

**INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Saturday, August 19 — 4:00 p.m.**

Susan Giugno — Memorial

**Sunday, August 20 — 10:00 a.m.**

Anthony J. Coletti — Memorial

**Saturday, August 26—4:00 p.m.**

David Mauro—Birthday Memorial

Mary Masciarelli—Memorial

**Sunday, August 27—10:00 a.m.**

John Ryan—5th Year Memorial



**Weekday Masses for the Week of August 20**

Weekday Celebration of the Eucharist will be held on:

Monday, Tuesday and Friday  
at 9:00 a.m.

Downstairs Conference Room



**Celebration of the Eucharist Music**

Gathering: All Are Welcome  
Hymnal # 741

Prep: Healer of Our Every Will  
Hymnal # 854

Communion: Ubi Caritas  
Booklet # 1

Recessional: Diverse in Culture  
Booklet # 8



**THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS**

**Saturday, August 19 .**

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

**Sunday, August 20**

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**  
Parish Hall, following Mass

**Wednesday, August 23**

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

**Saturday, August 26.**

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

**Sunday, August 27**

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**  
Parish Hall, following Mass

**Office Hours - Week of August 20**



**Monday, Tuesday and Thursday**

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**

9:00 a.m. — Noon



**DONATION BOXES IN THE CHURCH**

*For your convenience*, collection boxes for *Our Father's Table* and the *St. Matthias St. Vincent DePaul Society* are installed by the church's main entrance. These collection boxes are secured to the wall and are checked regularly. If you prefer to place a donation in the offertory baskets, please feel free to use the purple Second Collection envelopes found in the pews and indicate which ministry the donation is for. Please note St. Vincent DePaul envelopes can also be found at the church entrances.

**THOUGHTS FROM DEACON PAUL**

In the Gospel reading last Sunday from Saint Matthew we heard that after dismissing the people that Jesus had cured and fed that day, "He went up on the mountain by himself to pray."

Praying - it's an opportunity for us to talk to Jesus, to grow in our relationship with our Triune God in the quiet of our home, inside our car while traveling, or outdoors while walking, running, sitting at the beach, or just relaxing. Praying allows us the time to talk to God one on one. Praying is our personal conversation with God the Father and Jesus. Trusting in our God's love for us we ask Him to give us his blessings through his Holy Spirit for ourselves, family, friends, and those in need. We thank God in prayer for his blessings that we have received from Him. We ask Jesus in prayer for his forgiveness for those times when as imperfect humans we failed to do his will as best that we can.

Praying can take place at any time. Maybe it's at the beginning of the day and we are asking God for his Grace to face a difficult situation that is on our calendar for that day. Maybe it's at the beginning of what we see as a non eventful day and we are simply asking God for his help in doing our best for Him that day. Perhaps an event on the morning news caught our attention like the missile situation in Korea or the sad situation in Virginia this past weekend that resulted in death and violence and we are asking Jesus in prayer to send his peace to our world.

Praying can be at a mid day break in our work day or day off when we ask Jesus for his help in bringing his love to others in our actions for the remainder of the day. Praying could be in the evening at the end of our day when we thank God for his blessings that day, and ask forgiveness for where we may have come up short in doing his work that day, and ask for his blessings in doing our best the next day.

Maybe when Jesus was on the mountain by himself praying He gave thanks to God the Father for the opportunity to cure the sick and feed the crowd that day. Maybe Jesus in his humanity asked God the Father in prayer for the strength to continue curing, feeding, and teaching new crowds in the coming days.

How much time do we set aside each day to pray? How does the amount of our prayer time each day compare with time spent listening or reading about that day's news, watching our favorite sports team, an interesting TV program, or talking with friends on the phone?

Jesus came to earth as man to teach us and show us the way to the Father. Jesus on the mountain by himself in prayer is teaching us about the importance of prayer in our daily life.



**PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

**Weekly Offertory Goal:** \$4,000.00

Total Collection of August 11 and 12.....\$3,714.00\*  
Of that amount ParishPay donations.....\$1,039.00  
Parish Maintenance Collection .....\$1,868. 00  
Of that amount ParishPay donations.....\$ 267.00

Parishioners celebrating Mass August 11 and 12 ..... 253

\*This amount reflects a deficit of \$286 to reach our weekly offertory goal. Thank you.

**Special Collections for August**

August 19 and 20 — Propagation of Faith

In the pews are purple Second Collection envelopes. Please feel free to use these envelopes as needed to donate to any special or second collection. St Vincent DePaul donation envelopes are available at the church entrances.

**SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF FAITH  
WELCOME MONSIGNOR WILLIAM FAY**

We are happy to welcome to our parish this weekend, Monsignor William P. Fay who is the Archdiocesan Director of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. Monsignor Bill will speak at all Masses about the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies represented here in the Archdiocese of Boston. He will share stories from the missions with us as a way to raise awareness about the need to spread the Good News to the more than one billion people in the world who have yet to hear it proclaimed.

The Society of the Propagation of the Faith is the official mission agency of the Church dedicated to helping missionaries bring the Gospel to people in need around the world.

They thank you in advance for your prayers and support.

