

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH, MARLBOROUGH, MA

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, September 3 — 4:00 p.m.

Susan Giugno — Birthday Memorial

Sunday, September 4 — 10:00 a.m.

Frank & Leah Calore — Memorial
Eleanor Laspada — Memorial

Monday, September 5 — 9:00 a.m.

James Goulet — Memorial

Tuesday, September 6 — 9:00 a.m.

Mary Goulet — Memorial

Friday, September 9 — 9:00 a.m.

Paul Goulet — Memorial

Saturday, September 10 — 4:00 p.m.

William Bruce-Tagoe & Josephine Myers — Memorial

Sunday, September 11 — 10:00 a.m.

Mary & Gerry Coletti — Memorial

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, September 3

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

Sunday, September 4

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

Wednesday, September 7

- Shawl Ministry
Downstairs Conference Room, 6:45 p.m.
- Baptismal Instruction
Parish hall, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 8

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

Saturday, September 10

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

Sunday, September 11

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

Weekday Masses for the Week of September 4

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

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST MUSIC

Gathering Song: Take Up Your Cross
hymnal # 690

Preparation of Gifts: The Summons
hymnal # 689

Communion: Bread of Life From Heaven
hymnal #803

Recessional: Rain Down
hymnal #505



Office Hours for the Week of September 4



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

Wednesday
9:00 a.m. — Noon

The office will be closed on Monday,
September 5th in observance of Labor Day.

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 Sept. 3, 4 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time
Wisdom 9:13-18B; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

Readings for Sep. 10, 11 – 24nd Sunday in Ordinary time
Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-32

FROM FR. FRAN

As the fall approaches there are lots of activities gearing up here at St. Matthias.

To keep up with everything, make sure you check out the bulletin, either the hard copy or the electronic copy on our website. Also, make sure you check out our St. Matthias Facebook page for the latest news.

One of the exciting initiatives that we are beginning is an update on our Parish Directory. It's been many years since we last updated our information on who we are as parishioners. We will also be initiating a parish survey later in the fall to help us see if we are meeting people's needs.

We are planning to proceed with our parish St. Vincent DePaul Society and outreach program in the coming months. We will be speaking with the new archdiocesan coordinator of St. Vincent, Mr. Bernie Swain, within the next few weeks, and then put our plans in motion.

Our Faith Formation program will begin later in the month with the blessing of our parish catechists and students. We are still looking for a parishioner to volunteer to be the catechist for our grade 7 students. This is a wonderful way to share your faith with the next generation. If you are interested, please contact our Faith Formation Director, Theresa Salafia.

There is no better way to celebrate the coming of the fall season than with a gathering of parishioners and friends at our Parish Picnic which will be held on Sunday, September 25. This year members of our Faith Formation families will be hosting the event to be held on the parish lawn. Mark your calendars now!

We are also getting ready for our annual parish Yard Sale. The donations of gently used items are already streaming in. What better time than the start of a new season to clean out those closets, attics and garages!

On another housekeeping note, we will soon be replacing the aging fence that surrounds our dumpster. It is deteriorating by the day! A word of thanks to parishioner Paul Brown of Sudbury Cedar Fence Company for his work and donation on the project. If you would like to help out with the cost of the fence, please let me know!

Another project in the works is the replacement of the walkway between the front parking lot and the parish offices. As I mentioned earlier this summer, we have put some gravel down in the cracks as a temporary measure. We are currently taking bids for the project and will announce more about it soon.

Another exciting project we are putting together for the fall is a Parish Ministry Fair. We have so many faithful parishioners who serve our community in many wonderful ways in liturgical ministries, faith formation and outreach. We are always on the lookout for more folks to join in the work of these parish ministries. Over the last few years we have been highlighting one ministry every few months at Mass in the hopes that volunteers will come forward. At our last Parish Pastoral Council meeting, we talked about reviving an old tradition here at St. Matthias, that of the Ministry Fair when all ministries will have representatives in the parish hall after masses, explaining a bit about their ministry and signing folks up as well. Look for more information soon!

Another big event in the fall will be the kickoff of our 2017 Grand Annual Collection. This is our most important fund raiser of the year. All donations go directly into our FY 2017 operating budget.

The fall is also a good time for parishioners to look at the level of giving to our weekly and monthly collections. I have been extremely grateful for the generosity of our parishioners over the last year. I hope you have noticed that we have been hitting or coming close to hitting our 4 thousand dollar per week goal for a good number of months now. I am especially grateful for your contributions over the summer months when our collections have traditionally dipped severely, leaving us to start the fiscal year playing catch up. This year, however, your generosity puts us in a better position, especially as we look towards the precarious nature of our winter weather and ever fluctuating snow removal and heating bills.

