

# *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, October 12 — 4:00 p.m.

St. Matthias Parish Community  
Prayer Intentions

### Sunday, October 13 — 10:00 a.m.

Betty Montgomery  
6th Month Anniversary — Memorial

### Saturday, October 19 — 4:00 p.m.

St. Matthias Parish Community  
Prayer Intentions

### Sunday, October 20 — 10:00 a.m.

Slavomir Swerdya  
30th Anniversary — Memorial

## Office Hours for the Week of October 13

### Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

*Parish Office is closed on Wednesday and Friday*



The Parish Office will be closed  
Monday, October 14  
In Observance of Columbus Day

## Weekday Masses for the Week of October 13

There will be no weekday Mass  
October 14 through October 25



Weekday Mass will resume  
Monday, October 28 at 9:00 a.m.  
Downstairs Conference Room

## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST MUSIC OCTOBER 12 AND OCTOBER 13

Gathering Song I Heard The Voice Of Jesus  
Hymnal # 622

Preparation Rite Healer Of Our Every Ill  
Hymnal # 854

Communion In This Meal  
Booklet # 7

Recessional To Live your Word  
Booklet # 11

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.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

### Saturday, October 12

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 4:00 p.m.
- **Knights of Columbus—Tootsie Roll Drive**  
Church Entrances, following Mass

### Sunday, October 13

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**  
Parish Hall, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass
- **Knights of Columbus—Tootsie Roll Drive**  
Church Entrances, following Mass

### Monday, October 14

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

### Tuesday, October 15

- **Christmas Craft Meeting**  
Parish Hall, 10:00 a.m.

### Wednesday, October 16

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

### Thursday, October 17

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

### Saturday, October 19

- **Yard Sale**  
Parish Hall, 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 4:00 p.m.

### Sunday, October 20

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

## Yard Sale Set-up and Donation Drop-off

**Tuesday through Friday**

**1:00 — 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 — 8:00 p.m.**

## FROM FR. FRAN

**Many Thanks!**

Our parish had a wonderful **Blessing of Animals** celebration last Sunday afternoon. Once again, dogs ruled, however they played nicely with the fish, cat, and marsupials also in attendance! Thanks to all who participated. A special thank you to the Packard family who organized the event, and members of our music ministry who led us in song.

You may have noticed that we have some new **floor mats** at the entrances to the church and a new soap dispenser in the church restroom. These are courtesy of parishioners Peter, Julie and the children of the Binkewicz family. Many thanks for this generous donation.

**Sacrament of the Sick**

Each fall our parish celebrates the **Sacrament of the Sick** at our weekend masses. This year's celebration will be on **October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**.

From the beginnings of the church, communities have gathered around those who are ill and, with a priest to lead, they have lifted up prayer for the sick, invoked the presence of the Holy Spirit and anointed them with the blessed oil. In this sacramental encounter we believe that God has showered grace and strength on the sick person.

The point of this anointing is not for the person to receive a miraculous recovery, (although if God chooses to do so, it is an incredible gift) rather, it is to unite the sick person, the community and Christ together in asking the Creator to be gracious and close to the sick person.

It is up to each individual to discern if a sharing in this sacrament would be a helpful and comforting experience during a time of illness – physical, emotional or spiritual. Also, those who will be having surgery or testing in the next weeks are invited to the sacrament as well as those feeling the effects of aging. The gift of the sacrament is to strengthen the sick person and to instill God's inner peace and healing. If your physical, emotional or spiritual condition is such that this moment would bring strength and comfort, we invite you to partake of the Sacrament of the Sick.

**Sacrament of the Sick is not “the Last Rites”**

The ritual at the end of a person's life is still commonly called “last rites” by many Catholics. However, the Church's ritual appropriate to those in their last days on earth is actually called **Viaticum**, meaning “food for the journey”. Originating in the ancient tradition of giving one who is setting out on a journey a banquet as well as those things needed for their travels, the rite of Viaticum includes a forgiveness of sins, a litany of mercy, an invocation of the saints, and the reception of communion as food for the journey home to God. While Viaticum is not synonymous with the Sacrament of the Sick, it may also include the laying on of hands and anointing with oil.

Unfortunately, for a number of Catholics, the Sacrament of the Sick is still synonymous with “last rites”. Not a week goes by that a priest doesn't get a call from a hospital, hospice, or parishioner requesting “the last rites” for a loved one who is near death. What is usually desired and expected is the anointing of the Sacrament of the Sick. However, Viaticum, as explained above, is the church's rite for the dying.

Another common situation is that in which a Catholic, for whom the Sacrament of the Sick would be most appropriate, does *not* want to receive it because they equate it with imminent death. I have frequently heard well-meaning family members say: “Please father, just say some prayers, if you anoint her she'll think she's dying”.

Still another misconception is that Viaticum or “last rites” is only to be administered just before death. Frequently a care giver will seek a priest only in those final hours. Often in such a situation a priest will not be available, causing anxiety for the family and the dying person. Viaticum may be celebrated with a terminally ill person *at any time* during the final phase of their illness. Since it is especially meaningful if the person is conscious and able to participate, the sooner in the final illness the better.

I hope this helps distinguish between the Sacrament of the Sick and Viaticum or “last rites” who never fails to embrace all who come in search of healing, peace and eternal life.

