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Celebrations of the Eucharist

The Lord's Day

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Liturgy of the Word for Children is Celebrated at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month (October through April)

Weekday

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

Holy Day

9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Mission Statement

To live out the message of Jesus Christ and become, in fact and appearance, a true Christian community.

Faith Formation

Faith formation is a lifelong process: an ongoing interaction with God's creative goodness. We allow the Gospel to transform us and then bring transformation to the world. The Faith Formation Program at St. Matthias Parish provides opportunities to grow as individuals and as a community. We offer classroom sessions for children, a comprehensive Confirmation program, intergenerational learning in a variety of formats, and an adult enrichment program. For more information, contact Theresa Salafia (tsalafia@stmattpar.org).

Community Prayer Line

Our prayer line, coordinated by Marie Mangan (978-562-2891), offers prayers for you, your loved ones and friends. Requests may also be placed in the "Prayer Request" box at the rear of the Church. All requests will be kept confidential.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Those who are not baptized or have been baptized into another Christian community and are interested in learning more about initiation into the Catholic faith are invited to speak with Theresa Salafia (tsalafia@stmattpar.org).

Infant Baptism

Our parish celebrates the sacrament of Baptism for infants and children under the age of 7 at regularly scheduled Sunday Masses. Please call Deacon Doug at any time during pregnancy or at least two months in advance for information on baptismal catechesis and the choosing of godparents.

Adult Confirmation

Adults desiring to complete their Christian Initiation with the sacrament of Confirmation are encouraged to contact Fr. Fran

Reconciliation

This sacrament of God's infinite forgiveness, also known as Penance and Confession, is celebrated on Saturdays at 3:15PM or by appointment with Fr. Fran. Communal celebrations of the sacrament occur during Advent and Lent.

Anointing of the Sick

The Church encourages all who are ill, about to undergo surgery, or confined to their homes due to illness to be prayed over and anointed with sacred oil. This can take place at a parish Mass, in the home or in the hospital. Please speak with Fr. Fran for more details.

Marriage

Congratulations to engaged couples! Please contact Fr. Fran eight months to a year before your wedding to plan a program of marriage preparation.

Welcome New Parishioners!

We invite you to share in our life as a Eucharistic Community. Please complete a registration card found at the church entrances or register at the parish office. We look forward to welcoming you to our parish community.

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH, MARLBOROUGH, MA

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, May 12 — 4:00 p.m.

Mim Gowaski — Memorial

Sunday, May 13 — 10:00 a.m.

Constance Aramburu — 1st Anniversary Memorial

Saturday, May 19 — 4:00 p.m.

Isaac Baricinas

Cayden Tambeau — Special Intention

Sunday, May 20 — 10:00 a.m.

Edward Surprenant — Memorial

Weekday Mass for the Week of May 13



Weekday Mass will be held
Monday, Tuesday and Friday
9:00 a.m.
in the downstairs conference room

Office Hours for the Week of May 13

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

Wednesday
9:00 a.m. — Noon

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
WORSHIP BOOKLET**

The Worship Aid for the Easter Season is found in the book rack in the pews. All of the Mass responses as well as the musical selections are included. Lift your voices in celebration. Please return the booklet to the book rack at the end of Mass. *Thank you.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please welcome into our faith community

Cayden Nicole Tambeau

Saturday, May 19 during the 4:00 p.m.
Celebration of the Eucharist

Together let us pray for
Cayden Nicole and her family.



THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, May 12

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

Sunday, May 13

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

Monday, May 14

- **Finance Council Meeting**
Upstairs Conference Room, 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15

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

Wednesday, May 16

- **Shawl Ministry**
Downstairs Conference Room, 6:45 p.m.
- **St. Vincent DePaul Society Meeting**
Parish Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 17

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

Saturday, May 19

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

Sunday, May 20

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

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for Pentecost
May 19 and May 20

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Have you ever wondered, or has someone asked you, what RCIA is and who participates in it?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of faith formation to prepare individuals to participate fully in the Catholic Church through the reception of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. In a friendly and relaxed setting participants are encouraged to ask questions and enter into discussion related to ones living out the catholic faith. A process of inquiry, learning, prayer and reflection enables an individual to discern if he/she continues forward to the sacraments.

