 1

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 September 1 Tuesday and Thursday (Closed Monday)

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Monday, September 2

The Parish Office will be closed in
observance of Labor Day

The office is closed on
Wednesdays and Fridays.



LABOR DAY

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST MUSIC AUGUST 31 AND SEPTEMBER 1

<u>Gathering Song</u>	You Gather Us Booklet # 16
<u>Preparation Rite</u>	Blest Are They Hymnal # 636
<u>Communion</u>	One People, Here We Gather Booklet # 19
<u>Recessional</u>	Diverse In Culture Booklet # 9

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



Many thanks to all who planned and participated in last Sunday’s coffee hour at which we celebrated **Diane Balinski’s 14 years with us in the parish office.**

While we will greatly miss Diane’s presence, we wish her well as she embarks on new endeavors. Please see Diane’s thank you to the parish elsewhere in the bulletin.

You may have noticed that the inside pages of our **parish bulletin** have not been in color for the last few weeks. There is a story! Back in 2017, LPI, the company that produces our bulletins, told us that they were converting all their clients’ bulletins to full color. Just a few weeks ago they told us that we were given color bulletins “by mistake”. Hmm. For two years? Anyway, we are in negotiations with them.

Like other bulletin companies, LPI prints St. Matthias’ bulletins without charge to us. They make their money from the ads which they procure from local businesses. This year, with a new agent working our account, you may have noticed that we have a number of new ads. Due to this, we get a monetary return from LPI. So please take advantage of the businesses that advertise weekly in our bulletin. We thank them very much for their support. We will continue to publish the bulletin in full color for our website: www.stmattpar.org.

It’s almost time for our **St. Vincent DePaul Society’s Walk for the Poor.** This event unites Vincentians from local parishes and around the

country in an effort to raise money for the great work that the Society does on behalf of those in need in local communities. Please see the article elsewhere in the bulletin for all the details.

Just a couple of **housekeeping reminders** for parishioners. Please park only in designated areas on the property. The area right in front of the church is a fire lane and needs to be kept clear at all times. Thank you, parents, for escorting your children to the restroom during Mass. Please remember to do the same when you are in the parish hall for coffee hour.

During the summer, I always get questions as to why the **ceiling fans** aren’t running. These fans are designed to do one job only, and that is to draw hot air down into the church. So, as soon as there is a chill in the air, you will see them spinning again!

As we take time out this weekend to **reflect upon our labor**, let’s pray for those seeking employment, those unable to find fulfilling jobs, those desperate enough to seek asylum in foreign countries, and those who continue to live in poverty, no matter how hard they try to break free. As our county dives into the 2020 election season, one of the factors we, as Catholic Christians, must weigh is how each candidate proposes to help those who have the least. Let’s remember that through our baptism, we are called to bring Gospel values to our actions in the public square.

Weekly Financials—Weekly Goal: \$4,000

Offertory Collection - August 24, and 25	\$3,591.05
Of that amount WeShare donations	\$ 710.55
Parishioners celebrating Mass August 24, 25	314
<u>Collection in Support of Parochial Schools</u>	\$ 614.00

July 2019 Budget Comparison

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

Special Collections in September

- Parish Maintenance — Sept. 7 / 8**
- Clergy Health and Retirement Trust—Sept. 14 / 15**

**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.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

Join the St. Matthias' St. Vincent DePaul Society, on our 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.

