

Saint Matthias Parish

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Celebrations of the Eucharist

The Lord's Day

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Liturgy of the Word for Children is Celebrated at the

10:00 a.m. Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month

(October through April)

Weekday

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

Downstairs Chapel

Holy Day

9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Mission Statement

To live out the message of Jesus Christ and become, in fact and appearance, a true Christian community.

Faith Formation

Faith formation is a lifelong process: an ongoing interaction with God's creative goodness. We allow the Gospel to transform us and then bring transformation to the world. The Faith Formation Program at St. Matthias Parish provides opportunities to grow as individuals and as a community. We offer classroom sessions for children, a comprehensive Confirmation program, intergenerational learning in a variety of formats, and an adult enrichment program. For more information, contact Theresa Salafia (tsalafia@stmattpar.org).

Community Prayer Line

Our prayer line, coordinated by Marie Mangan (978-562-2891), offers prayers for you, your loved ones and friends. Requests may also be placed in the "Prayer Request" box at the rear of the Church. All requests will be kept confidential.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Those who are not baptized or have been baptized into another Christian community and are interested in learning more about initiation into the Catholic faith are invited to speak with Theresa Salafia (tsalafia@stmattpar.org).

Infant Baptism

Our parish celebrates the sacrament of Baptism for infants and children under the age of 7 at regularly scheduled Sunday Masses. Please call Deacon Doug at any time during pregnancy or at least two months in advance for information on baptismal catechesis and the choosing of godparents.

Adult Confirmation

Adults desiring to complete their Christian Initiation with the sacrament of Confirmation are encouraged to contact Fr. Fran

Reconciliation

This sacrament of God's infinite forgiveness, also known as Penance and Confession, is celebrated on Saturdays at 3:15PM or by appointment with Fr. Fran. Communal celebrations of the sacrament occur during Advent and Lent.

Anointing of the Sick

The Church encourages all who are ill, about to undergo surgery, or confined to their homes due to illness to be prayed over and anointed with sacred oil. This can take place at a parish Mass, in the home or in the hospital. Please speak with Fr. Fran for more details.

Marriage

Congratulations to engaged couples! Please contact Fr. Fran eight months to a year before your wedding to plan a program of marriage preparation.

Welcome New Parishioners!

We invite you to share in our life as a Eucharistic Community. Please complete a registration card found at the church entrances or register at the parish office. We look forward to welcoming you to our parish community.

St. Matthias Parish

INTENTIONS FOR THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, June 22— 4:00 p.m.

David Mauro
Memorial

Sunday, June 23 — 10:00 a.m.

Niceas Barcinas
Memorial

Monday, June 24 — 9:00 a.m.

Antonio Masciarelli
Memorial

Saturday, June 29— 4:00 p.m.

Betty Montgomery
Memorial

Sunday, June 30 — 10:00 a.m.

Thomas Grasso
Anniversary Memorial



THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, June 22

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

Sunday, June 23

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

Wednesday, June 26

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

Saturday, June 29

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

Sunday, June 30

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

Weekday Masses for the Week of June 23

Monday, Tuesday and Friday
9:00 a.m. in the

Downstairs Conference Room Chapel

For Mass updates, please check the website
and voice message
on the Parish Office phone.



NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 29 and June 30



I Kings 19:16B, 19—21
Galatians 5:1, 13-18
Luke 9:51-62

Office Hours for the Week of June 23

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.



OFFICE HOURS

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST MUSIC SELECTIONS JUNE 22 — JUNE 23



Gathering: All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly
Booklet #13 pg. 20

Preparation: We Come To Your Feast
Hymnal #814

Communion: In This Meal
Booklet #7 pg. 15

Recessional: We Journey Together
Booklet #6 pg. 14

The Worship Booklet for Ordinary Time contains Mass responses as well as our musical selections. Please return the booklet to the book rack at the conclusion of Mass.



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(St. Matthias Parish or @stmattpar)!

Visit our website: www.stmattpar.org to find helpful buttons to lead you to: Mass Times, Parish Registration, Online Giving, Bulletins, Ministers' Schedules and Faith Formation.



