

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH, MARLBOROUGH, MA

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, September 2 — 4:00 p.m.

Frank and Leah Calore
Eleanor Laspada — Memorial

Sunday, September 3 — 10:00 a.m.

James Hankins — Memorial

Saturday, September 9 — 4:00 p.m.

Victims of Hurricane Harvey

Sunday, September 10 — 10:00 a.m.

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

**Frank and Leah Calore
Eleanor Laspada**



Weekday Masses for the Week of September 3

Weekday Celebration of the Eucharist
will be held on:

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



Celebration of the Eucharist Music

Gathering: From Age To Age
Booklet # 11

Preparation: Only This I want
Hymnal # 701

Communion: Bread of Life From Heaven
Hymnal # 803

Recessional: Take Up Your Cross
Hymnal # 690

MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

Collection bins will be located at the church entrances next weekend, **September 9 and 10** for donations to the Marlborough Community Cupboard. Your donations for non-perishable foods and health care items are much appreciated by those who seek assistance from the cupboard.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, September 2

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

Sunday, September 3

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

Monday, September 4

- **Parish Office Closed**
Observance of Labor Day

Wednesday, September 6

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

Thursday, September 7

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

Saturday, September 9

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

Sunday, September 10

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, following Mass
- **Marlborough Community Cupboard**
Collection bins at the church entrances
- **Catechists Meeting**
Downstairs Conference Room, 11:15 a.m.

Office Hours - Week of September 3



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

Wednesday
9:00 a.m. — Noon

**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday,
September 4 in observance of Labor Day.**

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

FROM FR. FRAN

In the Aftermath of Hurricane Harvey

It is hard to put into words the feelings that we all have for the people who lost everything in last week's hurricane. While we continue to see the footage of the devastation, we also continue to see and hear the heroic stories of those who put their own lives and worries on hold to join in the rescue effort. There are and will be many opportunities for each of us to help as well. The bishops of the United States in conjunction with Catholic Charities are putting together a national collection that will aid in addressing the immediate needs. If you are looking for a way to become involved, this is a good start.

You may remember that after hurricane Katrina we adopted a couple of parishes in Louisiana and raised funds for them for a number of years. I imagine we will be able to do something similar in this situation as time goes on. For now, let's keep everyone in prayer and discern how we, as individuals and as a parish, will answer the call to help our sisters and brothers in need.

A Season of New Beginnings

With this Labor Day weekend we begin to move into another busy fall season, full of new beginnings and new opportunities.

Please keep in your prayers all those students and their families as they return to classes during the next few weeks. May this year be a time of growth in wisdom for all.

This is also a season of new adventures for the Sisters of St. Anne! Over thirty sisters have just moved into brand new apartments across the street from St. Matthias. Welcome to the neighborhood, sisters. We are thrilled to have you as part of our community.

Our Faith Formation program will soon be in full swing. Our kick-off parish picnic is just around the corner. Please see the notice in today's bulletin. If you are able to help out on the day of the picnic please let us know by signing up this weekend.

As the new season begins, there are some things to still be wrapped up from previous projects. We still owe an outstanding balance to the archdiocese for this year's Catholic Appeal. Please see the notice in today's bulletin from chairperson, Terry Salafia.

Our project with Mass Save is still ongoing. While many of the lights on campus now have energy saving bulbs, it has been difficult for Mass Save to find satisfactory replacement bulbs for the lighting in the church. We hope that this project will be completed this fall.

We have been taking bids for railings for the entrances to the church and hope to be able to sign a contract soon.

One of the ongoing joys of our parish, whatever the season, is our weekly coffee hour after the Sunday 10 AM Mass. So many people have gotten to know one another and even made lasting friendships over a donut and some java. To keep this important ministry going *we need your help!* We already have some wonderful volunteers who coordinate our coffee socials, and, on behalf of the parish, let me thank them for their generosity of time and spirit. However, if we are to keep gathering each Sunday, *we need more parishioners to help coordinate.* This is especially a great opportunity for families to get involved in a ministry. If you would like to learn more, please e mail or give a call to April Lowe in our parish office, or talk with any staff member. Your prayerful consideration of this ministry is greatly appreciated!

