

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, September 30 — 4:00 p.m.

Paul Cormier — 3rd Anniversary Memorial

Sunday, October 1 — 10:00 a.m.

David Martin — 1st Anniversary Memorial

Saturday, October 7 — 4:00 p.m.

Josephine Myers — Memorial

Sunday, October 8 — 10:00 a.m.

Ernest J. Winske, Jr. — Memorial

Weekday Masses for the Week of October 1

Weekday Celebration of the Eucharist
will be held on:

Monday and Friday

9:00 a.m., Downstairs Conference Room

There will be no Mass—Tuesday, October 3

Office Hours for the Week of October 1



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

Wednesday
9:00 a.m. — Noon

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION CHAT SESSION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 AT 11:15 A.M.

Attention Extraordinary Ministers of the Cup please grab a cup of coffee and meet for our September kick-off meeting in the downstairs conference room. Thank you.

Celebration of the Eucharist Music

Gathering: You Gather Us
Booklet # 1

Preparation: I Say Yes Lord
Hymnal # 581

Communion: Make Us one
Booklet # 5

Recessional: Now From This Table
Booklet # 6

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, September 30

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

Sunday, October 1

- **Faith Formation Grades 1—5**
Parish Hall / Class Room, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
- **Celebration of the Eucharist
with Liturgy of the Word for Children**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, following Mass
- **Blessing of the Animals**
Church Courtyard, 12:00 Noon
- **Faith Formation Grades 6 to 8**
Parish Hall/Classrooms 6:00 P.M.—7:15 P.M.

Wednesday, October 4

- **Christmas Bazaar Meeting**
Parish Hall, 10:30 p.m.
- **Shawl Ministry**
Downstairs Conference Room, 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, October 5

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

Saturday, October 7

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 4:00 p.m.
- **Knights of Columbus—Tootsie Roll Drive**
Church Entrances
- **Marlborough Community Cupboard Collection**
Bins at the church entrances

Sunday, October 8

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **St Vincent DePaul—Appreciation Breakfast**
Parish Hall, following Mass
- **St. Vincent DePaul Meeting**
Parish Hall, 11:15 a.m.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
Chat Session**
Classroom to the right of stage, following Mass
- **Knights of Columbus—Tootsie Roll Drive**
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OCTOBER 1, 2017

FROM FR. FRAN



This weekend a **change in the Marlborough/Hudson Collaborative** is being announced at the three parishes involved – Immaculate Conception, St. Michael, and St. Matthias.

As you may recall, when plans for the Pastoral Collaboratives were unveiled a few years ago, these three parishes were announced as a single Collaborative. In the intervening years, the Archdiocesan Office for Disciples in Mission, which drew up the plan for the Collaboratives, came to the realization that putting more than two parishes in a Collaborative has proven to be quite challenging. As a result, the office has rethought a number of three parish Collaboratives, ours being one of them.

As stated in the announcement at the bottom of this page, **St. Matthias and St. Michael will join together as a Collaborative in June of 2021.** Immaculate Conception will be a “stand alone” Collaborative and begin their process in 2019.

It may appear odd to have a single parish called a Collaborative, however, there is much more to the process than just a group of parishes sharing the same staff. After its formation, a Collaborative begins a comprehensive evaluation of parish life and, over many months, develops a Pastoral Plan. This whole process has the potential to rejuvenate and enliven the parishes of a Collaborative, moving them from maintenance to mission.

What this means for St. Matthias and St. Michael is that, over the course of the next four years, our two parishes will begin to learn more about each other and begin to move towards the time when we will share a common staff and resources. Since our Collaborative won't “go live” until 2021, we have a great opportunity to support one another in the transition process.

A common misconception about a Collaborative is that it is a merging of parishes into one. A great fear is that the Collaborative process would involve the closing of small parishes such as our own. In reality, a Collaborative seeks to strengthen each parish, regardless of size. Cardinal Sean does not plan to close any more parishes.

Another fear is that a smaller parish will be “swallowed up” by a larger parish. The Archdiocese is very much aware of this and has kept it in mind when revising the make-up of the Collaboratives.

What *will* happen is that by the early spring of 2021 a pastor will be named for our Collaborative. He will be responsible for putting together the team that will minister to the parishes in the Collaborative. If the Archdiocese decides that the Collaborative warrants more than one priest, the pastor will interview candidates, if any are available. A team of parishioners from both St. Matthias and St. Michael will then be gathered to help the pastor get a sense of the needs of the parishes and begin to put together a pastoral plan. This is all under the guidance of a team from the Archdiocese that will meet on a regular basis with the pastoral staff and the Collaborative's leadership team.

So, as you can see, this process puts an end to a “business as usual” model of parish life. The great challenge and opportunity in forming a Collaborative is in the discovery that the church is bigger than the borders of one parish and the likes and dislikes of individual groups within a parish. Through the Collaborative process we will be called to reexamine what it means to be church and how the Holy Spirit is calling us to new ways to live out our mission as disciples of Christ.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$4,000.00
Total Collection of September 23, 24	\$4,218.00 *
Of that amount ParishPay donations were	\$1,063.00
Parishioners Celebrating September 23, 24	357

*This amount reflects a surplus of \$218.00 of our weekly offertory goal.

