

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH, MARLBOROUGH, MA



Saturday, April 23 — 4:00 p.m.

Robert Sears — Memorial

Sunday, April 24 — 10:00 a.m.

Roxanne Breazzano — 1st Anniversary Memorial

Saturday, April 30 — 4:00 p.m.

Mary Zentis — Memorial

Sunday, May 1 — 10:00 a.m.

Mary Cormier — 2nd Anniversary Memorial



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 April 24, 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Readings for April 30 / May 1, 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

Weekday Masses for the Week of April 25

Monday, Tuesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.

Downstairs Conference Room



Office Hours for the Week of April 25



Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. — Noon



Saturday, April 23

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**

Church, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 24

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**

Church, 10:00 a.m.

Monday, April 25

- **First Eucharist Rehearsal (2nd grade students and parents)**

Church, 7:00 p.m.

- **Liturgical Commission and Triduum Review Meeting**

Downstairs Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 27

- **Shawl Ministry**

Downstairs Conference Room, 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, April 28

- **Choir Rehearsal**

Church, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 30

- **Celebration of the Eucharist with First Eucharist**

Church, 4:00 p.m.

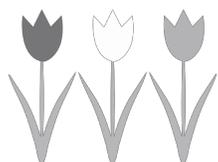
Sunday, May 1

- **Celebration of the Eucharist
Liturgy of the Word for Children**

Church, 10:00 a.m.

- **RCIA**

Downstairs Conference Room, 11:15 a.m.



EASTER SEASON WORSHIP BOOKLETS

Our Easter Season Worship Booklet contains all the music and prayers for our Eucharistic celebrations. We will use this booklet in conjunction with our hymnal. As you follow along in the booklet during Mass, you will find a listing of hymnal numbers for the appropriate hymns and songs.

Please return booklets to the racks in the pews after Mass.

FROM FR. FRAN

Of Trees and Pipelines

You may have noticed as you've driven onto St. Matthias' property that there has been a major cutting back of trees on the far left side. This is due to work by the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company which has an easement on our property and on property throughout our neighborhood. This pipeline takes natural gas from the Gulf of Mexico coast in Texas through to New England. They have given us modest compensation for the disruption on our property and the cutting down of a few of our trees.

While I've always been aware of the pipeline's presence on our land, I hadn't looked into its history and purpose until this latest round of brush and tree clearing on the pipeline route. It is owned by the Kinder Morgan Company which is trying to get another pipeline built through the New England area. This has stirred up quite a bit of controversy in Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire the states through which it is proposed to be built. One of the issues, of course, is balancing the need for energy with preserving the delicate ecological balance in our region. The internet is full of information on the matter. I encourage you to take a look into the material.



Parish Outreach

You may remember that over the past few months we have been looking into forming a St. Vincent DePaul Society Conference at St. Matthias Parish which would aid those in our area who are going through tough times. We have already had an initial meeting with an interested group of parishioners. At that meeting representatives from the St. Vincent Society Conferences at St. Michael's in Hudson and Our Lady of Fatima in Sudbury provided us with much helpful information concerning how their conferences work and what we need to do to start our own. We learned that we need to establish a charter through the regional St. Vincent offices.

Parishioners Dale Dolesh and Joe Kushi, who are spearheading the project, have, without much success, been attempting to get things going with the regional office. Dale, Joe and I recently met to discuss going

forward and perhaps developing our own parish outreach ministry in lieu of connecting with the St. Vincent DePaul Society. I will keep you updated as plans develop.



Parish Finances Update

If you have been following the weekly collection totals posted in the bulletin, you have noticed that we have been hitting and often exceeding our 4 thousand dollar weekly goal with some regularity. Thank you so much! Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated. Our Grand Annual Collection, however, still has a way to go to accomplish our 80 thousand dollar goal. If you have yet to donate, and are able to do so, I encourage you to help our parish reach this ambitious goal.

Thanks also to all who contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal. We reached the target amount set for us by the Archdiocese. This means that, if all money pledged is collected, we will not have to make up the shortfall from our parish savings. Again, thanks so much.



Congratulations Doug and Jean!