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory Goal: \$4,000.00

Total Collection of August 26 and 27.....\$ 3,883.00 *

Of that amount ParishPay donations.....\$ 1,144.00

Parishioners celebrating Mass August 26 and 27 304

*This amount reflects a deficit of \$118.00 to reach our weekly offertory goal.

Special Collections for September

September 3 and 4—Catholic University of America

September 9 and 10—Parish Maintenance

September 16 and 17— Clergy Health and Retirement

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. St. Vincent DePaul donation envelopes are available at the church entrances.

PARISHPAY TRANSITION

Thank you to those who are currently using the on-line giving program, ParishPay. On-line giving is a safe and convenient way to manage your donations. It benefits the parish by helping to streamline our administrative process and provide more accurate budgeting.

As previously mentioned in the bulletin, Liturgical Publications has acquired ParishPay. The transition from ParishPay to Liturgical Publications' WeShare Program is scheduled for **October 9**. You do not need to do anything for this transition period. Your information will be transferred electronically following the strictest security protocol. Once the transition is complete, you will receive more information about how to log in and manage your account on WeShare.

If you would like to sign up for on-line giving or have any questions or concerns regarding the transition please contact the parish office at 508-460-9255.

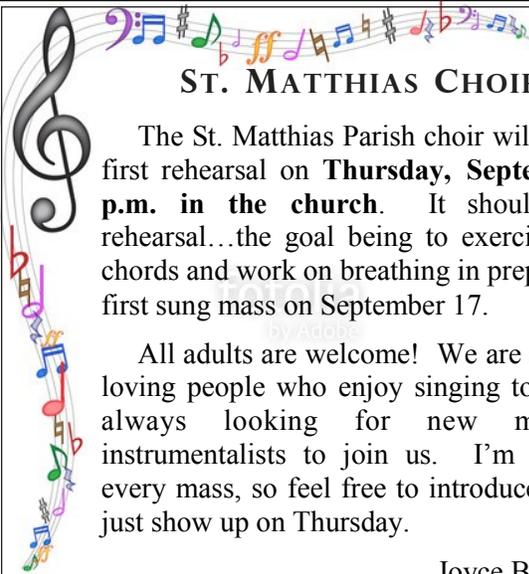
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation registration for new families and re-registration for families who were in Faith Formation last school year continues. Thank you to those families who have responded to the information packet sent in July. It is important that each family verify the emergency information we have on file for each child in the event a family member must be contacted.

If you have any questions regarding your families' participation in Faith Formation please contact tsalafia@stmattpar.org or call the office at 508-460-9255.

The Opening Mass (10:00 am) and Family picnic is **Sunday, September 17**. This picnic is a wonderful way to re-connect with classmates and our extended Saint Matthias family. Please don't miss it!



ST. MATTHIAS CHOIR

The St. Matthias Parish choir will be having its first rehearsal on **Thursday, September 7, at 7 p.m. in the church**. It should be a short rehearsal...the goal being to exercise those vocal chords and work on breathing in preparation for our first sung mass on September 17.

All adults are welcome! We are a group of fun-loving people who enjoy singing together and are always looking for new members and instrumentalists to join us. I'm available after every mass, so feel free to introduce yourselves or just show up on Thursday.

Joyce Belliveau



FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Save the Date for this year's Friends of the Poor Walk September 30, 2017! Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 10:00 a.m. St. Matthias Parish and the Immaculate Conception Parish are teaming up to host a day of fun and friendship to support the work of St. Vincent de Paul! Funds raised will help those in need in the Marlborough community. Tie up your laces and enjoy up to 3 miles of walking along the Assabet River Rail Trail. The Friends of the Poor walk is a national event coordinated by the Development Team at the National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul. If you are unable to walk check out the website: www.fopwalk.org/team/2080 and sponsor a pledge to the St. Matthias Parish Team "St. Matthias Pacers".

PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK



Please Pray For...

