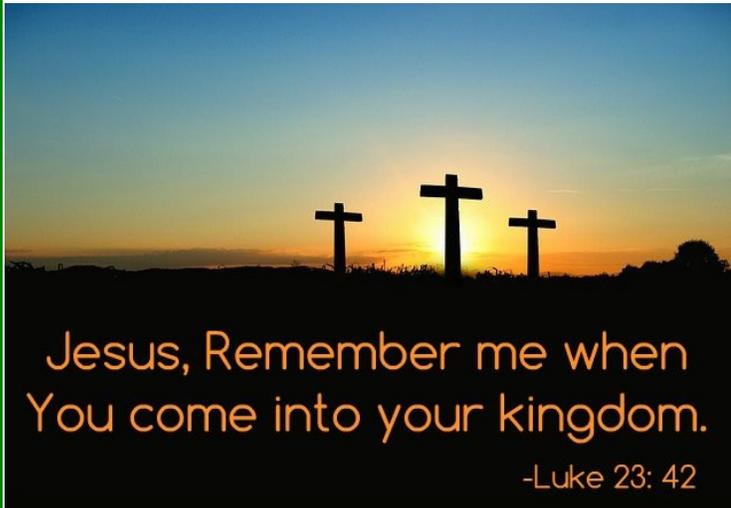


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Celebrations of the Eucharist

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, November 23 — 4:00 p.m.

Anthony Peltak — Memorial

Sunday, November 24— 10:00 a.m.
Memorial

Mary and Gerry Coletti
Frank Hill and Mildred Lauretti

Monday, November 25 — 9:00 a.m.

Bruce M. Goodnow — 1st Anniversary Memorial

Thursday, November 28 — 9:00 a.m.

Alfonso Barcinas — Memorial

Saturday, November 30 — 4:00 p.m.

Francis Kane — 1st Anniversary Memorial

Sunday, December 1 — 10:00 a.m.

Jean Marie Peltak — Memorial

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, November 23

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

Sunday, November 24

- **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 9 — Confirmation I**
Mass 10:00 a.m./Downstairs Conference Rm. 11:15 — Noon
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass
- **Parish Town Hall Meeting**
Parish Hall, 1:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.
- **Faith Formation Grades 6 through 8**
Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m. — 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, November 26

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

Thursday, November 28—Happy Thanksgiving

- **Thanksgiving Mass**
Church, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 30

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

Sunday, December 1

- **Faith Formation Grades 1 through 5**
Classroom, 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.
- **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, 11:15 a.m.

Office Hours for the Week of November 24

Monday and Tuesday

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Parish Office will be closed on Thursday,
November 28 in celebration of Thanksgiving



Parish Office is closed on Wednesday and Friday.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST MUSIC NOVEMBER 23 AND NOVEMBER 24

Gathering Song To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King
Hymnal # 492

Preparation Rite Jesus, The Lord
Hymnal # 403

Communion God's Great Care
Booklet # 4

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.

Weekday Masses for the Week of November 24

Weekday Mass
Monday and Tuesday

9:00 a.m. — Downstairs Conference Rm.

Thanksgiving Day Mass —November 28

9:00 a.m. in the church

Donations accepted for the Marlborough Cupboard.



For Mass updates, please check the website and voice message on the Parish Office phone 508-460-9255.

FROM FATHER FRAN



Today's Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe marks the end of another liturgical year. This week also marks the celebration of **Thanksgiving Day**. It always seems fitting that both of these celebrations come at the same time of the year. One celebrates Christ as the center of all things and the other commemorates our thankfulness for all that God gives us.

I think it's safe to say that this year has brought joys and struggles for most of us. It's the human condition, after all. Happiness mixed with pain is simply part of being alive.

What is most important for us, as Catholic Christians, is that we look at all the last year has brought us through the eyes of faith. Faith lets us be thankful for everything that comes our way, especially the steadfast presence of God through the good, the bad, and the ugly.

Whenever we come to Mass, we come *in thanksgiving*. In fact, the word Eucharist *means* thanksgiving. I invite you to begin **Thanksgiving Day** with our parish family at the table of the Eucharist, as we will celebrate and give thanks to God on this coming **Thursday morning at 9AM**. Please remember to bring gifts of non-perishable food for our Community Cupboard when you come to Mass on Thursday, for it is through reaching out to others that we give thanks for all God has done for us.

Our St. Matthias **parish-wide meeting**, will be held **this Sunday, November 24, from 1:30 – 3:30 PM in the parish hall**. Parishioner Katie Broach will facilitate the presentations and discussions centering on two topics: (1) the current state of our parish (2) moving towards becoming a Pastoral Collaborative with St. Michael, Hudson in June of 2021.

Beginning with the "state of the parish", we will look into the pastoral work of the parish, our financial and staffing realities, our relationship with the archdiocese, and projects for the future.

The second segment of the afternoon will deal with all that becoming a **Pastoral Collaborative** entails. We will share some of the history of the forming of Collaboratives in the archdiocese, along with how St. Matthias Parish came to be named in a Collaborative with our neighbors in Hudson.

