

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH, MARLBOROUGH, MA

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, October 14 — 4:00 p.m.

James Harris — Memorial

Sunday, October 15 — 10:00 a.m.

In Memoriam

Joanne Doyle

William Doyle

George H. Deibel

Mary E. Deibel

Saturday, October 21 — 4:00 p.m.

Michael and Susan Giugno — Memorial

Sunday, October 22 — 10:00 a.m.

Paul Goulet — Memorial

Office Hours for the Week of October 15

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. — Noon



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Welcome into our faith community

Rebecca Kathleen Adelman

Nevaeh Rose Logan

Matthew James McDonald, Jr.

Sunday, October 15 during the 10:00 a.m. Mass

Weekday Masses for the Week of October 15

Weekday Celebration of the Eucharist
will be held on:

Monday, Tuesday and Friday

9:00 a.m. Downstairs Conference Room

Celebration of the Eucharist Music

Gathering: All Are Welcome

Hymnal # 741

Preparation: We Come To Your Feast

Hymnal # 814

Communion: A Banquet Is Prepared

Booklet # 2

Recessional: Sing Of The Lord's Goodness

Hymnal # 532



THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, October 14

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

Sunday, October 15

- **Faith Formation Grades 1—5**
Parish Hall / Class Room, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
- **Celebration of the Eucharist with Baptism**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Faith Formation Grade 9**
Mass 10:00 a.m. / Conference Room till Noon
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, following Mass
- **Faith Formation Grades 6 to 8**
Parish Hall/Classrooms 6:00 P.M.—7:15 P.M.

Monday, October 16

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

Wednesday, October 18

- **Shawl Ministry**
Downstairs Conference Room, 6:45 p.m.
- **St. Vincent DePaul Meeting**
Parish Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 19

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

Saturday, October 21

- **Faith Formation—Grade 10 Retreat**
Downstairs Conference Room 11:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.
Church, 4:00 p.m. Mass
- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 4:00 p.m.
- **Ministry Fair with Wine and Cheese Reception**
Parish Hall, Following 4:00 p.m. Mass
- **St. Francis Clothing Drive**
Collection Bins at the Church Entrances

Sunday, October 22

- **Faith Formation Grades 1—5**
Parish Hall / Class Room, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Harvest Coffee Social - Ministry Fair**
Parish Hall, Following 10:00 a.m. Mass
- **Children's Choir Rehearsal**
Church, Following 11:15 a.m.– 12:15 p.m.
- **St. Francis Clothing Drive**
Collection Bins at the Church Entrances

OCTOBER 14, 2017

FROM FR. FRAN

Packets were mailed out this week to all on our parish mailing list, announcing the **2017-18 Grand Annual Collection**. This is the most important fundraiser of the year and I invite every parishioner to participate. If you are not on our mailing list, you will find packets at the doors of the church. Each year, through your generosity, the Grand Annual Collection has grown. Although we didn't achieve our goal of \$80,000 dollars last year, we *did* hit a record high of just over \$62,000 dollars. While a long term goal would be for the Grand Annual funds to go into building a "nest egg" for specific projects, our situation is such that all donations from this collection will go into our operating budget for the fiscal year. Whatever you are able to donate in support of the Grand Annual Collection is greatly appreciated.

Another important event happening this month is our **Ministry Fair**, to be held next weekend after the masses. Our parish is blessed with many folks who volunteer of their time and talent throughout the year in many and varied ways. Some people count their service in decades rather than years! Our parish is always in need of more folks to come forward as Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, greeters, catechists, musicians, - the list goes on!

Representatives of all our ministries will be at the fair to explain the work of the individual ministries and answer your questions. Please take some time in prayer to discern if God is calling you to serve our parish in one of our ministries. Many thanks to our Parish Pastoral Council members under the direction of Katie Broach for organizing this year's Ministry Fair.

Our parish will celebrate the **Sacrament of the Sick** at the masses on October 28, 29. All who are looking towards or recovering from surgery, facing recent or chronic illness, or in need of emotional healing are invited to be prayed

over and anointed with holy oil during mass. Each year this communal celebration is a powerful testament to God's healing presence in our lives as individuals and as a parish family.

Last Monday evening I turned on the TV around 8 PM and decided to **watch a little news**. Three hours later I was *still* watching cable news, transfixed by the sheer amount and variety of distressing stories I was learning about. By the time I turned the TV off, I felt overwhelmed by the reporting on fires, shootings, and hurricanes, along with the perpetual rotation of serious and sometimes nonsensical political goings on.

As I readied for bed, I looked at the readings for the next morning's mass. The gospel was about how, when Jesus was a guest at their home, Martha was busy running around the house while Mary sat at the feet of Jesus. Martha, being caught up in everything, was angry at her sister for not helping her with dinner prep. Jesus told Martha to chill and not to be upset at Mary.

This struck me as very apropos of my evening. I was getting so worked up with all that's going on in the world and how to make sense of it, that I forgot Christ's call to sit and rest in his presence and in his Word. As I thought about this, I decided that it was in my best interest not to watch so much news and to be more attentive to how God is working in the world despite all the bad stuff going on.

Mary, by sitting at Christ's feet and listening to him speak, had decided to center herself in him. She's a good example for us in these days when so much around us seems to be in various degrees of unrest. Can we turn the TV, and the arguments, and the posturing, and the politics off long enough to rest in and learn from Christ?

