

**ST. MATTHIAS PARISH, MARLBOROUGH, MA**

**INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Saturday, August 6 — 4:00 p.m.**

Abigail Torres — Birthday Memorial

**Sunday, August 7 — 10:00 a.m.**

**Memorial Celebration**

Ella L. Mahoney, John R Mahoney, Sr.  
Anne R. Mahoney and John R. Mahoney, Jr.

**Monday, August 8 — 900 a.m.**

Teresita Barcinas — Birthday Memorial

**Tuesday, August 9 — 9:00 a.m.**

James Moriarty — Memorial

**Saturday, August 13 — 4:00 p.m.**

Lillian Myers  
Marian Lutterroot — Memorial

**Sunday, August 14 — 10:00 a.m.**

Kelly Keher — Memorial

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS**

**Saturday, August 6**

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

**Sunday, August 7**

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, August 10**

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

**Thursday, August 11**

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

**Saturday, August 13**

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

**Sunday, August 14**

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Marlborough Community Cupboard Collection**  
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**Office Hours for the Week of August 8**



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

**Wednesday**  
9:00 a.m. — Noon

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST MUSIC**

Gathering Song: **From Age to Age**  
booklet # 5

Preparation of Gifts: **Eye Has Not Seen**  
hymnal # 616

Communion: **Taste and See**  
booklet # 8

Recessional: **Go To The World**  
hymnal # 469



**Weekday Masses for the Week of August 8**

**Monday and Tuesday**

**9:00 a.m.**

Downstairs Conference Room



**There will be no weekday Mass August 12—August 19.  
Weekday Mass will resume Monday, August 22**

**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 August 6, 7 — 19th Sunday in Ordinary time

Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48

Readings for August 13, 14 — 20th Sunday in Ordinary time

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

AUGUST 7, 2016

## FROM FR. FRAN

You no doubt heard about the tragic killing of French priest Fr. Jacques Hamel while he was presiding at Mass a couple of weeks ago. At his funeral his sister spoke of her brother as a man of mercy and love. She went on to say that “he chose to serve God so that he can cultivate love and sharing and tolerance among people of all faiths and denominations, believers and non-believers, throughout his life.” It is no small irony that this man was murdered by men who claimed connection with ISIS, a group that espouses the opposite of everything Fr. Hamel was about.

In his homily at the funeral, Archbishop Lebrun of Rouen, while calling Fr. Hamel’s death brutal, unfair and horrible, urged those gathered to “look deep into our hearts to find the light.” He then called for forgiveness, quoting Christ’s command to love enemies as well as neighbors.

In attendance at the funeral were representatives of many faiths, including many Muslims who decried what was done in the name of their religion. Archbishop Lebrun addressed their presence directly saying: “ I thank you in the name of all Christians...you are affirming that you reject death and violence in the name of God.”

Also, over the weekend, in many French Catholic Churches, Muslims attended Mass in solidarity with their grieving Catholic sisters and brothers.

This tragic killing has moved the French government to open new talks with Muslim leaders as to the influence of fringe groups on the religious life of the French Muslim community. In a real sense, Fr. Hamel’s death has continued the goal of his life, to bring people together.

Of course there are other voices who are condemning the entire Muslim faith for the actions of those on the edges. When asked by a French reporter why he speaks of terrorists and not Islam when discussing violent attacks, Pope Francis recently explained that every religion has its violent people or factions. “If I speak of Islamic violence, I must speak of Catholic violence... I do not believe it is right to identify Islam with violence.”

It seems too easy for a radical group to hijack a religion for its own purposes. This is nothing new. In our own country, there are those who would like to see their own brand of Christianity become the national religion, in fact if not in name. On the other side of the coin, it wasn’t that long ago that Catholics were seen by some as agents of the Pope, and they would, if left to their own devices, force their religion upon the nation. This was so prevalent that John Kennedy, when running for the presidency, had to publicly state his allegiance to the country and not to Rome.

As baptized Catholics, Christ call us to bring his message into the marketplace. It of course is a message of love, mercy and forgiveness. He doesn’t call us to condemn or generalize or call out an entire people or class of people. The only people Christ called out in his own lifetime were the ones who used religion for their own purposes, which were often political in nature.

So, in our turbulent times, how do we react to violence perpetrated in the name of God? Does the mercy of God inform our words and actions.? Whom do we call out, and for what reasons?

## SPECIAL COLLECTION CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This week’s second collection for Catholic Relief Services supports emergency relief, human development, and peace initiatives in countries around the world. The funds from this Collection provide food to the hungry, services for victims of human trafficking, support to displaced refugees, and show Christ’s love and respect to all people. The collection funds the ministries of six Catholic Church organizations: Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), Migration and Refugee Services (MRS), the Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development, the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church, and the Holy Father’s Relief Fund. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/crscollection](http://www.usccb.org/crscollection). For your convenience, purple envelopes labeled “Second Collection” can be found in the pews for your donation .

## PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK

*Please Pray For...*



*Richard Abraham, Laurie Burt, Peggy Cronin, Delia Cruz, Connie Cyr, Del Cyr, Clara Mae Dickerson, John Gifford, Joe Gillis, Russ Hokanson, Kathryn Keeler, Sean Marrier, David Martin, Frank Mangan, Kay McNeill, Theresa Perry, Jean Peltak, and Amy Noel Wyman.*

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).

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FAITH FORMATION

**Faith Formation Registration continues.** The yearly calendar will be sent shortly via email to families who have registered. For those who have yet to register you are encouraged to complete this process soon. Resources have been ordered for students of families who have indicated participation in gatherings that start **Sunday, September 25.**

If you have questions please call the Faith Formation office (508-460-9255 ) or email [tsalafia@stmattpar.org](mailto:tsalafia@stmattpar.org).

#### SAINT DOMINIC, AUGUST 8

If he hadn't taken a trip with his bishop, Dominic would probably have remained within the structure of contemplative life; after the trip, he spent the rest of his life being a contemplative in active apostolic work. Born in old Castile, Spain, he was trained for the priesthood by a priest-uncle, studied the arts and theology, and became a canon of the cathedral at Osma, where there was an attempt to revive the apostolic common life described in the Acts of the Apostles.

On a journey through France with his bishop, he came face to face with the then virulent Albigensian heresy at Languedoc. The Albigensians (Cathari, "the pure") held to two principles—one good, one evil—in the world. All matter is evil—hence they denied the Incarnation and sacraments. On the same principle, they abstained from procreation and took a minimum of food and drink. The inner circle led what some people regarded as a heroic life of purity and asceticism not shared by ordinary followers.

Dominic sensed the need for the Church to combat this heresy, and was commissioned to be part of the preaching crusade against it. He saw immediately why the preaching was not succeeding: the ordinary people admired and followed the ascetical heroes of the Albigenses. Understandably, they were not impressed by the Catholic preachers who traveled with horse and retinues, stayed at the best inns and had servants. Dominic therefore, with three Cistercians, began itinerant preaching according to the gospel ideal. He continued this work for 10 years, being successful with the ordinary people but not with the leaders.

His fellow preachers gradually became a community, and in 1215 he founded a religious house at Toulouse, the beginning of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans).

His ideal, and that of his Order, was to link organically a life with God, study and prayer in all forms, with a ministry of salvation to people by the word of God. His ideal: *contemplata tradere*: "to pass on the fruits of contemplation" or "to speak only of God or with God."

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### PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Total Collection of July 30, 31 \$4,239.00

Of that amount ParishPay donations were \$ 973.00

Parishioners celebrating Mass July 30, 31.....275

#### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST

Catholic Relief Collection August 6 and 7

Parish Maintenance August 13 and 14

#### PARISHPAY IN THE SUMMER

The Parish Community continues to wish everyone a safe and fun summer while traveling or enjoying a local vacation. Throughout the summer the work of the parish community continues and can only be accomplished with your continued monetary support through the offertory collection.

ParishPay is a simple and automated way to continue to make your contributions to the Parish offertory. Your contributions are automatically deducted from your checking or savings account or from your credit card. You select whether to make payments once or twice a month. You can sign up directly on their website <https://www.parishpay.com> or call the parish office for assistance.



## CHRISTMAS CRAFTERS WANTED

Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 3

The St. Matthias Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Saturday, December 3, 2016, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.** in our Parish Hall. Calling all craft vendors! Enjoy a day-filled with the Christmas spirit as you sell your items. Cost of table is \$50. Call the office for details 508-460-9255. Applications for vendors who participated last year, have been mailed this past week

Crafters are encouraged to join the Craft Team. *Not crafty?* Monetary donations are always appreciated for craft supplies. If you have crafts or items to donate, please contact the Parish Office 508-460-9255 for details.

## MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD AUGUST 13 AND 14



Collection bins will be available at the church entrances for the monthly Marlborough Community Food cupboard collection the weekend of **August 13 and 14**. In addition to non-perishable food items, the cupboard also requests personal items such as

diapers, shampoo/conditioner, soap, toilet paper, etc. Please visit the United Way of Tri-County website [www.uwotc.org/food/marlborough](http://www.uwotc.org/food/marlborough) for a detailed donation request list.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE THANK YOU

Thanks to the generosity of the people of St. Matthias parish a substantial amount of school supplies, monetary donations and gift cards were donated to the United Way of Tri-County "Tools for Schools" program. A special thanks to Cheryl Brintnall who picked up the supplies and delivered them to the Walker Building for distribution to area children. You have made a difference in the life of a child. Thank you!

