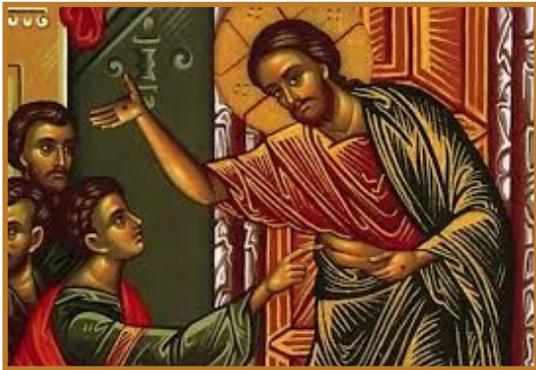


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Celebrations of the Eucharist

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.

Holy Day

9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.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, MARLBOROUGH, MA

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, April 7 — 4:00 p.m.

Judith Kossuth — 1st Anniversary Memorial

Sunday, April 8 — 10:00 a.m.

Elaine Pilecki — 1st Anniversary Memorial

Saturday, April 14 — 4:00 p.m.

Ernest and Albina Mauro

Ernest A. Mauro — Memorial

Sunday, April 15 — 10:00 a.m.

Joseph Frane — 9th Anniversary Memorial

Weekday Mass for the Week of April 8

Weekday Mass will be held

Monday, Tuesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.

In the downstairs conference room



Office Hours for the Week of April 8

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. — Noon



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST WORSHIP BOOKLET

The Worship Aid for the Easter Season is available in the pews' bookrack. This booklet contains Mass responses as well as our musical selections. Lift your voices in celebration. Please return the booklet to the bookrack at the end of Mass. *Thank you.*

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for Third Sunday of Easter
April 14 and April 15

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; John 2:1-5A; Luke 24:35-48

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, April 7

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 4:00 p.m.
- **First Eucharist Student Retreat**
Church, 4:00 p.m. / Parish Hall, 5:00 p.m.
- **Marlborough Community Cupboard**
Collection bins at the church entrances

Sunday, April 8

- **Faith Formation — Grades 1, 3, 4, and 5**
Classrooms 8:30 a.m. — 9:45 a.m.
with Safety Presentation
- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, following Mass
- **Marlborough Community Cupboard**
Collection bins at the church entrances
- **Extraordinary Ministers of the Cup — Chat Session**
Classroom, 11:15 a.m.
- **Confirmation Candidates' Dinner with Families and Sponsors**
Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, April 9

- **Finance Council Committee Meeting**
Upstairs Conference Room, 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, April 10

- **Parish Pastoral Committee (PPC) Meeting**
Downstairs Conference Room, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11

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

Thursday, April 12

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

Saturday, April 14

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

Sunday, April 15

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

APRIL 8, 2018

FROM FR. FRAN

An Easter Thank You

I have a friend who often, after big liturgical events, declares that he's "exhausted in Christ". I think that there are many wonderful folks in our parish who are feeling the same way right now. I know that I am!

Our Triduum and Easter Sunday Celebrations were extraordinarily beautiful and faith filled. While we owe a lot to the Holy Spirit for that, we also need to thank the many parishioners who volunteered their time, energy and talent over the last few weeks to set the stage beautifully for the Holy Spirit's work.

Our Triduum Committee worked wonderfully together to gather people from all over the parish and from all age groups to prepare our great celebrations. This year we had a number of parishioners who volunteered for the first time to work on the committee. Thank you one and all for your dedication to the worship life of our parish.

All those in our liturgical and music ministries gave joyfully of themselves to insure that our liturgies went smoothly, prayerfully, and that our Assembly was filled with wonderful song. Thank you so much for leading us in prayer through each of your individual ministries.

Thanks also to all of our greeters and ushers who gave a warm welcome to everyone coming through our doors. Our hospitality continued at our Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday collations. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to the festivities.

Behind the scenes, our ministers of Environment decorated the church beautifully for all of the different celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. Thank you so much for taking time out of your own Easter preparations to prepare our worship space so well.

We had a great Easter Vigil fire this year with wood from our own trees that gave up their lives during the winter storms. Many thanks to our fire builders for a job well done!

Our Office Staff took on extra printing and other duties during the lead up to Easter. Thanks so much for taking on the seasonal extras.

I encourage you to take some time and look at our bulletin boards outside of the Church and the parish hall. Along with carrying information on our seasonal worship, they always carry a theme spelled out in beautiful and thought provoking art work done by parishioner Tracy Gilpin. Thanks Tracy for your great work.

