ST. MATTHIAS PARISH, MARLBOROUGH, MA

**INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Saturday, June 4 — 4:00 p.m.**
Mary and Frank Mangan — Memorial

**Sunday, June 5 — 10:00 a.m.**
Paul Meany — Birthday Memorial

**Saturday, June 11 — 4:00 p.m.**
For the Graduates of the Class of 2016

**Sunday, June 12 — 10:00 a.m.**
For the Graduates of the Class of 2016

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting will be on **Monday, June 6 at 7:15 p.m.** in the Downstairs Conference Room.

**Weekday Masses for the Week of June 6**

**Monday, Tuesday and Friday**
**at 9:00 a.m.**
Downstairs Conference Room

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST MUSIC**

Gathering Song:  *As We Gather*
* hymnal #738

Preparation of Gifts:  *You Are Near*
* hymnal #590

Communion:  *I Am The Bread Of Life*
* hymnal #822

Recessional:  *God Whose Purpose*
* hymnal #704

**OFFICE HOURS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 6**

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

**Wednesday**
9:00 a.m. — Noon
As the Liturgical Seasons Turn

It can seem that every day is a different season in New England. Last week we broke records for heat, who knows, snow in August?

In the Church we have seasons as well. Unlike New England weather, they are stable and predictable. The seasons most people know the best are the Christmas and Easter Seasons. Both have preparatory seasons, Advent and Lent respectively.

The most important season however is a three day season which floats from year to year. It is the Easter Triduum, which we celebrate with one three day feast from Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday. The whole liturgical calendar revolves around this season when we celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ. Every other season is a reflection of this central event in our Catholic Christian life.

There is another season which takes in the bulk of calendar year. We know it as Ordinary Time. There are two different parts to it. First there is the shorter season of Ordinary Time which stretches from the end of the Christmas Season to the beginning of Lent. Second, there is the much longer season of Ordinary Time which goes from the day after Pentecost until the First Sunday of Advent. This, of course is the time we are presently in.

In Latin, this season is called tempus per annum, translated as time during the year. This term probably provides a better understanding than “Ordinary” Time which was adopted in 1970 with the reform of the church calendar. Ordinary Time is basically “ordered” time, as each week is known simply by its number (e.g. 10th, 12th etc. week in Ordinary Time).

As you may have guessed, Ordinary Time doesn’t celebrate or anticipate a particular aspect of Christ’s life. To be sure there are special feasts celebrated during Ordinary Time, such as The Body and Blood of Christ, which we celebrated last weekend, but they are not the norm.

Another way in which the liturgical seasons are marked is by color. White or gold for Christmas, Easter and other feasts; two different shades of violet for Advent and Lent; red for Pentecost, Palm Sunday and the feasts of Martyrs; and green for the long stretches of Ordinary Time.

Music also plays a significant role in shaping the feel of the seasons. Seasonal music will reflect the scriptures and the theology of the particular liturgical season which is occasionnally not in sync with the civic season. For instance, during the weeks of December, when Christmas carols are heard all around us in everyday life, the Church waits until Christmas Eve to begin singing them, and continues with Christmas songs into the early weeks of January, when the season comes to an end.

At St. Matthias and in many parishes, the sung common parts of the Mass, or the “ordinary”, change with the seasons. That is why we sing a different settings of the Gloria, Alleluia, Eucharistic Prayer and Lamb of God throughout the year.

Scripture readings are also chosen in regard to the liturgical seasons. On a three year rotating cycle, especially during Ordinary Time, we hear continuous sections of a particular gospel. This year we are have the Gospel of Luke. During the summer we will hear on a number of Sundays stories of the call to discipleship as shaped by the author of this gospel.

May I suggest that, during the quieter days of summer, we all take some time to read the entire Gospel according to Luke and become more familiar with the ways in which the evangelist tells the story of Jesus. Also, as you know, we list two weeks’ worth of Sunday readings in each bulletin. Reflection on these passages before we come together at Mass is a great way to prepare ourselves to hear the Word. It’s also a great way to pray and to realize that the stories in the gospels are our stories as well.