Who participates in RCIA?

- ** Unbaptized adults or those who have been baptized in another Christian Church
- ** Baptized adult Catholics who have not received Confirmation and Eucharist
- ** Children older than seven who have not been baptized or who have been baptized but not received Eucharist.

If you or someone you know may be interested in the RCIA here at St. Matthias Parish, please email Theresa Salafia at tsalafia@stmattpar.org or call the parish office at 508-460-9255.

FAITH FORMATION

Blessings to all our Saint Matthias mothers and those who serve us with motherly love.

Bishop Robert Reed will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our candidates **Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** Please continue to pray for our candidates and their families in the weeks ahead.

Note to Confirmation candidates and sponsors:

Rehearsal is Tuesday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. in church. If a sponsor is unable to attend rehearsal a parent or guardian should be present.



SCRAPBOOKING SATURDAY SATURDAY, JUNE 9 ST. MATTHIAS PARISH HALL

Scrapbooking Saturday, June 9 is a time to enjoy an atmosphere of fellowship, laughter, and of course, time to work on your scrapbooks! We hope you will join us for a wonderful day of scrapbooking on June 9, 2018 at St. Matthias Parish Hall, Marlboro, MA from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. The cost per person is \$35.00 and proceeds will benefit the St. Matthias St. Vincent dePaul Society, a conference whose work is to provide assistance to the needy in Marlboro. For more information, please contact Jackie Tolan at (508) 633-3852 or at tolansvdp@aol.com.

PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK



Please Pray For...

Richard Abraham, Joan Abshire, Joyce Belliveau, Boyle Family, Conor Canavan, Elisangela Cardoso, Peggy Cronin, Delia Cruz, Connie Cyr, Del Cyr, Rita Dennison, Clara Mae Dickerson, Grace Dowd, Doyle Family, Jack Duprey, Trevor Faulls, Colin Fawkes, Jason Fournier, John Gifford, Hannah Gluck, David Giugno, Philomena Hedin, Russ Hokanson, Cristina Janunas, Emma Johnson, Margaret Little, Mary Martocci, Emma Larrivee, Tom McClay, Maura McGuinness, Holly McIntyre, Kay McNeill, Roger Melenson, Michael Messom, Steven Meuse, Glenn Molloy, Betty Montgomery, Donna Morgan, Theresa Morrill, Deborah Natoli, Jennifer Natoli, Bob O'Connor, Theresa Perry, Jean Peltak, Matt Pendergast, Janet Pilecki, Michael Pilecki, Andy Rivers, Lois Schofield, Kathleen Shine, Benjamin Smith, Edward Suzano, Andrew Tivnan, Ray Thomas, Trunfio Family, Jenny Weibel and Robert Vona.

***Please let the office know if you would like to continue to be included in the prayer line. As of June 1, this list will be*

MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION



The St. Matthias Parish monthly Marlborough Community Cupboard food collection bins will be placed at the church entrances this weekend **May 12 and May 13**, to support our Marlborough friends and neighbors who need a bit of assistance.

In addition to donating food items, some of the services that the Cupboard provides and which you may assist with are the donation of personal hygiene items, baby diapers, clothing and pet food. Other options include on-line donations to feed a family and food delivery to homebound seniors through the **Senior Mobile Market** program. Check out the United Way website: <https://www.uwotc.org/MCC> for more information. Donations can be dropped off at the Cupboard located 255 West Main Street — Walker Building.

MAY 13, 2018

FROM FR. FRAN

Happy Mother's Day!

A very happy and blessed Mother's Day to all the women of our parish who share the vocation of nurturing and guiding the next generation along the way. Yours is a challenging vocation, no matter what the age of the children in your life may be!

While mothers often say that the best gift for Mother's Day is a few moments of peace and quiet, we all know that the best gift is really words of thanks and appreciation for all that they do. So, thank you, mothers, for your life-long commitment of love and care. Blessings to all the aunts, sisters, grandmothers, great-grandmothers and friends who share in the vocation of motherhood by sharing their lives and wisdom with us.