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FAITH FORMATION

Thank you for your response in thought and prayer regarding the need for catechists to serve the children and families of our parish. Openings existed in Grades 2,3,4 and I am happy to tell you parishioners willing to help have come forward. Grade 1 was in need of an assistant and that need has been filled. Wait! Your prayers are still needed. Grades 4 and 5 have lead catechists but a helper in each grade is needed.



## Faith Formation

Register today!!

All volunteers must be CORI'd and receive certification in Protecting God's Children as required by the office of Child Advocacy in the Archdiocese of Boston. This certification class will be held at St. Matthias in November. Presently, Saint Matthias has two certified facilitators for this certification. Recently two more parishioners have volunteered to become facilitators following training through the Archdiocese.

Faith Formation for all grades begins with an Opening Mass on September 17 with a blessing for the children and catechists. Following Mass the parish picnic will be held.



### FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK SEPTEMBER 30, 2017



Save the Date for this year's Friends of the Poor Walk September 30, 2017! Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 10:00 a.m. St. Matthias Parish and the Immaculate Conception Parish are teaming up to host a day of fun and friendship to support the work of St. Vincent de Paul! Funds raised will help those in need in the Marlborough community. Tie up your laces and enjoy up to 3 miles of walking along the Assabet River Rail Trail. The Friends of Poor walk is a national event coordinated by the Development Team at the National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Please check the bulletin or [stmattpar.org](http://stmattpar.org) for ongoing information.

### PARISHPAY TRANSITION

Thank you to those who are currently using the on-line giving program, ParishPay. On-line giving is a safe and convenient way to manage your donations. It benefits the parish by helping to streamline our administrative process and provide more accurate budgeting.

As was mentioned in the bulletin a few months ago, Liturgical Publications has acquired ParishPay. The transition from ParishPay to Liturgical Publications WeShare program is now scheduled for October 9. You do not need to do anything for this transition period. Your information will be transferred electronically following the strictest security protocol. Once the transition is complete, you will receive more information about how to log in and manage your account on WeShare.

If you would like to sign up for on-line giving or have any questions or concerns regarding the transition please contact the parish office at 508-460-9255.

### PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK



*Please Pray For...*

*Richard Abraham, Joyce Belliveau, Boyle Family, Nancy Bradford, Laurie Burt, Peggy Cronin, Delia Cruz, Connie Cyr, Del Cyr, Rita Dennison, Clara Mae Dickerson, Doyle Family, Jack Duprey, Trevor Faulls, Colin Fawkes, John Gifford, Joe Gillis, Hannah Gluck, Philomena Hedin, Russ Hokanson, Cristina Janunas, Emma Johnson, Kathryn Keeler, Mary Martocci, Emma Larrivee, Maura McGuinness, Holly McIntyre, Kay McNeill, Roger Melenson, Michael Messom, Theresa Morrill, Deborah Natoli, Jennifer Natoli, Theresa Perry, Jean Peltak, Michael Pilecki, Andy Rivers, Benjamin Smith, Edward Suzano, Ray Thomas, Trunfio Family, and Jenny Weibel.*

To add someone to this prayer list, please call the parish office at 508-460-9255 or email: [admin@stmattpar.org](mailto:admin@stmattpar.org).

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

You are encouraged to read and pray from scripture at home during the week as you reflect on this Sunday's Word and prepare to celebrate next week's Eucharist.

Readings for August 19 and August 20  
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

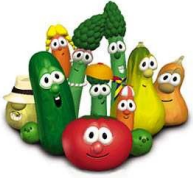
Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

Readings for August 26 and August 27  
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

## WORD AROUND TOWN:

**MARLBOROUGH FARMER'S MARKET 2017  
HELD ON MARLBOROUGH'S UNION COMMON  
TUESDAYS FROM 2:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.  
(NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER)**



Find your favorite fresh vegetable or organic craft. Discover a favorite pastry, granola, or jam for your next picnic, dinner, celebration, or snack.

Each week musical entertainment is provided by various artists.

Heirloom Harvest Community Farm and Harpers Farm, vendors at the market, accept EBT/SNAP cards and are part of the HIP program. Both produce vendors and a honey vendor, Peg's Preserves, accepts WIC market coupons and those coupons given to qualifying low income elderly recipients.

Visit <https://marlboroughchamber.org/event/> for up-to-date farmer's market information as well as other exciting events presented by the Marlborough Regional Chamber of Commerce. Come by and check it out. The market is held come rain or shine.

**MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION FOR  
THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

The Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (MABVI) is seeking volunteers to join the One-to-One Volunteer Program. The One-to-One Volunteer program matches sighted volunteers with individuals who are blind/visually impaired to help with activities and tasks such as reading mail, going grocery shopping, paying bills or being a sighted walking or running guide. Volunteers meet with their consumer once a week or once every other week for a few hours.

There are currently over 100 individuals who are blind/visually impaired (B/VI) who live in and around the Marlborough area who have requested a volunteer.

If you would like to learn more about this volunteer opportunity, please email [krobidoux@mabcommunity.org](mailto:krobidoux@mabcommunity.org) or phone 617-926-4312.

*Prayer is to the soul what rain is to the soil.*

St. John Vianny