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$4,000.00
Total Collection of October 7 and 8	\$3,642.00*
Of that amount ParishPay donations were	\$ 490.00
Parish Maintenance Collection	\$1,860.00
Of that amount ParishPay donations were	\$ 40.00
Parishioners Celebrating Mass.....	290

*This amount reflects a deficit of \$358.00 towards our weekly offertory goal.

October Special Collections

World Mission Sunday—October 21 and 22

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.



**ANOINTING OF THE SICK
OCTOBER 28 AND 29**

A communal Anointing of the Sick will be offered during weekend masses **October 28 and 29**. This sacrament is intended for the strengthening and healing of those who are ill, elderly or about to undergo a surgery. It is a normal part of Catholic life and not just for those who are dying.

If you would like to take part in this Sacrament of Healing please take the pin being offered by our greeters and have a seat that is toward the middle aisle of the pew.

YARD SALE THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported our 2017 Yard Sale: contributors of treasures, set-up organizers, those who sorted and priced items, clean up staff, and the many people who prayed for the success of this endeavor. A more detailed summary will be provided at a later date.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH FORMATION

Scheduled for **Sunday, October 15** are as follows:

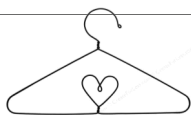
Grades 1-5 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.

Grade 9 Begin with 10:00 a.m. Mass and continue in downstairs conference room with Deacon Paul until noon.

Grades 6, 7, 8 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Reminder to Confirmation Candidates Grade 10: October 21, Retreat day 11:00 a.m. —5:00 p.m.

This day begins in the conference room. Facilitator is Jim Flanagan. Lunch will be served as well as snacks mid afternoon. Candidates will attend 4:00 p.m. Mass. A retreat is required in preparation for receiving the sacrament. If a candidate is unable to participate in this retreat he/she will join with another parish retreat sometime during the year.



ST. FRANCIS CLOTHING DRIVE

Our annual St. Francis House Clothing Drive will be held on **October 21 and 22**. St. Francis House is the largest day shelter in New England, serving over 800 poor and homeless men and women each day. This year, St. Francis House has requested the following much needed items:

- Big and tall clothing for men (size 3x and up) shirts, pants (jeans and sweats), sweaters, and jackets
- Larger sized clothing for women (2x and up) shirts, pants (jeans and sweats), sweaters, and jackets
- Larger sized shoes (men: 10 and up, women: 8 and up)
- Winter items – thermals, gloves, hats
- Men's pants size 30-38
- Backpacks/duffle bags/purses/tote bags

Clothing may be dropped off following mass at the portico in the back of the building, across from the parish hall kitchen door. If you need to make other arrangements or have questions please contact the office at 508-460-9255.

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 October 14 and October 15
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6-10A; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

Readings for October 21 and October 22
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5B; Matthew 22:15-21

Mass of Remembrance

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

The annual "Mass of Remembrance" will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 12, 2017**. 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 starting November 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 12. 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 23 via email admin@stmattpar.org or drop off in the parish office** to allow the Art and Environment Team ample time to plan and put the display together.

PARISHPAY TO WESHARE TRANSITION

The ParishPay transition to WeShare has been completed. If you have any questions or need assistance with accessing your account please contact Diane Balinski at dbalinski@stmattpar.org or 508-460-9255.

PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK



Please Pray For...

Richard Abraham, Joyce Belliveau, Boyle Family, Peggy Cronin, Delia Cruz, Connie Cyr, Del Cyr, Rita Dennison, Clara Mae Dickerson, Grace Dowd, Doyle Family, Jack Duprey, Trevor Faulls, 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, Andrew Tivnan, Ray Thomas, Trunfio Family, and Jenny Weibel.

ST. MATTHIAS MINISTRY FAIR

**Saturday, October 21 - Following 4:00 p.m. Mass
Harvest Fair Wine and Cheese Reception**

**Sunday, October 22 - Following 10:00 a.m. Mass
Harvest Fair Social**

Did you know that St. Matthias Parish has over 20 ministries? Come take a stroll through the parish hall at the **Parish Ministry Fair, October 21 and 22** to learn more about the breadth of volunteer opportunities across our parish, which involve service to the church and reach out into the greater Marlborough community. From the St. Vincent DePaul Society to Youth Altar Servers, our parish strives to create a community where people can feel welcome, develop a sense of belonging, and have the opportunity to become actively involved in the spiritual and community life of the parish.

Food and beverages will be available as well as an activity for children. You will also have a chance to win a gift basket!



CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

**First Rehearsal—Sunday October 22
Church 11:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m.**



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 on Christmas Eve at 3:30 and continues with the 4 p.m. Mass. Choir is open to children in grades 2 through grade 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. No experience necessary.

SPONSORED COFFEE SOCIAL

In Memory of the Deibel and Doyle Families

Sunday, October 15

This Sunday's coffee social is being sponsored by Ann Nelson and Family in the loving memory of Mary E. Deibel, George H. Deibel, Joanne Doyle, and William Doyle.

Let us remember our beloved parishioners and their families and keep them in our prayers. Please take time to enjoy some coffee and conversation with the Nelson and Deibel family at this week's coffee social.

