

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH, MARLBOROUGH, MA

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, October 17 — 4:00 p.m.

Margaret MacNeil — 1st Anniversary Memorial

Sunday, October 18 — 10:00 a.m.

Gene and Claudette Fisher — Memorial

Tuesday, October 20 — 9:00 a.m.

Franz and Christina Schmidt — Memorial

Saturday, October 24 — 4:00 p.m.

George Deibel and Joanne Doyle — Memorial

Sunday, October 25 — 10:00 a.m.

Jeffrey Davis — Memorial

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

Shine and Salafia Families

Office Hours — Week of October 19

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

Wednesday
9:00 a.m. — Noon

Weekday Masses for the Week of October 19

Monday, Tuesday and Friday
9:00 AM—Downstairs Conference Room

MUSIC FOR THE EUCHARIST

- Gathering Song:** Sing A New Church
hymnal #644
- Psalm 33:** Lord Let Your Mercy Be On Us
hymnal #32
- Preparation Rite:** The Servant Song
hymnal #661
- Communion Song:** Bread Of Life From Heaven
hymnal #803
- Recessional:** The Church Of Christ
hymnal #665

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, October 17

- **Yard Sale**
Parish Hall, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 18

- **Faith Formation—Grades 1 — 5**
Classrooms, 8:30 a.m.—9:45 a.m.
- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Faith Formation—Grades 9—10**
Mass, 10:00 a.m. / Classroom 11:15 a.m. — Noon
- **Faith Formation—Grades 6 — 8**
Classrooms, 6:00—7:15 p.m.

Monday, October 19

- **Bible Study Group**
Parish Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- **Finance Committee Meeting**
Upstairs Conference Room, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 20

- **Christmas Bazaar Co-Chairperson Meeting**
Parish Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 21

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

Thursday, October 22

- **Choir Rehearsal**
Church, 7:00 p. m.
- **Bereavement Group**
Downstairs Conference Room, 7:00 p. m.

Saturday, October 24

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

Sunday, October 25

- **Faith Formation—Grades 1 — 5**
Classrooms, 8:30 a.m.—9:45 a.m.
- **Celebration of the Eucharist with Anointing of the Sick**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Faith Formation—Grades 9—10**
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OCTOBER 18, 2015

FROM FR. FRAN

Parish-Wide Meeting

**This Sunday, October 18 from 3 -5 PM
in the parish hall.**

As Pope Francis has been convening his Synod on the Family, let me call this our Synod on St. Matthias Parish. The goal is to take a look at where we are as a parish and begin to envision a direction for the future. There will be brief presentations on key aspects of our parish life such as Faith Formation, Worship, Finance and Community Outreach. There will be time for discussion and time to surface, with the help of the Holy Spirit, areas of parish life to focus in on throughout the years ahead. The results from the afternoon will be part of the agenda for the next Parish Pastoral Council which I plan to convene this fall.

My hope for this meeting is not for us to declare that we have to start or discontinue this program or that. My hope is that by lifting up the gifts and needs of all our parishioners, we might be able to see more clearly where God is calling St. Matthias Parish at this particular time in our community's life.

We will welcome as our facilitator for the afternoon Dr. Jack Shine, a retired educator who comes to us with an extensive background in parish life and specifically the Catholic Education System.

For our parish meeting to work well, we need to hear the voices of *all* the generations of our parish. I can't encourage you enough to be a part of this afternoon. We have a wonderful and caring community at St. Matthias. Together, let's ask the Holy Spirit to help us move to an even deeper level of discipleship.

The Sacrament of the Sick

at our masses next weekend, October 24, 25.

It is an ancient tradition in the church to anoint those who are ill with blessed oil. This great sacrament of healing is offered to those who, due to illness (physical, emotional, or spiritual), age, or upcoming surgery, seek the peace of Christ in their daily lives through the laying on of hands and anointing with oil.

The Sacrament offers the grace of strength, peace and courage to deal with the challenges that come with illness and advancing age. The grace of the sacrament also helps people unite their own sufferings to the redemptive passion of Christ.

If you would like to participate in the Sacrament of the Sick next weekend, just let a greeter know as you enter the church. You will receive a special pin which will designate you as one to be anointed. I would ask that those to be anointed sit at the ends of the benches closest to the middle aisle for easy access as I come through the Assembly to lay my hands on your head and anoint your hands and forehead with the sacred oil.

As we prepare to celebrate this sacrament as parish family, I invite you to please pray for those who will be anointed and for all the sick, that God's healing presence may surround and support them in their times of struggle.