All this is not to say that we can rest on our laurels. Unforeseen and unbudgeted projects such as the dumpster fence and walkway repairs pop up all the time. And the replacement of the church roof still looms in the not too distant future. So your continued generosity is appreciated and needed. It would be incredibly beneficial to our parish life if you are able to increase your giving at this time. If you use Parish Pay and have not assessed your level of giving in a while, now is a great time to do so.

Onward we go into the fall. With all of the above events, along with our annual Blessing of the Animals, Anointing of the Sick Masses, Mass of Remembrance and Christmas Crafts Fair we are in for quite a full season. May God continue to bless our parish and may we all continue to grow in discipleship and service to one another and our wider community.



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH FORMATION

Blessings to all of our young people who begin a new year of growing in "wisdom, age and grace." Be assured that your Saint Matthias family keeps you in prayer throughout the year.

Faith Formation for Grades 1-10 begins with **Mass Sunday, September 25 at 10:00 AM.** All students and their families are asked to be in attendance along with our entire Saint Matthias community.

CATECHISTS/ASSISTANTS NEEDED



We are looking for those of our community who have thought about sharing their faith with the children of our Parish. There are a few openings for catechists and assistants. If you would like to know about being a catechist, please call Theresa Salafia at **508-460-9255** or email tsalafia@stmattpar.org.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 2 at 12:00 p.m.

Help Needed!

Pets of all kinds and owners alike are invited to the annual Blessing of the Animals on **Sunday, October 2 at 12 noon** in the Courtyard area of the church. **We are looking for individuals to assist in coordinating this special service.** The effort would involve setting up water bowls for our special furry guests and chairs for their owners in the courtyard area with clean up after the service. Assistance with delivering donated items to Buddy Dog Humane Society in Sudbury is needed. If interested in helping out please contact Diane Balinski at 508-460-9255 or dbalinski@stmattpar.org.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTERS WANTED

Saturday, December 3 — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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 an application and details 508-460-9255.

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.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTERS MEETING

Tuesday, September 13 — 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Craft Meeting, **Tuesday, September 13 at 10:00 a.m. parish hall and 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs conference room.** Choose what time is best for you. Please come, bring a friend. Christmas is coming!!

CHOIR REHEARSAL



The first choir rehearsal of the season will be held on **Thursday, September 8 at 7 pm** in the church and will continue on Thursday evenings throughout the season. As always new members are always welcome. Come to the first meeting and see what the Choir does—there is no obligation. This a wonderful, musical way to take part in the parish community.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory Goal: \$4,000.00

Total Collection of August 27, 28 \$4,119.00
Of that amount ParishPay donations were \$1,117.00

Parishioners celebrating Mass August 27, 28.....305

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Catholic University of America September 4, 5
Parish Maintenance September 10, 11
Clergy Health and Retirement Trust September 17, 18

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, Emma Johnson, Kathryn Keeler, Sean Marrier, David Martin, Frank Mangan, Kay McNeill, Theresa Perry, Jean Peltak, Andy Rivers, Benjamin Smith, Ann Vigeant 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.

OUR FATHER'S TABLE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
NEW HOPE CHURCH — (204 MAIN STREET)

St. Matthias Parish community members will be hosting *Our Father's Table* on **Tuesday, September 13, 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 248-240-3615 or via email: daledolesh@gmail.com. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

DONATIONS WELCOME

Did you know we have a collection box at the rear of the church for Our Father's Table donations? You may have seen in the bulletin that our Parish hosts Our Father's Table at New Hope Church on Main Street every other month. Not only does it take donations of food and many volunteers to run, but it takes monetary donations as well. If you have spare change or bills when you come to Mass, your help is greatly welcomed for this worthwhile cause.

MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 10 AND 11

Collection bins will be available at the church entrances for the monthly Marlborough Community Food cupboard collection next weekend **September 10 and 11**. 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 for a detailed donation request list.

2016 ST. MATTHIAS ANNUAL YARD SALE — OCTOBER 15, 2016

Preparations are underway for this year's Parish Yard Sale. The week before the sale we will have designated drop-off times. If you need to store your goods earlier than that then please contact the office and we can arrange an early drop-off or pick up of boxed items.

Once again the grills will be cooking up a tasty lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs. Our bake crew will sell their delicious array of home-made baked goodies at our indoor Bake Sale.

Want to DONATE TIME? There are many ways to take part in helping the Parish with this fun-filled fundraiser.

For information or to sign up, call the **Parish office** at **508-460-9255**.