FROM FR. FRAN

Financial Notes

There's one week left to donate and complete your pledges to our 2019 Grand Annual Collection. Thank you to all who have donated, and if you haven't, now is the time! Thank you also to those who are increasing their weekly giving during this challenging period in the fiscal life of the parish.

As it is crucial that our parish consistently achieves our weekly goal of \$4,000, please don't forget about us when you are on summer vacation. While it's always great to get away, our parish can never get away from paying the bills! A great way to consistently support our parish is to sign on to the We Share On Line Giving program. It's fast, easy, and insures the parish a steady weekly income while helping each parishioner to set and not have to worry about a weekly donation. Information is found on our website and also by calling our parish office.

As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, the budget subcommittee of our Finance Council has been hard at work on the FY2020 budget that commences next Monday, 1 July 2019. There will be some significant budget cuts which I will have more to say about in next week's bulletin. They are necessary so that the parish can live within its means and save for the future.

The Scams Continue

Scammers have been busy once again sending emails to parishioners, posing as pastors and asking for personal information, money, and gift cards. Scammers are now also sending text messages as well as emails. Just last week two of our staff members received a bogus email from a scammer posing as me, seeking personal information.

I will never ask for money, gift cards, or personal information from a parishioner. The only email address I write from is my official parish address. Please do not follow any links or respond to any sort of email that looks suspicious.

Unfortunately, another scam hit our parish recently. As many people do, we customarily put our outgoing mail in the mailbox on our property for our local carrier to collect. Somewhere between the mailbox and the post office, mail containing checks for the payment of bills was intercepted.

The thieves deposited these checks (without any sign of endorsement on them) into a Wells Fargo account which we tracked down through our financial institution, Main Street Bank. While the Marlborough Police hadn't heard of this kind of scheme, we were told that thieves often steal checks, scrub them clean, write out new bogus checks and then hire people to cash them. We are still working with Wells Fargo to recover the stolen money.

Needless to say, we have ceased placing outgoing mail in our mailbox and I would encourage our neighbors to do the same!

St. Matthias Mass Wins an Award

I was recently notified that my composition, The Mass of St. Matthias, received an award as the Distinguished New Mass Setting of 2019 by the Association of Catholic Publishers. This mass setting was developed over a number of years during our Eucharistic celebrations here at St. Matthias. When I submitted it for publication, I could safely say to the publisher that it was shaped and time tested by a real live parish community.

While I'm not a big proponent of awards and such, I think this particular one comes as a tribute to all of you who consist of this composer's musical "laboratory". Thank you for your continued inspiration, both musical and spiritual.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Financials June 15 and June 16

Weekly Goal: \$4,000

Offertory collection of June 15 and 16	\$4,771.11
Of that amount WeShare donations	\$1,382.55
Parish Maintenance Collection	\$1,962.00
Of that amount WeShare donations	\$ 485.00
Parishioners celebrating Mass	320

May 2019 Budget Comparison

Income:	\$21,033.11
Expenses:	\$34,848.08
Deficit:	\$13,814.97

Month of June Special Collections

Promoting the Gospel — June 22 and June 23

REMEMBERING OUR FATHERS

“When someone you love becomes a Memory, that memory becomes a Treasure.”

In honor of Father’s Day, during the month of June the parish will honor and pray for the many men who have touched our lives. Inscribe your loved one’s name in the Book of Remembrance located on the altar and a donation may be made in his name using the envelopes found at the church entrances. All special intentions will be announced in a future bulletin in commemoration of these special men.



Thank You—Volunteers



We have many people to thank for their volunteer efforts this week.

Thank you to MaryAnn Mauro and Ann Marie Ebert for sprucing up the back entrance. Thanks to CMS, Inc. for providing the mulch for that area as well as the side of the church. It certainly adds a nice finished look. Thanks to Fr. Fran for donating and planting the beautiful flowers outside the rectory/office area.

Thank you to Tracey Gilpin for gracing us with her creativity, once again, in the beautiful design of the bulletin boards.

Thank you to Bob Mulvaney for, once again, installing the air conditioners in the parish office. Maybe it will get warm enough to use them soon!