Last Saturday, at the 4 PM Mass, we all had the honor of witnessing Jean and Doug Peltak's renewal of marriage vows on the occasion of their 50th anniversary. It was wonderful to celebrate with so many members of their family. On April 1st Doug and Jean also celebrated 10 years of diaconal ministry at St. Matthias Parish. Our parish is so blessed to have Doug and Jean with us. They are truly a diaconal "team". May God continue to bless them in their life together and in their ministry to our parish.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation gatherings have concluded for this school year. Re-registration forms will be mailed/mailed in May.

**** Rehearsal for First Eucharist****

Monday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Celebration of First Eucharist

Saturday, April 30 during 4:00 p.m. Mass

**** Rehearsal for Confirmation****

Monday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church
(with sponsor or substitute sponsor)

Celebration of Confirmation

Sunday, May 15 during 10:00 a.m. Mass

KEEP THE TEACHINGS ALIVE THIS SUMMER

A Reflection By April Lowe

My 4th grade Faith Formation class took over one of the Coffee Socials this year. I decided to have them help for two reasons: 1.) I coordinate volunteers and was in need of volunteers for one Sunday in March and more importantly 2.) The Faith Formation curriculum I have taught for the past few years speaks of 'vocations' and community/parish involvement. While some children do help out as Altar Servers, many find they are unable to do so and are too young to do other vocations. It was the perfect opportunity to act out what we had learned in class. My students that attended were so excited to help and were proud to have been involved.

Perhaps your family would like to keep the teachings alive this summer. We have two dates unfilled: Sunday, June 26 and Sunday, July 31. Please call me, April Lowe at the office: (508) 460-9255 or email alowe@stmattpar.org if you are interested.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION

APRIL 23 AND 24

Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as *home missions*. The Catholic Home Missions Collection, which will take place this weekend supports these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training. Please be generous in this appeal and share your resources to strengthen the Church at home.

PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK

Please Pray For...



Donny Courteville, Connie Cyr, Del Cyr, Clara Mae Dickerson, John Gifford, Joe Gillis, Russ Hokanson, Kathryn Keeler, David Martin, Frank Mangan, Margaret McNeil, Betty Montgomery, Barbara Parry and Jean Peltak.

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

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$4,000.00
Total Collection of April 16, 17	\$4,442.00
Of that amount ParishPay donations were	\$1,589.00
Parish Maintenance Collection April 16, 17	\$2,350.00
Of that amount ParishPay donations were	\$ 397.00
Parishioners celebrating Mass April 16, 17.....	375

MARCH FINANCIALS

Total Income for the Month of March	\$28,866.44
Total Expenses for the Month of March	<u>\$34,448.59</u>
Net Income/Loss:	- \$ 5,582.00*

*This total reflects a deficit due to the Easter Clergy Trust Collection for the weekend of March 26/27.

2016 GRAND ANNUAL

Goal:	\$80,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$54,415.00
Total Received:	\$53,245.00
Total Number to Reach Goal:	\$24,585.00
Number of Families Pledged.....	106

2016 CATHOLIC APPEAL

Goal:	\$19,352
Total pledged:	\$20,915
Total received:	\$14,390
To be collected:	\$ 6,525

APRIL SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Home Missions April 23, 24



LITURGICAL COMMISSION AND TRIDUUM REVIEW MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 25 AT 7:00 P.M.
Downstairs Conference Room

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 2 AT 7:00 P.M.
Downstairs Conference Room

ART AND ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a flair for flower arranging? Do you have a creative spirit? Or, do you simply have an appreciation for the beauty of our liturgical space? If so, please consider joining the St. Matthias Art & Environment ministry. The Art & Environment ministry decorates the worship space so that it provides an atmosphere of reverence and beauty, reflecting God's great glory. Volunteers are needed for a variety of responsibilities varying from the simple changing of altar cloths for the liturgical seasons to designs for the Christmas and Easter season. There is a place for everyone even if you have no experience. If you are interested in joining the Art & Environment ministry please contact the parish office at (508) 460-9255.

EASTER FLOWERS



The Easter Season continues until Pentecost Sunday on May 15. A visible expression of the joy of the Easter Season is the beautiful arrangement of flowers that adorn the church. 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 or you may use one of the purple envelopes found in the pews. Simply place your contribution in the envelope, mark it "Easter Flowers" put your name and the names of those you wish to honor on it and drop it in the collection basket. All contributions are greatly appreciated.