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 June 4, 5 — 10th Sunday in Ordinary time
1 Kings 17:170-24; Galatians 1:11-14A, 15AC, 16A, 17, 18; Luke 7:11-17

Readings for June 11, 12 — 11th Sunday in Ordinary time
2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13; Galatians 2:16, 19-21; Luke 7:36-8:3

Pray for the Healing of the Sick

Please Pray For...
Laurie Burt, Donny Courteville, Peggy Cronin, Connie Cyr, Del Cyr, Clara Mae Dickerson, John Gifford, Joe Gillis, Russ Hokanson, Kathryn Keeler, David Martin, Frank Mangan, Kay McNeill, Margaret McNeil, Betty Montgomery, Theresa Perry and Jean Peltak.

To add someone to this prayer list, please call the parish office 508-460-9255 or email admin@stmattpar.org.
Thank you to those families who have registered for Faith Formation gatherings for the 2016-2017 year. All families who were registered for 2015-2016 received a pre-filled form via email. We ask that you review the information documented for accuracy and return with your registration fee via mail, collection basket or at the parish office.

If you are aware of a new family in our parish please encourage them to be a part of Faith Formation. Registration forms for NEW families are located on the Faith Formation bulletin board in the rear of church. New families may also receive information via email, tsalafia@stmattpar.org or calling 508-460-9255.

**Please note preparation for First Eucharist and Confirmation is two years.**

Students who attended a Catholic high school in Grade 9 are welcome to join our Confirmation preparation program in Grade 10. If you have questions please call the Faith Formation Office at 508-460-9255.

In 2017 Confirmation will be administered on the Feast of Pentecost, Sunday, June 4 at 10:00 AM.

RCIA will meet Sunday, June 5 at 11:15 AM in the conference room.

### Christmas Bazaar Craft Meeting

**Tuesday, June 21**

10:30 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M.

The Christmas Bazaar Craft committee will be meeting in the parish hall on Tuesday, June 21. The group will meet twice each day to accommodate everyone’s home and work schedule. Meeting times in the hall will be 10:30 a.m. and in the evening at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

### Parish Financial Stewardship

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Weekly Offertory Goal: $4,000.00

Total Collection of May 28, 29: $3,758.00

Of that amount ParishPay donations were: $1,114.00

Parishioners celebrating Mass May 28, 29: 323

**June Special Collections**

- Collection for those in need: June 4, 5
- Parish Maintenance: June 18, 19
- Peter’s Pence: June 25, 26

### April Financials

- Total Income for the Month of April: $22,921
- Total Expenses for the Month of April: $27,007
- Net Income: -$4,086

*This total includes total April offertory of $16,173 which is $173 above our monthly goal.*

### 2016 Grand Annual

- Goal: $80,000
- Total pledged: $54,415
- Total received: $53,345
- Total Number to Reach Goal: $24,785
- Number of Families Pledged: 106
REMEMBERING OUR FATHERS

During the month of June, we remember our deceased fathers and those men who have been a source of strength, comfort and inspiration to us with a special Prayer of the Faithful at each of the masses. Throughout June you are invited to inscribe the names of the important men in your life in our book of remembrance, located near the tabernacle.

If you wish to make a donation to our parish in honor of your father or any other special man in your life, you are invited to place your donation in the Father’s Day envelopes found in the pews. Those who receive offertory envelopes will find a Father’s Day envelope in your monthly packet. You may place your donation in the collection basket on the Sundays throughout June or drop it off (or mail it) to the parish office.

MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD COLLECTION

June 11 and 12

As part of the St. Matthias Parish outreach efforts, the Marlborough Community Cupboard collection will take place next weekend, June 11 and 12. The needs become greater as school closes and the lunch program ends for many of our neighborhood children, so please give generously non-perishable food items and personal hygiene products. Collection bins will be set up at the church entrances. Thank you for your donations.

THANK YOU—PARISH HELPERS

We have some wonderful young people in our parish that can be counted on to help out when asked. We have a few examples of that this week. Thank you to Tim DelRaso and Tony DelRaso, who along with their mother, Alice DelRaso, and David Martin, cleaned and installed the air conditioners throughout the parish offices and the downstairs chapel. We will think of you as we sit in cool comfort during the dog days of summer.

We also have a very enthusiastic young helper on the Art & Environment team. Jayleen Torres has been coming with her mother, Myrna Torres, to make flower arrangements and prepare the church for weekend masses. Jayleen never fails to ask “can I help?” Thank you Jayleen for all of your help and your smiling face that brightens our days.