CONGRATULATIONS DANA STENQUIST

Congratulations to Dana Stenquist as he completes the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic faith. He will be receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist and Confirmation during the Sunday liturgy. Please keep Dana and his family in your prayers.

SPECIAL COLLECTION — MISSION SUNDAY

This week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelizing programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Goal: \$4,000.00
Total Collection of October 10, 11 \$4,986.66
Of that amount ParishPay donations \$2,165.66*
Second Collection: Parish Maintenance \$1,509.00
Parishioners celebrating Mass October 10, 11 326
* This amount includes donations from Oct 1-11

October Special Collections

Mission Sunday October 17 and 18

SEPTEMBER 2015 FINANCIALS

Total Income for the Month of September \$24,233.53
Total Expenses for the Month of September \$22,947.79
Net Income: \$ 1,285.74

TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes are scheduled as follows for October 18:

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

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

***Please Note:** For safety, please meet your child in the parish hall at class dismissal.

Grades 9, 10 10:00 AM Mass
attendance followed
by class until noon.

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 October 18, Twenty-Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

Readings for October 25, Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—NOVEMBER 1, 2014

The annual "Mass of Remembrance" will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 1, 2015**. 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 from November 1 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 1. 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 26** to allow the Art and Environment Team ample time to plan and put the display together.



PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK

Isaac Barcinas	Mike Ducote	Cameron O'Marsh
Paul Brazeau	Kathy Fischer	Tommy O'Regan
Jane Byrne	Joe Gillis	Siobhan O'Sullivan
Diane Canty	Peter Goneau	Eleanor Partridge
Betty Carima	Philip Goneau	Theresa Perry
Jonathan Charlot	Mary Grandy	Tinh Pham
Steven Chase	Russ Hokanson	June Quinn
Dave Gilson	Janet Kearns	Joan Rea CSJ
Edward Connors	Kathryn Keeler	Samantha Roberts
Jane Constable	Theresa Locke	Martin Rooney
Donny Courteville	Glenn Malloy	Jamie Ruggerio
Joseph Cox	Paul Malone	Liz Smith
Maureen Curley	David Martin	Owen Paul Sousa
Connie Cyr	Maria Marchand	Mary Spaulding
DelRaso Family	Bob McGilvray	Jill Tesell
Clara Mae Dickerson	Patricia McManus	Ralph Trotto
Grace Dowd	Theresa Morrill	Jeanine Varley
Peggy Dowling	Chris O'Brien	Eileen Walsh
Billy Doyle	Frances O'Brien	AmyNoel Wyman



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN (VIRTUS®) TRAINING

Sunday, November 15, 2015 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Downstairs conference room

Facilitators: April Lowe and Theresa Salafia

As directed by the Archdiocese of Boston Child Advocacy Office all volunteers who serve in ministries that bring them in contact with children must attend training in the protection of children. This training needs to be completed once only. Certification is documented in the Child Advocacy Office of the Archdiocese data base so if one moves from one location to another your training certificate follows. Registration for this training is necessary. You may call Theresa Salafia at 508-460-9255 or email tsalafia@stmattpar.org.

ST. FRANCIS HOUSE CLOTHING DRIVE

Our annual St. Francis House Clothing Drive will be held **next weekend, October 24 and 25**. 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 asked us to focus on men's clothing, specifically:

- Men's Footwear new - sizes 9-14
- Men's Pants (especially jeans) and Shirts
- Men's Coats, Jackets, Sweater, Sweatshirts/hoodies
- Men's Hats, Gloves, and Scarves
- Men's Socks & Underwear & Undershirts
(only NEW undergarments accepted)

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 for drop off or have any questions please contact the office at 508-460-9255. Thank you so much for your generosity. It is truly appreciated



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS THANK YOU

Many of our four legged, furry friends were blessed on the Feast of St. Francis on **Sunday, October 4**. We would like to thank Deacon Doug for presiding over the blessing and giving individual attention to each one of our special guests. Thank you to Matt Packard for proclaiming the word and to Judy McManus for leading us in song.



HOUSEKEEPING THANK YOU

Thank you to Bob Mulvaney for replacing and redirecting the spotlights in the church as well as removing the air conditioners. Thank you also to Timmy, Tony and Joseph Del Raso for cleaning the air conditioner filters and putting them into storage for the winter.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR MEETINGS

Christmas Bazaar Co-Chair meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish hall.

The Christmas Bazaar Craft session is **CANCELED** for **Wednesday, October 21 at 10:30 a.m.** in the parish hall.