

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH, MARLBOROUGH, MA

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, May 21 — 4:00 p.m.

Robert Goodwin — Memorial

Sunday, May 22 — 10:00 a.m.

Mary Deibel — Memorial

Saturday, May 28 — 4:00 p.m.

Ernest and Albina Mauro

Ernest A. Mauro — Memorial

Sunday, May 29 — 10:00 a.m.

John Montgomery — 21st Anniversary Memorial

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, May 21

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

Sunday, May 22

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Chat Session**
Classroom, following Mass

Monday, May 23

- **Liturgical Commission Meeting**
Downstairs Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 25

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

Thursday, May 26

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

Saturday, May 28

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 4:00 p.m.
- **Knights of Columbus Award Presentation**
Church, during 10:00 a.m. Mass

Sunday, May 29

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

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

Frank and Leah Calore

Eleanor Laspada

Gifts of Altar Bread and Wine for
May 21 and 22 are donated in memory of

George Neilsen



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please welcome into our faith community

Naya Corinne Patnode

Saturday, May 21 during the 4:00 p.m. Mass

As a parish community let us keep Naya
and her family in our prayers.

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
MUSIC**

Gathering Song: **O God Almighty Father**
hymnal #485

Preparation of Gifts: **How Wonderful the Three-In-One**
hymnal #488

Communion: **Bread of Life from Heaven**
hymnal #803

Recessional: **Sing of the Lord's Goodness**
hymnal # 532

Weekday Mass for the Week of May 23



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

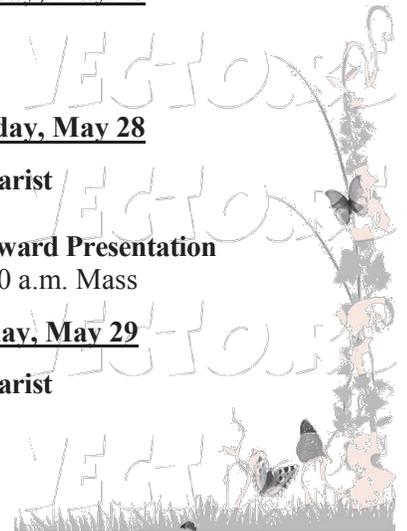
Downstairs Conference Room

Office Hours for the Week of May 23



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

Wednesday
9:00 a.m. — Noon



FROM FR. FRAN

You may have heard it reported that Pope Francis is about to open the diaconate to women. Well, as it turns out, not quite, yet. The press seems to have reported the big headline without putting it into context.

In answering a question about the possibility of women in diaconate ministry posed by a representative from the Union of Superiors General (which is the umbrella group for the leaders of women religious orders worldwide), Francis responded: "...on the diaconate, yes, I accept and it seems useful to have a commission that will better clarify this, above all with regard to the first days of the Church." Reactions have ranged from joy to skepticism to panic, depending on one's point of view.

The mere speaking about the subject with an openness for discussion shows that Francis is tuned into the movement of the Holy Spirit in our day. His rooting that discussion in an exploration of ancient practices clearly shows he is a man of the Church.

Francis has often spoken of expanding the role of women in the Church, and with the questions posed to him at this recent conference, he was pressed to put some meat on the bones.

He said that there is a great need for women to be included in the decision-making processes of the Church. He related a story from his own life about an "...experience of an issue in Buenos Aires: seeing it with the presbyteral council – therefore, all men – it was treated; then, seeing it with a group of religious women and laity enriched it so much... and improved the decision with a complimentary vision."

He related that he appointed a woman religious to lead a Pontifical Council, but she declined, preferring the work she was doing in her Congregation. Pope Francis went on to suggest that it would be appropriate for a woman to head

the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, and the Pontifical Council for Migrants. He said that *any* leadership role that doesn't require ordination should be open to women candidates. This kind of thinking is earth shaking to some in the Roman Curia.

Pope Francis was elected with the mandate that he reform the Curia, the central offices of the worldwide Church. Some officials, exercising what they thought were secure positions of power and authority, have been quaking in their boots. In an earlier day, such a Pope might have been "dispensed of" in some fashion by those who felt threatened. Game of Thrones has nothing on the complicated history of the papacy. (I hope Francis has a food taster.)

The Church works slowly, *very slowly*, that is – until it doesn't. Vatican II is a prime example. No one expected Pope John XXIII to assemble a world-wide Ecumenical Council that would change the shape of the Church, calling it back to its servant roots. Many have said that, in Pope Francis, the Spirit is working once more to call the church to an ever deepening mission of service in the name of Christ. This time around, the Spirit may just be moving us towards women receiving greater recognition and integration into the life of Church leadership.

Who knows, maybe one of our parishioners will be in the first class of women to become Deacons!



Would you like to serve our parish as an
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

Better known by its former name, a "Eucharistic Minister" is a woman or man who assists at the Eucharistic Table in the distribution of Communion, and may also bring communion to the sick. The term "extraordinary minister" is now used by the Church to distinguish this ministry from that of bishops, priests and deacons who are the "ordinary" ministers of Communion.