May the celebration of this day bring you joy and closeness to Jesus' mother Mary. May you reflect her wisdom, courage, and faith in your own lives. May her words echo in your hearts: "*My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.*"

Congratulations, Sisters of the Good Shepherd

Recently the Sisters of the Good Shepherd celebrated 150 years of service in the Archdiocese of Boston with a Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Matthias Church, followed by a reception at Charter Oak Country Club. There is a wonderful article about the festivities in the May 4th issue of the Boston Pilot, our archdiocesan newspaper. You can check it out on line or on our St. Matthias website.

The prayers of our parish are with the Sisters in this jubilee year and always. As you may recall, the last sisters living across the street at the Good Shepherd convent moved into assisted living facilities during the winter. They were here for the celebration and are settling in well at their new homes. Four Good Shepherd Sisters remain across the street in independent living and are active in our parish and other parish communities. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to continue to guide these wonderful women in their ministries and in their retirements.

Community Advocate Highlights our own Music Director – Judy McManus!

In April the Community Advocate Newspaper published a wonderful feature article on our own director of Music Ministry, Judy McManus. There is a link to the article on our website. Judy's music ministry to St. Matthias and to the parishes in Marlborough spans many years. If I told you how many, Judy would probably kill me, so suffice it to say that the majority of the Catholics in Marlborough, over a number of generations, have experienced her music ministry. Congratulations, Judy, on the article, and thank you for sharing your gifts of music, faith and dedication with our parish. We are truly blessed!

Summer Parish Coffee Hour. A Great Opportunity to Serve our Parish.

As I wrote in last week's bulletin: each Sunday we go from the table of the Eucharist at 10AM to the table of coffee and conversation in the parish hall. This is a chance for us to share the week's news, support those going through difficulties, and welcome newcomers into our parish life. Over the years some strong friendships have evolved from our weekly get togethers.

I would like to thank those dedicated parishioners who host the coffee hours. Your Sunday morning service to the parish has an impact far beyond the purchase of donuts and the making of coffee! This is truly a ministry of hospitality and outreach and is appreciated by everyone who gathers on any given Sunday.

We are always in need of new folks to help host these gatherings. This July we will be giving parishioners a chance to get a taste of hosting to see if it is a ministry you might like to join in the fall. For the month of July we are inviting individuals or families to take on the hosting duties for one Sunday. You will be given the training you need during the month of June, and will be able to "shadow" the hosts during a coffee hour prior to your own. This is a great way to "test the waters" of this ministry, and help us out during the summer when many of our regular hosts are on vacation. In fact, we are counting on you! It looks as though so many of our hosts will be away that *we will have to cancel the July coffee hours if folks don't come forward!* So here is your chance to help our parish continue this important ministry of hospitality during the month of July.

All those interested are invited to contact April Lowe at our parish office or drop her an e mail. Her information may be found on the front cover of the bulletin. Thanks in advance.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$4,000.00
Total Collection of May 5 and May 6	\$3,315.00*
Of that amount WeShare donation	\$ 470.00
Parishioners celebrating Mass May 5 and May 6.....	264

*This represents a deficit of \$685.00 towards the weekly offertory goal.

MAY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- May 12 and May 13—Parish Maintenance
- May 19 and May 20—Seminaries

REMEMBERING THE SPECIAL WOMEN IN OUR LIVES



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.

EASTER FLOWERS



Part of the joy of the Easter season is the beautiful arrangement of flowers adorning the church. The floral displays last throughout the 50 days of the Easter season which ends on Pentecost Sunday.

It is not too late to offset the cost of the flowers with a 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. Simply place your contribution in the envelope, put your name and the names of those you wish to honor on it and drop it in the collection basket. Contributions may also be made on-line through WeShare. All contributions are greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged in an upcoming bulletin insert.

Grand Annual Collection

Our **Grand Annual Collection** continues to accept donations until the end of our fiscal year, June 30, 2018. As you can see in our financial stats we are getting closer to our goal. If you haven't already donated, now is the time! Many thanks for your participation in this important fundraiser.

GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

Goal	\$80,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$61,225.00
Total Collected:	\$58,675.00
To Reach Goal:	\$18,775.00
Families Pledged:	119