

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH, MARLBOROUGH, MA

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, September 9 — 4:00 p.m.

Victims of Hurricane Harvey

Sunday, September 10 — 10:00 a.m.

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Tuesday, September 12 — 4:00 p.m.

Helen J. Loiacono — Memorial

Saturday, September 16 — 4:00 p.m.

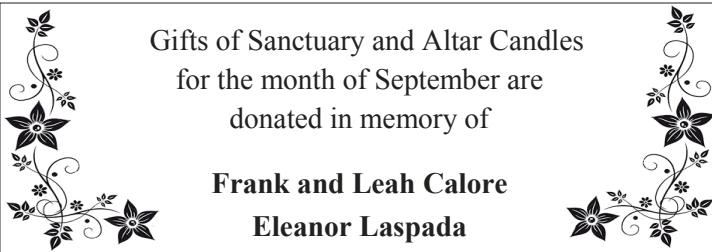
Mildred Ponterella — Birthday Memorial

Sunday, September 17 — 10:00 a.m.

Elizabeth Montgomery — 24th Anniversary Memorial

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

Frank and Leah Calore
Eleanor Laspada




Celebration of the Eucharist Music

Gathering: *God, We Gather as Disciples*
Booklet # 12

Preparation: *At the Table of Jesus*
Booklet # 13

Communion: *In This Meal*
Booklet # 10

Recessional: *Sing of the Lord's Goodness*
Hymnal # 532



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please welcome into our faith community

Nevaeh Rose Logan

Saturday, September 16 during the 4:00 p.m.
Celebration of the Eucharist

Please keep ***Nevaeh Rose*** and her family in your prayers.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, September 9

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 4:00 p.m.
- **Marlborough Community Cupboard**
Collection bins at the church entrances

Sunday, September 10

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, following Mass
- **Marlborough Community Cupboard**
Collection bins at the church entrances

Monday, September 11

- **Finance Council Meeting**
Upstairs Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 12

- **Our Father's Table**
New Hope Church 204 Main St., 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 13

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

Thursday, September 14

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

Saturday, September 16

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

Sunday, September 17

- **Celebration of the Eucharist with Catechist Blessing**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Parish Picnic**
Faith Formation Grades 1—10 Gathering
Parish Hall/Parish Grounds, following Mass



**Weekday Masses for the Week of
September 10**

Weekday Celebration of the Eucharist
will be held on:

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

Office Hours for the Week of September 10

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. — Noon

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

FROM FR. FRAN

Picnic Time!

As you know, our parish picnic is next Sunday following the 10 AM Mass. You can find all the details elsewhere in the bulletin. While it will be great to catch up with old friends, it's also a great time to do some evangelization. How about inviting a neighbor or family member who has been away from the church for a while to join us? One of our missions as disciples is to share the Good News of Christ. What better way of doing that is there than to invite someone to share the gift of the community we continue to build at St. Matthias!

Get Those Walking Shoes Out!

Are you ready to walk for a good cause? As we have announced over the last few weeks, the St. Vincent DePaul Societies of St. Matthias Parish and Immaculate Conception Parish are joining in a nationwide walk for the poor on Saturday, 30 September. Since its inception just a few short months ago, our parish St. Vincent conference has helped out many folks in need, right here in our own backyard.

Your generosity to an initial collection has helped our conference greatly. However, funds are already beginning to run low. We will take up another collection later in the fall, however, right now the proceeds from the walk for the poor will be crucial in funding the immediate needs of the conference. So, are you up for raising funds through a brisk autumn walk? Are you able to sponsor a walker or give a donation? Please see the bulletin for more details.

Hurricane Harvey Collection

This weekend the parishes of our archdiocese will be taking up a collection to aid in the aftermath of hurricane Harvey. This collection originated with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. As announced on their web page, 100% of the funds will go to the work of Catholic Charities in the areas hit hardest by the hurricane. You may donate using the collection baskets at the church entrances or at Catholic Charities on line at <https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/>.



SPECIAL COLLECTION
Relief Efforts for Victims of Hurricane Harvey

**Collection baskets will be at the church entrances.
Thank you for your generous support.**

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston will hold a special collection the weekend of **September 9-10** to support relief efforts for areas devastated by Hurricane Harvey, church officials announced Tuesday. Basket will be at the church

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley has authorized all 289 parishes in the Archdiocese to collect emergency funds for necessities such as shelter, clean water, food, and medical care. The collection will be handled by Catholic Charities USA, the domestic relief organization of the US Catholic Church.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory Goal: \$4,000.00

Total Collection of September 2 and 3.....\$ 4,517.00*

Of that amount ParishPay donations.....\$ 880.00

Catholic University of America Collection.....\$ 298.00

Parishioners celebrating Mass September 2 and 3 276

*This amount reflects a surplus of \$517.00 of our weekly offertory goal.

Special Collections for September

September 9 and 10—Parish Maintenance and
Relief Efforts for Victims of Hurricane Harvey

September 16 and 17— Clergy Health and Retirement

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.