September Special Collections

- St. Vincent DePaul Society — September 30 and October 1
- Parish Maintenance—October 7 and 8
- World Mission Sunday—October 21 and 22

Please find St. Vincent DePaul Society envelopes in the pews for your donation. You may place the envelope into the collection basket. Thank you.

NEWS ABOUT MARLBOROUGH / HUDSON COLLABORATIVE

After many years and much consultation with clergy and laity the pastoral Planning Office of the Archdiocese of Boston has recommended the following to Cardinal Sean; and he has approved the implementation.

Immaculate Conception Parish- Marlborough to be a stand alone parish (collaborative). The effective date of this action will be June of 2019 (Phase 7).

St. Matthias Parish- Marlborough and St. Michael Parish- Hudson will be in Phase 9 of implementation. This phase will be initiated in June of 2021.

More information about *Disciples in Mission* can be found at www.disciplesinmission.com.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

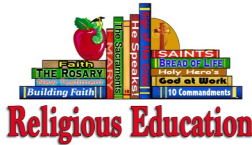
FAITH FORMATION

Opening sessions for Faith Formation were filled with enthusiasm. Thank you to the catechists who give their time and talent to prepare lessons and engage our children in conversations and activities that lead to a fuller understanding of faith.

Scheduled meetings for **Sunday, October 1** are:

Grades 1-5 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.

Grades 6, 7, 8 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.



There are no Faith Formation sessions scheduled for **Sunday, October 8** due to Columbus Day Weekend.

Scheduled meetings for **Sunday, October 15:**

Grades 1-5 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.

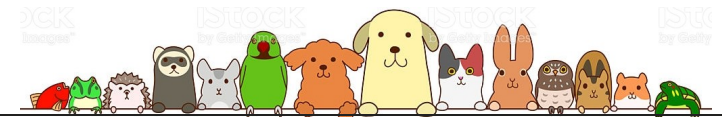
Grades 9 Begin with 10:00 a.m. Mass and continue in classrooms until noon.

Grades 6, 7, 8 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Sunday, October 1 at 12:00 noon Church Courtyard

Please join us this Sunday, October 1 at 12:00 p.m. in the courtyard area of the church as we celebrate the annual Blessing of the Animals. This celebration, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, is filled with singing, psalms and readings. Light refreshments for pets and humans alike will follow the blessing.

This year we will be collecting monetary donations for Austin Pets Alive, a no-kill shelter in Texas that has been instrumental in rescuing animals from the Houston area as a result of Hurricane Harvey. This organization has rescued 2,000 pets, opened two temporary shelters, doubled their foster program and have partnered with Best Friends Animal Society to reunite pets and their owners.



PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK

Please Pray For...

Richard Abraham, Joyce Belliveau, Boyle Family, 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, 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, Andrew Tivnan, Ray Thomas, Trunfio Family, and Jenny Weibel.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING.... AND SO IS CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

All volunteers are invited to a Christmas Craft meeting on Wednesday, October 4 at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall.

If you have some ideas for fun, interesting and/or purposeful crafts contact Cindy Roberge at robergecindy@gmail.com. Cindy is available to answer any questions as well. Join the fun and mark your calendar for the Christmas Bazaar Saturday, December 2.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SPECIAL COLLECTION

Remember that the second collection this weekend is for our St. Matthias St. Vincent DePaul Conference to help this organization continue to help the neighbors in our community who need a helping hand.

In appreciation for the support and prayers that are generously given to SVdP you are invited to a special brunch in the parish hall **Sunday October 8 following the 10:00 a.m. Mass**. As this is an appreciation brunch **NO DONATIONS** will be accepted. Just come and celebrate our successes to date!!

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 30 and October 1
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

Readings for October 7 and October 8
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE
OCTOBER 7 & 8**

Members of the Marlborough Council of Knights of Columbus will be at the exits of the church after mass next weekend, October 7 and 8. **Please support the annual Charity Fund** that assists adults and children with intellectual and physical disabilities with grants up to \$5,000.00. Your contributions allow the Knights of Columbus to continue with this mission.



**ST. MATTHIAS YARD SALE
OCTOBER 14, 2017**

The Yard Sale committee members are looking for your help with set-up and pricing the week prior to the yard sale, sales during the day and clean-up at 3:00 p.m. on event day.

If you are interested in volunteering, even for just one hour, please contact the office 508-460-9255 or add your name to the sign up sheets found at the church entrances.

The grills will be cooking up a tasty lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs. Our bake crew will sell their delicious array of home-made baked goodies at our indoor Bake Sale.

Mark your calendars and tell your friends and neighbors — you can even share this event on your facebook page!

Please take a yard sale sign home to advertise this community event. Signs are located at the church entrances. Thank you.

THANK YOU...

Thank you to Ed Beauchemin who graciously donated two new trash receptacles for the parish hall. Thanks, Ed, for you thoughtful generosity and keeping our parish hall clean and orderly.

**MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD
WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 7 AND 8**

Collection bins are available at the church entrances for your donation of non-perishable food items and personal hygiene products for our neighbors in need.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please welcome into our faith community

Rebecca Kathleen Adelman

Nevaeh Rose Logan

Sunday, October 15 during the 10:00 a.m.

Celebration of the Eucharist



Please keep *Rebecca Kathleen* and *Nevaeh Rose* and their families in your prayers.