FAITH FORMATION Registration for 2019-20 Faith Formation Classes Coming Soon

Previously Enrolled Families:

Re-registration forms for families previously enrolled in Faith Formation will be mailed next week. Families whose children participated in Faith Formation last school year are asked to verify the information printed on the registration form. It is important that your email address and phone contact number are accurate. For planning purposes it is helpful to receive your forms with the applicable fees, as soon as possible, as materials need to be ordered.

No child will ever be denied participation in our faith gatherings. If there is a reason the registration fee is of concern, please communicate this to Father Fran or Theresa Salafia at 508-460-9255. All conversations are held in the strictest of confidence.

If you know of any new families in our area who may be interested in our Faith Formation classes, please have them contact the Faith Formation Office at 508-460-9255 or email Theresa Salafia at tsalafia@stmattpar.org.

New Families:

Welcome! Registration packets will be at the back of the church on the bulletin board beginning this weekend (June 22 and 23). Please fill out the form completely and return to the office by mail, through the offertory collection basket or in person at the Parish office.



PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK



Please Pray For...

Richard Abraham, Conor Canavan, Carol Chatalian, Danielle and Melissa Chiasson, Steven Chiasson, Joseph Cox, Adelbert Cyr, The Del Raso Family, Fay DiNitto, Dale Dolesh, W. Joseph Doyle, Kent Dudley, Stella Fettig, David Giugno, Hannah Gluck, Thomas Gluck, Russ Hokanson, Emma Johnston, Fr. Mike MacEwen, Dave Mackenzie, Kay McNeill, Pat McNeil, Mike Mauro, Maura McGuinness, Judy McManus, Michael Messom, Theresa Morrill, Deborah Natoli, Jennifer Natoli, Mary and Bob O’Connor, Johnny Pellrine, Jean Peltak, Theresa Perry, Andy Rivers, Joan Russo, Kathleen Shine, Andrew Tivnan, Pedro Torres, Trunfio Family, Ronald Vaudreuil, Phil Verdino and Jenny Weibel.

Please let the office know if you would like our parish to pray for the health and support of your loved ones.

SPECIAL COLLECTION PROMOTING THE GOSPEL

This week’s second collection will be shared by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). These two organizations communicate the Gospel by promoting works of justice, education and the dignity of human life. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes and will support our local communications needs, such as Catholic TV programming. For more information about these organizations, please visit

1. www.usccb.org/cchd
2. www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-communication-campaign/index.cfm

While this collection supports national efforts, a portion of the proceeds are designated for local CCHD grants and parish communication efforts.

School Supplies Drive

Our friends at United Way of Tri-County are already busy planning for the start of the next school season. For over 25 years the United Way of Tri-County has been collecting and distributing school supplies to children and youth in the greater Marlborough area, distributing approximately 800 backpacks each year. We are helping them with our annual "Tools for Schools" collection on July 20/21 and July 27/28.

Lists of requested items may be found at the church entrances. Some of the items include backpacks, pens, pencils, colored pencils, crayons, glue sticks, scissors and notebooks. Gift cards from Target, Wal-Mart, and Staples are always welcome if you don't have time to shop.

When a child is properly equipped for school they can focus their attention on their studies. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to truly make a difference in the life of a child. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Volunteers are also needed to assist with sorting supplies and assembling backpacks, picking up donations and delivering backpacks to community agencies. For more information please contact Barbara LaGrenade, Director of Volunteerism, United Way of Tri-County at 508-370-4902 or barbara.lagrenade@uwotc.org.



MASS TIMES WHILE TRAVELING



Looking to attend Mass at your travel destination? Check out the website www.masstimes.org. Enter your location and the site will provide you with a list of area churches and the Mass Schedule.

Don't forget to visit www.stmattpar.org or www.parishesonline.com to view the St. Matthias Parish Bulletin to keep up-to-date on St. Matthias Parish news activities.

ST. MATTHIAS GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

AS OF 6/17/2019

The 2019 Grand Annual collection is coming to a close. **Grand Annual packets are still available at the church entrances or you may click on the On-Line Giving link to use WeShare at www.stmattpar.org.**

Grand Annual Goal	\$80,000
Total Pledged	\$52,940
Total Received	\$50,245
Total to Reach Goal	\$27,060
Number of Families Pledged	103