And did you notice that our urns around the outside of the Church have burst forth in the colors of early spring? That is due to the green thumbs of Nathalie and Jerry Dolan. Thanks!

Our celebrations of Holy Week, the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday give witness to how preparing to worshipping together as a parish is truly a community affair. Thanks again to all who in any way contributed to the beauty of the season.



PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$4,000.00
Total Collection of March 24 and March 25	\$4,030.00 *
Of that amount WeShare donation	\$ 810.00
Parishioners celebrating Mass March 24 and 25.....	371
Clergy Benefit Trust Easter Weekend	\$4,084.00
Of that amount WeShare donation	\$ 365.00
Parishioners celebrating Mass Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses.....	504

*This represents a surplus to the weekly offertory goal of \$4,000.00. Thank you.

Holy Thursday CRS Rice Bowl collection	\$ 268.50**
Parishioners celebrating Holy Thursday.....	138
Good Friday — Holy Land collection	\$ 477.00
Parishioners celebrating Veneration of the Cross	120

**Please note loose change has not been counted and accounted for in this total amount.

Special Collections for April

April 7 and 8 — Parish Maintenance Collection

April 21 and 22—St. Vincent DePaul Collection

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation gatherings for **Sunday, April 8** are:

Grades 1, 3, 4 and 5 **8:30 - 9:45 a.m.**

For Grades 3, 4, and 5 during their Faith Formation session, Sgt. William Gallant will present strategies the children can use for their safety.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to participate in this presentation.

First Eucharist children will attend 4:00 p.m. Mass Saturday with their families. Following Mass, everyone will gather in the parish hall for a light supper, demonstration of making the bread for Eucharist, music, and making banners for First Eucharist.

Children will receive First Eucharist on Saturday, April 28 at 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday, April 29 at 10:00 a.m. Mass. Each family chose either April 28 or April 29.

Confirmation candidates, their families and sponsors will join together for a celebratory evening **Sunday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall.** Integral to this evening is a presentation by Jim Flanagan from St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Acton who facilitated the candidates retreat in the Fall.

Grades 6 through 8
completed their sessions
last Sunday, March 25.



MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD COLLECTION — APRIL 7 AND APRIL 8

Our monthly food collection bins will be placed at the church entrances this weekend of April 7 and 8. This monthly collection is crucial to our neighbors and friends who seek support from the Community Cupboard.

A special thank you to everyone who donated food items during the Holy Thursday Mass.

If you would like to make a collection directly, the Marlborough Community Cupboard is located in the Walker Building with the entrance on Rawlins Avenue.

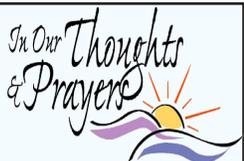


CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

Our most recent update for the Catholic Appeal shows Saint Matthias parishioners donated or pledged \$14,840.00 toward the stated goal of \$24,962.00. This amount represents 59% of our goal from 60 contributors. Thank you.

If you were away during Commitment Weekend or simply forgot, it is not too late to join others in helping raise \$10,122.00 for the appeal. Envelopes are available at the church entrances and also in the parish office. If you have questions please contact Theresa Salafia at 508-460-9255 or tsalafia@stmattpar.org.

PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK



Please Pray For...

Richard Abraham, Joyce Belliveau, Boyle Family, Conor Canavan, Elisangela Cardoso, 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, Hannah Gluck, David Giugno, 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, Bob O'Connor, Theresa Perry, Jean Peltak, Matt Pendergast, Janet Pilecki, Michael Pilecki, Andy Rivers, Lois Schofield, Benjamin Smith, Edward Suzano, Andrew Tivnan, Ray Thomas, Trunfio Family, Jenny Weibel and Robert Vona.

EASTER FLOWERS



The Easter season is filled with joy as we reflect upon the incredible sacrifice Christ made for us. Just one small part of that Easter joy is the beautiful arrangements of flowers adorning the church. With the weather we have been experiencing of late these flowers are likely the only sign of spring we may see for a while. You may help offset the cost of the flowers with an Easter flower donation. Your contribution may be made in honor of a deceased loved one or other special intention. Envelopes may be found at the church entrances. Simply place your contribution in the envelope, put your name and the names of those you wish to honor on it and drop it in the collection basket. Contributions may also be made on-line through WeShare. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