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Do you love singing Christmas carols in the car or at home? The St. Matthias Children's Choir needs you! The choir sings at the annual Christmas concert and 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve and is open to children in grades 2-8. **Rehearsals will be Sundays after the 10 a.m. Mass beginning Sunday, Oct. 22nd.** One or two additional rehearsals will occur the week leading up to Christmas. Sign up the weekend of Sept 16-17 after Mass or contact director Katie Broach at kbroach2@gmail.com for additional information. No audition or musical experience necessary.

MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

Collection bins will be located at the church entrances this weekend, **September 9 and 10** for donations to the Marlborough Community Cupboard. Your donations for non-perishable foods and health care items are much appreciated by those who seek assistance from the cupboard.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation registration for new families and re-registration for families who were in Faith Formation last school year continues. Thank you to those families who have responded to the information packet sent in July. It is important that each family verify the emergency information we have on file for each child in the event a family member must be contacted.

If you have any questions regarding your families' participation in Faith Formation please contact tsalafia@stmattpar.org or call the office at 508-460-9255.

The Opening Mass (10:00 am) and Family picnic is **Sunday, September 17**. This picnic is a wonderful way to re-connect with classmates and our extended Saint Matthias family. Please don't miss it

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the official collection of rites of the Roman Catholic Church for initiation of adults and the reception of baptized candidates into the Church. RCIA is a process rather than a program. Participants in the RCIA are at different stages on their faith journey: some people have never been baptized and desire to receive their sacraments, some were baptized in another faith tradition and wish to be received into the Catholic Church, some were baptized Catholic but have never received Confirmation and Eucharist. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the RCIA please contact Theresa Salafia, Faith Formation Director, at 508-460-9255 or tsalafia@stmattpar.org.

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 the 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. If you are unable to walk check out the website: www.fopwalk.org/team/2080 and sponsor a pledge to the St. Matthias Parish Team "St. Matthias Pacers".

PARISH YARD SALE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 9:00 A.M.— 3:00 P.M.

Mark your calendars! The St. Matthias Parish Yard Sale will be held **Saturday, October 14 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Clean your closets, storage units, and basement for items in good condition to be sold for the benefit of Saint Matthias. Consider volunteering some time to help with set up, receiving goods and tagging items during the week of October 9 – 14 (Yard Sale Day). Your presence on Yard Sale Day to help our customers and organize items is key to the day's success. There will be a treasure trove of items to purchase. And, a visit to our famous Bake Sale and cook out lunch for a snack is a must.

We hope you join in on this fundraising event. Call the parish office if you have any questions or would like to sign up to help. Much more information will be forthcoming during the summer into early fall. So spread the word and be part of this great fall event.

PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK



Please Pray For...

Richard Abraham, Joyce Belliveau, Boyle Family, Laurie Burt, Peggy Cronin, Delia Cruz, Connie Cyr, Del Cyr, Rita Dennison, Clara Mae Dickerson, Grace Dowd, Doyle Family, Jack Duprey, Trevor Fauls, Colin Fawkes, Lee Ann Fital, 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, Glenn Molloy, 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.

If you would like to add to the prayer list, please call the parish office 508-460-9255 or email 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 September 9 and 10
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

Readings for September 16 and 17
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35



WELCOME BACK PARISH PICNIC
Sunday, September 17
following 10:00 am Mass.

Sign-up sheets for food contributions, set up and clean up are available at the church entrances. Don't forget to sign up for the "Cupcake Challenge". Bring your tastiest cupcake concoction — win first prize!

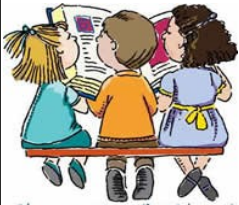
OUR FATHER'S TABLE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

NEW HOPE CHURCH — (204 MAIN ST.)

St. Matthias Parish community members will be hosting *Our Father's Table* on **Tuesday, September 12, beginning at 4:00 p.m.** If you are interested in being a server, cook or if you are able to bake desserts for the folks who attend, please contact Sue Dolesh for further details via email: daledolesh@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



Share God's Word

October marks the new season of the St. Matthias Children's Liturgy. This program is held on the first Sunday of the month from October to April. 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 immerse them in the Word in ways that are understandable to them. This program is designed for young children and parents are always welcome. During mass, Fr. Fran will invite all the children to come forward, after the opening prayers and the children will process to the Parish Hall.

The program consists of:

The Readings, including a psalm, A discussion of the readings,

The Prayers of the Faithful, (where children are welcome to add their intentions)

The children return to their parents up in the church just following the homily.

We are looking for volunteers.

Any child over the age of eight that would like to read..

Any adult who would like to read the gospel and lead the discussions or help in any other way. We have books that help in ideas and how to encourage participation, in the program. (Adults need to be CORI'd and have attended a Virtus Training Course.)

If you, or your child would like to volunteer or take part in this program and would like more information, please contact: Geralyn Strella at gstrella@comcast.net.

Thank you for encouraging our children's faith.