

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

**INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Saturday, June 3 — 4:00 p.m.**

Ernest and Albina Mauro  
Ernest A. Mauro—Memorial

**Sunday, June 4 — 10:00 a.m.**

Confirmation Students and  
their Families



**Saturday, June 10 — 4:00 p.m.**

Judith Kossuth —Memorial

**Sunday, June 11 — 10:00 a.m.**

Leo Ketzner - 1 Month Memorial  
(Brother of Jane Jones)



**Office Hours - Week of June 4**

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

**Wednesday**  
9:00 a.m. — Noon



**DONATION BOXES IN THE CHURCH**

*Did you know* collection boxes for *Our Father's Table* and the *St. Matthias St. Vincent DePaul Society* are installed by the church's main entrance? These collection boxes are secured to the wall and are checked regularly. If you prefer to place a donation in the offertory baskets, please feel free to use the purple Second Collection envelopes found in the pews and indicate which ministry the donation is for.

*Thank you.*

**Weekday Masses for the Week of June 4**

Weekday Celebration of the Eucharist  
will be held on

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

**Downstairs Conference Room**



**THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS**

**Saturday, June 3**

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

**Sunday, June 4**

- **Celebration of the Eucharist with Confirmation**  
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**  
Parish Hall, following Mass
- **St. Vincent de Paul Meeting**  
Downstairs Conference Room, 11:15 a.m.

**Tuesday, June 6**

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

**Wednesday, June 7**

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

**Thursday, June 8**

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

**Saturday, June 10**

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

**Sunday, June 11**

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**  
Parish Hall, following Mass
- **Marlborough Community Cupboard Collection**  
Bins located at the church entrances

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST  
PENTECOST SUNDAY WORSHIP BOOKLET**

Worship booklets for the 4:00 p.m. Saturday mass may be found in the book racks in the pews. Please return the booklet into the rack at the end of Mass. The Confirmation booklets for the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, will be handed you by the greeters. Please feel free to take one home.

FROM FR. FRAN



**Pentecost and Confirmation**

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost which ends the fifty day season of Easter. This is a most appropriate day to be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish. As our scriptures will describe the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of Mary and the Apostles, we will witness this same gift of the Holy Spirit coming into the lives of our young adults.

With the Sacrament of Confirmation these young women and men will mark the fullness of their initiation into the Church. As they mature in knowledge and wisdom, we pray that the Holy Spirit will deepen their faith and their baptismal commitment to bring Christ’s message of love, mercy, forgiveness, and welcome to all those whom they will encounter in their lives.

It is with great joy that we welcome their families and friends to this celebration. You have been their first and best teachers in so many ways. May the Holy Spirit help you to continue to mentor and support these young adults as they grow in the gifts of the Holy Spirit!

**Welcome, Bishop Reed**

It is our pleasure to welcome Bishop Robert Reed to our parish this Sunday to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Reed oversees the West Region of the Archdiocese. He is also the pastor of Good Shepherd Parish in Wayland, as well as the director of the Catholic TV Network. He is also a bit of a musician, and in his younger days wrote a few wonderful songs that we sang when we were in the seminary many moons ago.

**The Minister of Confirmation**

Often people ask me “why do you as our pastor confirm adults but not teenagers?”, or “I thought Cardinal O’Malley was our bishop, who is this guy?”.

From the beginnings of the Church it was the role of the bishop to preside over the Sacrament of Confirmation. In fact it was the bishop who was the minister of all the Sacraments of Initiation, ( Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation). But, as the Christian community grew, it was no longer possible for the bishop of the area to be at all celebrations of Initiation. However, in order preserve the link to the wider church, Confirmation was separated out of the Rites of Initiation and reserved for a time when the bishop could be present.

In some places, such as the United States, as bishops’ territories grew larger, bishops would request auxiliary bishops to help run the diocese. One of their ministries would be to visit the parishes in their region and celebrate Confirmation. Even with the aid of these auxiliary bishops it is often the case that a bishop will designate specific priests or the pastor of a parish to minister the sacrament. When an adult is fully initiated into the Catholic faith, usually at the Easter Vigil, it is always the parish priest that confirms. This is in keeping with the ancient custom of the three Sacraments of Initiation being celebrated at the same time. Confusing or enlightening? I’ll let you decide! that you might be able to offer!



**SPECIAL COLLECTION : SEMINARIANS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON**

This week’s special collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their Journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit [www.VocationsBoston.org](http://www.VocationsBoston.org).

**PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

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

**Special Collections for June**

- June 3 and 4 — Seminarians
- June 10 and 11— Parish Maintenance
- June 17 and 18—Parochial School
- June 24 and 25—Peter’s Pence

*Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, the Offertory Collection totals for the Weekend of May 27 and 28 will be posted in next week’s bulletin.*

In the pews are purple Second Collection envelopes. Please feel free to use these envelopes as needed to donate to any special or second collection

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

### FAITH FORMATION

#### *We Celebrate the Newly Confirmed!*

Matthew Fetting      Gerald McCarthy

Emma Donahue      Sean Mulvaney

Jessica Jensen      Colleen O'Malley

Lauren True

Congratulations to the parents, family members, sponsors and friends of the newly confirmed for their encouragement and continued support as each candidate journeyed to complete their Sacraments of Initiation.



Thank you, Bishop Robert Reed, for your presence among us.

**\*\*Registration forms for 2017/2018 classes will be forwarded to families via email by July 1.\*\***

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Do you know about Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)?

If you were never baptized, or you were baptized in another Christian faith, we can help you be initiated into the Catholic Church. Adults who are interested in becoming Catholic are invited to join the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" (RCIA) program.

If you were baptized Catholic, but never received Eucharist, we can help you complete your sacraments. If you were baptized Catholic and received Eucharist, but for whatever reason, never received Confirmation, we can help you to receive Confirmation.

Saint Matthias welcomes those who wish to know more about baptism or completion of the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. A team of people is ready to join you in your faith journey. Please speak with Father Fran, Deacons Doug or Paul, or Theresa Salafia, Faith Formation Director 508-460-9255 or email [tsalafia@stmattpar.org](mailto:tsalafia@stmattpar.org).

### PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK

*Please Pray For...*



*Richard Abraham, Boyle Family, Nancy Bradford, Laurie Burt, Peggy Cronin, Delia Cruz, Connie Cyr, Del Cyr, Clara Mae Dickerson, Doyle Family, Colin Fawkes, John Gifford, Joe Gillis, Hannah Gluck, Philomena Hedin, Russ Hokanson, Emma Johnson, Kathryn Keeler, Emma Larrivee, Irene McCarthy, Maura McGuinness, Holly McIntyre, Kay McNeill, Roger Melenson, Michael Messom, Theresa Morrill, Megan Murphy, Deborah Natoli, Theresa Perry, Deacon Doug Peltak, Jean Peltak, Andy Rivers, Benjamin Smith, Edward Suzano, Ray Thomas, Trunfio Family, and Jenny Weibel.*

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).

### CATHOLIC APPEAL ANNUAL COLLECTION

Donations from 89 parishioners have brought us to 97% of our stated goal (\$ 21,536.00 )for the Archdiocesan Catholic Appeal. Thank you to everyone who has participated in this effort with prayer and donations. The appeal is ongoing until June 30 so you still have time to help St. Matthias reach goal. If you have questions, please contact the parish office 508-460-9255, email [tsalafia@stmattpar.org](mailto:tsalafia@stmattpar.org), or visit the official website [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org).

### PARISHPAY IN THE SUMMER

The Parish Community wishes 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.paritypay.com> or call the parish office for assistance.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

You are encouraged to read and pray from scripture at home during the week as you reflect on this Sunday's Word and prepare to celebrate next week's Eucharist.

#### Readings for June 3 and 4 — Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3B-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

#### Readings for June 10 and 11 — The Most Holy Trinity

Exodus 34:4B-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### Welcome Back Parish Family Picnic

Sunday, September 17 following 10:00 am Mass  
Parish grounds.

### Blessing of Catechists

Sunday, September 17 during the 10:00 am Mass.  
Church

### Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 1  
Parish Portico

### Mass of Remembrance

Sunday, November 12  
Church / Parish Hall

### Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 2  
Parish Hall



## REMEMBERING OUR FATHERS MONTH OF JUNE

During the month of June, we remember our deceased fathers and those men who have been a source of strength, comfort and inspiration to us with a special Prayer of the Faithful at each of the masses. Throughout June you are invited to inscribe the names of the important men in your life in our book of remembrance, located near the tabernacle.

If you wish to make a donation to our parish in honor of your father or a special father figure who has touched your life, you are invited to place your donation in the Father's Day envelopes found in the pews. Those who receive offertory envelopes will find a Father's Day envelope in your monthly packet. You may place your donation in the collection basket on the Sundays throughout June or drop it off (or mail it) to the parish office.

## COFFEE SOCIAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Coffee Social Ministry is seeking volunteers to host the Sunday social especially during the summer months. The coffee social is an opportunity to connect and enjoy coffee and conversation with one another. Contributing to this gathering is simple and fun. The set-up preparation usually starts around 9:00 a.m. and clean up typically ends by noon. Please consider taking a few hours of your time to help. Call the parish office at 508-460-9255 to sign up for an upcoming Sunday. Training will be provided!