In our parish, Extraordinary Ministers serve once a month or so at either the 4 PM or 10 AM Mass. They arrive 20 minutes before Mass to prepare the bread and wine and the vessels to be used at Mass. At the time of Communion they minister either the body or blood of Christ, depending upon their listed assignment. After Mass they assist in storing those vessels and altar linens used in the celebration.

While all of the above is important, the *most* important thing that an Extraordinary Minister does is to become a vessel of Christ's love as they communicate his body and blood to the Assembly. An Extraordinary Minister shows in her or his manner not only a deep reverence for what is communicated but a welcoming manner.

Over the next few weeks we invite any parishioner who has completed their Christian Initiation through Confirmation, to prayerfully discern if the Holy Spirit might be calling you to serve our parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Please take time to listen as representatives of this ministry briefly share their experiences during this week's Masses **May 21 and 22** and consider attending the brief informational session following Mass.

MOST HOLY TRINITY

FAITH FORMATION

Thank you to our Saint Matthias community for supporting our youngest parishioners in their formation in the faith. Gratitude goes forth in a special way to those people who have served as catechists to assist parents and guardians in fulfilling their roles as the first models in passing on the faith.

Faith Formation gatherings will begin again **September 25, 2015** with families attending the opening Mass at 10:00 a.m. Following Mass all are invited to join our Welcome Back — Coffee and Ice Cream social in the parish hall. Further details to follow in future bulletins.



PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK

Please Pray For...



Laurie Burt, Donny Courteville, Peggy Cronin, Connie Cyr, Del Cyr, Clara Mae Dickerson, John Gifford, Joe Gillis, Russ Hokanson, Kathryn Keeler, David Martin, Frank Mangan, Kay McNeill, Margaret McNeil, Betty Montgomery, Barbara Parry, Theresa Perry and Jean Peltak.

To add someone to this prayer list, please call the parish office 508-460-9255 or email admin@stmattpar.org.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION CHAT SESSION SUNDAY, MAY 22 AT 11:10 A.M.

Following the 10:00 a.m. Mass, Sunday, May 22, the Extraordinary Ministers are invited to join a short chat session—the final one for the season. Grab a cup of coffee and meet in the classroom to the right of the stage.



LITURGICAL COMMISSION MEETING MONDAY, MAY 23 AT 7:00 P.M.

A Liturgical Commission meeting will be held on Monday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs conference room. We hope you will be able to attend.

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 May 21, 22 — The Most Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-13

Readings for May 28, 29

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ

Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11B-17

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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APRIL FINANCIALS

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$4,000.00
Total Collection of May 14/15	\$4,515.00
Of that amount ParishPay donations were	\$1,096.00
Seminarian Collection May 14/15	\$ 611.00
Of that amount ParishPay donations were	\$ 90.00
Parishioners celebrating Mass May 14/15.....	379

Total Income for the Month of April	\$22,921
Total Expenses for the Month of April	<u>\$27,007</u>
Net Income:	-\$ 4,086

*This total includes total April offertory of \$16,173 which is \$173 above our monthly goal.

2016 CATHOLIC APPEAL

MAY/JUNE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Parish Maintenance	May 21, 22
Collection for the Poor	June 4, 5
Parish Maintenance	June 18, 19
Peter Pence	June 25, 26

Goal:	\$19,352
Total pledged:	\$22,185
Total received:	\$18,450
To be collected:	\$ 3,735

COLLECTION TO HELP THOSE IN NEED WEEKEND MASSES JUNE 4 & 5

As you may remember, last fall we took up a collection to aid those who come to our parish looking for assistance in times of need. At that time, we collected over three thousand dollars that we distributed in food cards, with assistance given at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and in other times of need. Since those funds have just about run out, it's time to ask for donations again.

On the weekend of **June 4th and 5th** we will have a special second collection to assist our outreach to those in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity and continued care.

Don't forget that we also participate monthly in the Marlborough Community Cupboard project as well as Our Father's Table. Information about both initiatives can be found in the bulletin monthly.



REMEMBERING THE SPECIAL WOMEN IN OUR LIVES

The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." St. Therese of Lisieux

The month of May is a time to remember our mothers, special women who have touched our lives and Mary, mother of God. Throughout the month we will honor the many women who are the source of strength and grace in our lives, with a special prayer during the general intercessions.

You are invited to inscribe the names of the important women in your life in our book of remembrance located near the tabernacle throughout the month. Contributions may be made to the parish in honor of the special women in your life. Envelopes are available at the entrances to the church, and are included in the monthly offertory packets mailed to your home. Envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets during mass or dropped off at the parish office. A list of all contributions will appear in a bulletin at the beginning of June. Thank you for your generosity.

SPONSORED COFFEE SOCIAL

Thank you from the Jones Family

This Sunday's coffee social is being sponsored by Jane, Alan and Lindsey Jones as a thank you to the parish community for all their friendship and kindness throughout the years, and the well-wishes they received as they headed off to Tennessee this past February. Jane and Lindsey will join our Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist. Please take a moment to visit with them during the coffee social.