Richard Abraham, Joyce Belliveau, Boyle Family, Laurie Burt, Peggy Cronin, Delia Cruz, Connie Cyr, Del Cyr, Rita Dennison, Clara Mae Dickerson, Grace Dowd, Doyle Family, Jack Duprey, Trevor Fauls, Colin Fawkes, Lee Ann Fital, John Gifford, Joe Gillis, Hannah Gluck, 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, Theresa Perry, Jean Peltak, Michael Pilecki, Andy Rivers, Benjamin Smith, Edward Suzano, Ray Thomas, Trunfio Family, and Jenny Weibel.

If you would like to add to the prayer list, please call the parish office 508-460-9255 or email admin@stmattpar.org.

PARISH YARD SALE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 9:00 A.M.— 3:00 P.M.

Mark your calendars! The St. Matthias Parish Yard Sale will be held **Saturday, October 14 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Clean your closets, storage units, and basement for items in good condition to be sold for the benefit of Saint Matthias. Consider volunteering some time to help with set up, receiving goods and tagging items during the week of October 9 – 14 (Yard Sale Day). Your presence on Yard Sale Day to help our customers and organize items is key to the day's success. There will be a treasure trove of items to purchase. And, a visit to our famous Bake Sale and cook out lunch for a snack is a must.

We hope you join in on this fundraising event. Call the parish office if you have any questions or would like to sign up to help. Much more information will be forthcoming during the summer into early fall. So spread the word and be part of this great fall event.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

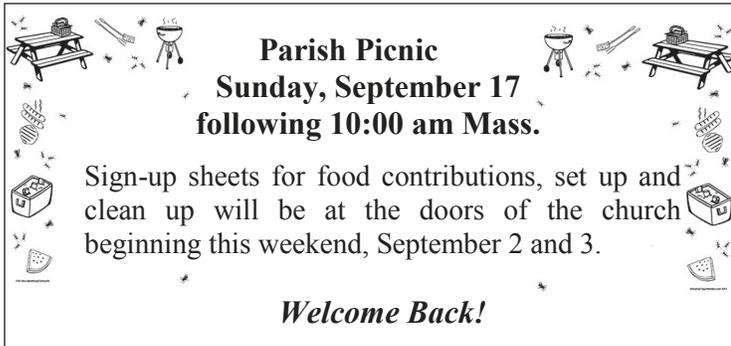
You are encouraged to read and pray from scripture at home during the week as you reflect on this Sunday's Word and prepare to celebrate next week's Eucharist.

Readings for September 2 and 3
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

Readings for September 9 and 10
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20



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

Sign-up sheets for food contributions, set up and clean up will be at the doors of the church beginning this weekend, September 2 and 3.

Welcome Back!

OUR FATHER'S TABLE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
NEW HOPE CHURCH — (204 MAIN ST.)

St. Matthias Parish community members will be hosting *Our Father's Table* on **Tuesday, September 12, 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 via email: daledolesh@gmail.com.



Lost and Found

Missing glasses. Deacon Paul Coletti has lost his glasses on Sunday, August 20 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. They were placed on the table near the church entrance doors. If you have picked them up in error, please return them to the parish office. Thank you.

Catholic Appeal

As a reminder: Payments to the Catholic Appeal are past due. If you have pledged money there is still time to keep your commitment to the pledge. The good news is our parish reached its assessment of \$20,732.00 with the pledges made by our parishioners. Unfortunately, if all outstanding pledges are not fulfilled, St. Matthias Parish must pay the balance due from the parish finances. The total due at this time is \$2,361.00. Please check your records to ensure your payment has been made. If you have any questions please contact Theresa Salafia, 2017 Catholic Appeal coordinator, at the parish office, 508-460-9255 or tsalafia@stmattpar.org.

SPECIAL COLLECTION
THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

This week's second collection supports The Catholic University of America (CUA) and its scholarship fund for needy students. CUA, located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church. Many priests and professional lay ministers throughout the US obtain their education from CUA. For more information, please visit <https://www.catholic.edu>.