Our **2020 Grand Annual Collection** is off to a great start. Last week alone we received over \$10,000 dollars in donations. Thanks to all you "early birds" who donated in the initial week or so. Now it's time for all who haven't donated yet to keep the momentum going. We have a long way to go to reach our \$65,000 dollar goal. That entire amount has been entered into our FY 2020 operating budget. Falling short of our goal means the real possibility of more cutbacks in the year to come. It is only by the participation and generosity of *each and every parishioner* that we are able to continue the good work of our parish community. No gift is too small or too big! Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Weekly Financials—Weekly Goal: \$4,000

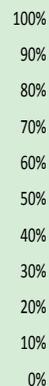
Offertory Collection—November 16 and 17 \$ 4,470.05
Of that amount WeShare donations \$ 1,250.55
Surplus of \$470.05

Parishioners celebrating Mass November 16/17 323

October 2019 Budget Comparison

Income:	\$28,763.47
Expenses:	\$24,323.50
Net +:	\$ 4,439.97

2020 GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN



Thank you to everyone who has pledged or given to the 2020 Grand Annual Campaign. We are off to a good start.

Our numbers to date:

Grand Annual Goal	\$65,000
Total Received	\$16,300
Total to Reach Goal	\$58,900

To make your contribution, envelopes are located at the church entrance. You may also give on-line through our WeShare program. Thank you for your support to the parish community.

Happy Thanksgiving!

As we gather at tables near and far, sharing in love, laughter and maybe some tears, may God be with us all. May we cherish the bounty God has given us. May we thank God for lifting us up through the difficult and lean times. May we give thanks to God for blessing us with family and friends to share the joys and sorrows of life.

Happy Thanksgiving!



May we ask God to open our hearts to those around us who are in need. May we praise God for always being there to guide our lives, until, at last, we all gather around the great banquet table in heaven, where our Thanksgiving will never end.

HIGHLIGHTED MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

Ushers and Greeters

Every Mass individuals are welcomed by the Ushers and Greeters. Aside from being "Directors of First Impressions", tasks include distributing the weekly bulletin, answering questions, and being aware of special communion needs for the Eucharistic Ministers to be aware of, such as needing communion in their pew, etc. Additional responsibilities include counting worshipers in attendance, taking up the weekly collection, and securing the collection after Mass. If you would like to part of this team, please contact the parish office 508-460-9255.

PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK

Please Pray For...

Richard Abraham, Donna Anastas, Conor Canavan, William Connors, 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, Theresa Perry, Joan Russo, Kathleen Shine, Andrew Tivnan, Pedro Torres, Trunfio Family, Ronald Vaudreuil, AnnMarie Walters, Paul and Jenny Weibel.

Call the Parish Office add a loved one to the prayer list.

Christmas Giving Tree



Through the generosity of many parishioners, Christmas joy is given to many Marlborough community children who need our help to make their Christmas brighter.

St Matthias Parish will once again partner with United Way to identify families who are participating in the Giving Tree Program. Giving Trees tags will be placed at the church entrances beginning the weekend November 23/24. Gift tags with specific requests are placed on the tree and parishioners are asked to take a tag, purchase the gift and bring the unwrapped gift to the church November 30/December 1, with the tag attached. Donations of wrapping paper, bows and tape will help greatly.

Thank you to the Fettig Family for taking the time to organize this community outreach project. If you would like to help as well, please contact the Parish office. The Fettig family would like another family to become familiar with program and will help in preparing them to be the organizers for the next Christmas season.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation gatherings for **Sunday, November 24**

Grades 1-5 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.

Grades 6-8 6:00 - 7:15 a.m.

Confirmation 1 (Grade 9) Participation in 10:00 a.m. mass followed by coffee social and meeting Deacon Paul until noon.

NOVEMBER BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



In November the St. Matthias Parish community honors the memory of our deceased family members, friends and parishioners with our Book of Remembrance. You are invited to inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones in this book throughout the month of November.

The Book of Remembrance is located in the church foyer along with a photo board. You are invited to place a photo of your deceased loved one on the photo board. Please write your name and phone number on the back of the photo so that it may be returned to you.

Donations in memory of deceased loved ones may be placed in the *November All Souls* envelopes found at the church entrances. The names of all those memorialized will be published in the parish bulletin in early December.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Christmas Craft Meeting
Tuesday, November 26, 2019
10:00 a.m. Parish Hall



Join the Craft Group to work on special Christmas Crafts for the upcoming Bazaar. If you have made crafts at home for the bazaar, you may deliver them at this gathering or at a future meeting.

Christmas Bazaar
Saturday, December 7, 2019
9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. Parish Hall

Christmas Bazaar and Craft Fair is fast approaching. We need to get the word into the communities. Please share the date and time with your friends and families.



Get your raffle tickets which will be on sale after weekend masses at the church entrances. Raffle tickets will be sold the day of the bazaar. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Basket Raffle Donors

For planning purposes, for those who are graciously donating a basket to the Christmas Bazaar basket raffle (both ministry heads and individuals) please contact a Basket Raffle Co-Chairperson Diane Balinski at d.balinski@comcast.net (508-981-1250) or Meagan McLean at meaganmclean@gmail.com (508-624-4577). It will be helpful to know who will be donating baskets and if it is a theme basket. Your generosity and creativity will ensure this year's basket raffle is a success.

Christmas Bazaar Basket
Request for Raffle



One of the highlights of the Christmas Bazaar is the Basket Raffle. Many creative and beautiful baskets are donated each year and receive an enthusiastic response from the attendees hoping to win. This year we would like to create one "supersized" basket and hope you will help. For the month of November donations for a basket filled with everyone's favorite sweet – CHOCOLATE is requested! Anything chocolate (truffles, chocolate covered pretzels, bars of chocolate, chocolate sampler boxes, coco mix, etc.) are welcomed and appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who is making a basket on their own or as part of a ministry. If you would like to contribute to the "Supersized" basket donation bins are located at the church entrances. Thank you in advance for your generosity. *Meagan McLean and Diane Balinski*