**Weekly Financials—Weekly Goal: \$4,000**

<u>Offertory Collection - October 5 and 6</u>	\$3,634.05
Of that amount WeShare donations	\$ 395.55
<b>Deficit of \$365.95 towards weekly goal</b>	
<u>Parish Maintenance Collection</u>	\$1,883.00
Of that amount WeShare donations	\$ 105.00
Parishioners celebrating Mass October 5 and 6	330

**Special Collection—October**

Holy Father and Missionary Efforts	October 12 and 13
World Mission Sunday	October 19 and 20
St. Vincent dePaul Society	October 26 and 27

**September 2019 Budget Comparison**

<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$24,775.02</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>\$23,494.75</b>
<b>Net:</b>	<b>\$ 1,280.27</b>

October 13, 2019

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes will not be held on Sunday, October 13 due to the Columbus Day holiday.

**Faith Formation meetings will resume October 20.**

#### Grades 1 through 5

**October 20 — 8:30 a.m. — 9:45 a.m.**

Meet in the Classrooms/Parish Hall

#### Grades 6, 7 and 8

**October 20 — 6:00 p.m. — 7:15 p.m.**

Meet in the Parish Hall

#### Grade 10 — Confirmation II

**10:00 a.m. Mass with meeting until Noon with**

**Ms. Salafia in the Downstairs Conference Room**

### ST. MATHIAS JOB OPPORTUNITY

#### MAINTENANCE /CUSTODIAN PT

St. Matthias Parish is currently interviewing for a part-time Custodian, four days a week 8:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. to maintain the parish buildings and property. Responsibilities include projects such as painting, general carpentry, basic masonry, etc. The candidate should be able to work evenings and weekends as needed, have the ability to lift up to 75 lbs and have reliable transportation.

The complete job description links are available on the St. Matthias Parish website, on indeed.com, craigslist and bostoncatholic.org.

For further information, please contact the Parish Office at 508-460-9255.



### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

#### OCTOBER 26 AND OCTOBER 27

The Anointing of the Sick will be held during weekend masses October 26 and 27.

Participants will be anointed with *oleum infirmorum*/ Oil of the Sick (olive oil or another pure plant oil blessed by the bishop). The anointing is available to anyone seeking comfort, peace, and courage as they journey through an illness or a difficult time in their lives.

### FR. JOE BRUCE

#### VISITING PRIEST —OCTOBER 19 AND 20



A warm St. Matthias welcome to Fr. Joe Bruce who will be the Celebrant of Mass the weekend of **October 19 and 20.**

Fr. Joe is a Deaf Jesuit Priest who works in the Deaf Catholic Archives, a special collection at Holy Cross College.



### RECITATION OF THE ROSARY WEDNESDAY, MAY 16 AT 6:00 P.M.

All are welcome on Wednesday evening October 16th for the *Recitation of the Rosary*. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. *Mike and Beth*

### 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, Alice Kimball, Fr. Mike MacEwen, Dave Mackenzie, Doreen Martin, 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.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR CRAFT MEETING

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15**

**10:00 A.M. - PARISH HALL**

The Christmas Bazaar committee is getting into the Christmas spirit. Join the Craft Meeting on **Tuesday, October 15 at 10:00 a.m. in Parish Hall.**

If you would to volunteer to help or provide a home-made craft for the St. Matthias Craft Table, please contact the Coordinator, Cindy Roberge at [robergecindy@gmail.com](mailto:robergecindy@gmail.com).

### Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

**October 12 and 13**

The Knights of Columbus will be holding the "Tootsie Roll Drive" this weekend October 12 and 13 in an effort to help people with intellectual and physical disabilities. Monies collected not only helps those with disabilities but also, in partnership with the Special Olympics, assists with their programs and supports the work of many other non-profit associations. Please help the Knights help others with your donation toward the Tootsie Roll Drive. Representative will be at the church doors after masses.



## EUCHARIST BREAD BAKING

*"Body of Christ"*

Information Session—October 26 and 27



St. Matthias Parish offers a unique opportunity for bakers, experienced or with limited experience, to bake bread for the Eucharist received at Mass. There is a special pride when your "bread" is consecrated, and shared with our parish family.

After Mass on **Sunday, October 27** meet Gina Mulvaney in the Parish Hall to find out how you can be part of this important ministry.



## Mass of Remembrance

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019**

The annual **Mass of Remembrance** will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 10, 2019**. This annual celebration provides us with the opportunity to join with all our fellow parishioners who have lost a loved one in the past year, to remind them that we continue to care for them and walk with them. The Art and Environment Committee will be busy creating a proper and dignified pictorial memorial that will be located in the foyer of the church starting November until the first Sunday of Advent. It will display pictures of all of those whose funerals were celebrated here at St. Matthias in the past year. Additionally, we also include parishioners whose loved ones died this past year and their funerals were celebrated outside of St. Matthias.

As we have in the past, we want to display these pictures as part of the memorial and include them in the book of the dead and roll of names to be read aloud at the Mass of Remembrance on November 10. If you have lost a loved one since last November and the funeral was celebrated outside St. Matthias, please be sure to contact Deacon Doug as early as possible at 508-460-9255 with the information. We ask that **all photos be submitted by October 22 via email [admin@stmattpar.org](mailto:admin@stmattpar.org) or drop off in the parish office** to allow the Art and Environment Team ample time to plan and put the display together.

Following the Mass of Remembrance all are invited to a breakfast reception in the Parish Hall.

## NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time — October 19 and October 20

*First Reading:* Exodus 17:8-13

*Second Reading:* 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

*Gospel:* Luke 18:1-8