

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH, MARLBOROUGH, MA

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, September 26 — 4:00 p.m.

Susan F. Giugno — Memorial

Sunday, September 27 — 10:00 a.m.

Josephine Myers — Memorial

Saturday, October 3 — 4:00 p.m.

Donald Perry — Memorial

Sunday, October 4 — 10:00 a.m.

Ernest J. Winske, Jr. — Memorial



Gifts of Sanctuary and Altar Candles for the month of September are donated in the memory of:

Frank and Leah Calore

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE—OCTOBER 10 & 11



Members of the Marlborough Council of Knights of Columbus will be at the exits of the church after mass the weekend of October 10 and 11 asking for your monetary support for their annual state wide charity Tootsie Roll Drive.

The Massachusetts State Council Knights of Columbus Charity Fund (Tootsie Roll Drive) has been established to raise much needed funds to assist persons with intellectual disabilities and children with physical disabilities through grants to the maximum of \$5000.00. Your contributions allow the Knights of Columbus to continue with this mission. Thank you for your generosity.

MUSIC FOR THE EUCHARIST

- Gathering Song: God We Gather As Disciples booklet
Psalm 19: The precepts of the Lord booklet
Preparation Rite: The Love Of The Lord hymnal #680
Communion Song: Bread Of Life From Heaven hymnal #803
Recessional: Send Down The Fire hymnal #477

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, September 26

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

Sunday, September 27

- Faith Formation—Grades 1 — 5 Classrooms, 8:30 a.m.—9:45 a.m.
Celebration of the Eucharist Church, 10:00 a.m.

Monday, September 28

- Triduum Committee Kick-Off Meeting Downstairs Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 30

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

Thursday, October 1

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

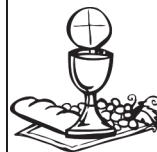
Saturday, October 3

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

Sunday, October 4

- Faith Formation—Grades 1 — 5 Classrooms, 8:30 a.m.—9:45 a.m.
Celebration of the Eucharist Church, 10:00 a.m.
Blessing of the Animals Courtyard, 12:00 Noon
Faith Formation—Grades 6 — 8 Classrooms, 6:00—7:15 p.m.

Weekday Masses for the Week of September 28



Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9:00 AM—Downstairs Conference Room

Office Hours — Week of September 28

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.—Noon

FROM FR. FRAN

**Special Collection for Local Folks in Need**

This weekend we will have a special second collection to aid our parish in assisting those who come to us in need. As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, our parish distributes numerous food gift cards to folks throughout the year. Until this year, we have been able to fund this through our operating budget. Unfortunately, in our present financial situation, we are no longer able to do this. That is why we have decided to initiate an occasional second collection to continue to address those in need.

All of the money collected this weekend will go directly into the purchase of gift cards at local supermarkets. These gift cards will be kept on hand for those who come to our parish office for assistance. So, when the basket is passed for the second time today, know that *your generosity will directly assist people within our own community during their time of need.*

**Beginning a Parish St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Matthias**

Last weekend I wrote of my desire to look into establishing a St. Vincent DePaul Society Conference in our parish. Already a number of folks have indicated to me their desire to be a part of this ministry. Two of them, Dale Dolesh and Joe Kushi have volunteered to contact representatives of the St. Vincent Conferences at St. Michael's in Hudson and Our Lady's in Sudbury to learn how a parish conference works. Thanks Dale and Joe! I also heard this week from Fr. Marc Bishop at Immaculate Conception Parish, Marlborough, who is also hoping to initiate a St. Vincent Conference at IC. So, it looks like the Holy Spirit is working overtime to get us to develop a broader outreach to those in need in our local community.

Folks of every age and background are needed to make this ministry work. A parish St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference consists of a group of woman and men who, on a regular basis, assess and address the needs of those who

come to the parish looking for assistance. This might include a home visit, connecting people with various social service agencies, or giving monetary assistance. It is a totally lay run ministry and is, of course, conducted in strict confidentiality.

If you would like to be part of this initiative please give me a call or drop me an e mail. Once we learn more about forming a parish conference, we will schedule an informational meeting.

**Parish Meeting to Discuss our Future**

Just a heads up that we will be having a parish-wide "town hall" meeting next month to discuss the state of our parish and parish life. Of great immediate concern for us is our financial situation, which, for good or ill, drives everything we do as a parish. As you know, we have had to cut back on office hours and staff hours in order to meet budget. With a loss of around \$25 thousand dollars in fundraising income this year, we need to make that money up through other means.

This brings up the reality that our parish cannot, and should not, continue to rely on fundraisers to fund our operating budget. The Offertory and Grand Annual Collection need to bear that responsibility. With our Increased Offertory campaign earlier this year we have had a modest increase in revenue. Thanks again to those who were able to increase their weekly contribution. However, to meet our FY 2016 budget, we need to have a successful Grand Annual Collection and continue to increase our Offertory. If this doesn't happen, more cutbacks will be on the horizon.

While this will be one aspect of our "town meeting" the most important part will be a review of our parish ministries and outreach which continue to be the heart and soul of our life together. I encourage every parishioner to attend this upcoming meeting, for the future of our parish is truly in each person's hands. A date and time will be announced soon.

**PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

Weekly Goal:	\$4,000.00	<b><u>SEPTEMBER SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</u></b>	
Total Collection of September 19, 20	\$2,918.00	Special Collection for People in Need September 26, 27	
Of that amount ParishPay donations	\$ 270.00		
Special Collection: Clergy Benefit Trust	\$1,194.00	<b><u>AUGUST 2015 FINANCIALS</u></b>	
Of that amount ParishPay donations	\$ 10.00	Total Income for the Month of August: \$24,773.00	
Parishioners celebrating Mass September 19, 20	340	Total Expenses for the Month of August: <u>\$23,021.09</u>	
		Net Income: \$ 1,751.91	

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FAITH FORMATION

Our welcome back coffee and ice cream social was attended by many families and friends. It was good to see those who have been with us before as well as families joining Faith Formation for the first time. Thank you for your presence and prayers as we begin a year of sharing faith and helping others.



### Faith Formation gatherings:

#### Sunday, September 27

Grades 1-5      8:30 – 9:45 AM

#### Sunday, October 4

Grades 6,7,8      6:00 – 7:15 PM

#### Sunday, October 18

Grades 9, 10 (Confirmation I and II) These students will attend 10:00 AM Mass followed by class until 12 noon).

## MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—NOVEMBER 1, 2014

The annual “**Mass of Remembrance**” will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 1, 2015**. 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 which will be located in the foyer of the church from November 1 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 1. 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 26** to allow the Art and Environment Team ample time to plan and put the display together.



### TRIDIUM COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 AT 7:00 P.M.

Looking for ways to become more spiritually attached to the wonders of Triduum? A Triduum kick-off meeting will be held on **Monday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m.** in the downstairs conference room. All are welcome.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

You are encouraged to pray these readings at home during the week as you reflect on this Sunday’s Word and prepare to celebrate next week’s Eucharist.

Readings for September 27, Twenty-Sixth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 3:38-43, 45, 47-48

Readings for October 4, Twenty-Seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

### PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK

Isaac Barcinas	Mike Ducote	Cameron O’Marsh
Paul Brazeau	Kathy Fischer	Tommy O’Regan
Jane Byrne	Joe Gillis	Siobhan O’Sullivan
Diane Canty	Peter Goneau	Eleanor Partridge
Betty Carima	Philip Goneau	Theresa Perry
Jonathan Charlot	Mary Grandy	Tinh Pham
Steven Chase	Russ Hokanson	June Quinn
Dave Gilson	Janet Kearns	Joan Rea CSJ
Edward Conners	Kathryn Keeler	Samantha Roberts
Jane Constable	Theresa Locke	Alice Robertson
Donny Courteville	Glenn Malloy	Martin Rooney
Joseph Cox	Paul Malone	Jamie Ruggiero
Maureen Curley	David Martin	Liz Smith
Connie Cyr	Maria Marchand	Owen Paul Sousa
DelRaso Family	Bob McGilvray	Mary Spaulding
Clara Mae Dickerson	Patricia McManus	Jill Tesell
Grace Dowd	Theresa Morrill	Ralph Trotto
Peggy Dowling	Chris O’Brien	Jeanine Varley
Billy Doyle	Frances O’Brien	Eileen Walsh
		AmyNoel Wyman

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**  
**Sunday, October 4 at 12:00 p.m.**



Pets of all kinds and their owners are invited to the annual Blessing of the Animals on **Sunday, October 4 at 12 noon** in the Courtyard area of the church. Donations of pet supplies will be accepted and delivered to Buddy Dog Humane Society in Sudbury, MA. If interested in delivering the donations to Buddy Dog, please contact Diane Balinski at 508-460-9255 or [dbalinski@stmattpar.org](mailto:dbalinski@stmattpar.org).

**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN**  
**STARTING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4**

This program takes place during the 10 a.m. mass on the first Sunday of the month. Young children are welcome to come down to the hall. ( Parents and older siblings are always welcome to join the group.)

Liturgy of the Word is a concerned and sensitive way to enable children to participate in the formal worship experience of the community. The celebrations of these liturgies are intended to form children in the liturgical language of the Church, to nourish and guide their spiritual growth, and to immerse them in the Word in ways that are understandable to them.

After the Prayers of the Faithful, the children return to the general assembly in the church.

We welcome any adult who is VIRTUS<sup>®</sup> trained and have completed a CORI check to join our team. A small commitment can go a long way. If interested, please contact Geralyn Strella [gstrella@comcast.net](mailto:gstrella@comcast.net) or 508-460-1443. I will be available during the coffee social after the 10 a.m. mass on September 27 to have a chat with leaders and answer any questions.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP**  
**STARTING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

Bible Study will begin on **Monday, September 28 at 7 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Each week we read the readings for the following Sunday.

Everyone is welcome to come. Bring your own bible or we can supply one for you.

For more information, please contact Geralyn Strella [gstrella@comcast.net](mailto:gstrella@comcast.net) or 508 460-1443

