

# Saint Matthias Parish

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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*

### **INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Saturday, May 26 — 4:00 p.m.**

Anna and Joseph Zemejda — Memorial

**Sunday, May 27 — 10:00 a.m.**

John Montgomery — 22nd Anniversary Memorial

**Saturday, June 2 — 4:00 p.m.**

Peter Zaleski — Memorial

**Sunday, June 3 — 10:00 a.m.**

Concetta Gabrielli — Anniversary Memorial

### **Weekday Mass for the Week of May 27**



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 27**

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

**Wednesday**  
9:00 a.m. — Noon



The Parish Office will be **closed** Monday, May 28  
In Observance of Memorial Day

### **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST WORSHIP BOOKLET**

The Worship Aid for Saturday Mass can be found in the pews. Please return to the book rack in the pews at the end of Mass. The Confirmation Celebration Worship Aid for Sunday will be handed out at the church entrances. All of the Mass responses are included. Please feel free to take a Confirmation booklet home with you at the end of Mass.

### ***NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS***

**Readings for Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**  
**June 2 and June 3**

Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15  
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS**

**Saturday, May 26**

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

**Sunday, May 27**

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

**Monday, May 28**

- **Parish Office — Closed**  
Observance of Memorial Day

**Wednesday, May 30**

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

**Thursday, May 31**

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

**Sunday, June 3**

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**  
Parish Hall, following Mass
- **St. Vincent DePaul Meeting**  
Downstairs Conference Room, following Mass

### **WELCOME BISHOP ROBERT REED**

Welcome Bishop Robert Reed of the Archdiocese of Boston. Bishop Reed has come to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Welcome to the many friends and family members who are here to celebrate the Confirmation candidates. Let us pray for these young adults as they continue on their journey of faith.



FROM FR. FRAN

**Welcome Candidates for Confirmation and Bishop Reed**

At this weekend's 10AM Mass our parish celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is a joyful day, not only for those receiving the sacrament but for our entire parish as well. On behalf of the parish, let me give a warm welcome to our candidates, their families, and friends on this special day.

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.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the candidates' families and friends; 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! Another sincere word of thanks goes to Paul Coletti and Theresa Salafia who, as catechists, guided the candidates along the path to Confirmation. Your willingness to share your own faith and wisdom with these students is an example for us all.

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 director of the Catholic TV Network and a classmate of mine. It's great to have him back to preside over our celebration.

**Archdiocesan Transitions**

I understand that about one third of the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston are transitioning into new assignments as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. In our own neck of the woods, Immaculate Conception Parish is saying goodbye to Fr. Marc Bishop who is about to begin his new assignment as pastor of the collaborative of St. Agnes and St. Camillus Parishes in Arlington. On behalf of our St. Matthias parishioners, let me thank Fr. Marc for his ministry and wish him well in his new assignment. As I mentioned last week, Fr. Ron Calhoun is leaving St. Michael in Hudson to embark on the wonderful world of retirement! Our prayers and thanks are with him as well for his faithful service to the people of Hudson.

Please keep in your prayers those priests, newly ordained last week by Cardinal Sean O'Malley, as they begin their journey in the priesthood. This is a most challenging time in the church and in our own archdiocese. May the Holy Spirit be their constant companion as they learn the ways of ministry among God's holy people.

**A Time for Remembrance**

The "traditional start" of the summer season begins this weekend with the **Memorial Day Holiday**. Many will be remembering loved ones with a visit to graves, decorating them with summer blossoms and American flags. Pausing to remember our beloved dead and those who gave their lives for our country is always emotional. Whether it's been a few weeks or a few decades, our hearts will fill with the memories of the warm embrace, the wise words, the joys and sorrows of life lived with those special people who are now in God's care.

May they rest in peace and may all grieving loved ones be comforted by good friends, family and the presence of our loving God.

**The Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time**

In our church year we transitioned this week from the Easter Season into what is known as **Ordinary Time**. This season is probably the most misunderstood of our seasons in our church year, simply because of its name. Ordinary Time is "ordered time" when we count liturgical time not by seasons but by weeks. Ordinary Time began last Monday and will end with the first Sunday of Advent. While there is no particular "theme" to the season, our gospel readings at mass form a continuous reading of the gospel according to Luke, (with a few weeks of St. John's gospel mixed in, during which time we are invited to reflect upon Jesus as the Bread of Life). I encourage you to read through and reflect upon each Sunday's scripture passages before you come to Mass. You will find a listing of each week's readings in the bulletin.

Musically, as the liturgical season changes, so too does our mass setting. This summer we will be singing the setting based on the American folk tune *How Can I Keep From Singing*. You will find this music in our worship booklet. We will be introducing a few new songs during the summer season this year. When we put a new song into our repertoire we usually sing it consecutively for a number of weeks. This helps us to become accustomed to the new piece so that, in time, we will be able to sing it "by heart".

**PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

<b>Weekly Offertory Goal:</b>	\$4,000.00
Offertory collection of May 19 and May 20	\$ 4,287.44 *
Of that amount WeShare donations	\$ 1,456.44
Seminarian Collection	\$ 870.00
Of that amount WeShare donations	\$ 97.00
Parishioners celebrating Mass	343

\* This represents a surplus of 287.44 toward the weekly offertory goal.



### 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](mailto:tsalafia@stmattpar.org) or call the parish office at 508-460-9255.

### FAITH FORMATION

Congratulations and blessings to the newly confirmed members of our faith community:

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| <i>Grace Jocelyn Darrach</i> | <i>Leah Grace Packard</i>    |
| <i>Jack Edward Johnson</i>   | <i>Madison Judy Roberge</i>  |
| <i>Joseph David Kushi</i>    | <i>Andrew Michael Smith</i>  |
| <i>Reese Scott Kyle</i>      | <i>Edward Joseph Smith</i>   |
| <i>Elise Marie Lowe</i>      | <i>Daniel Scott Temmallo</i> |
| <i>Julia Monique Mahaney</i> | <i>Owen Giuseppe Wise</i>    |
| <i>Evan Joseph O'Connor</i>  |                              |

Many thanks and blessings to the families and sponsors who have supported these young adults in their journey in faith.



### PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK



*Please Pray For...*

*Richard Abraham, Joyce Belliveau, Boyle Family, Conor Canavan, Elisangela Cardoso, Joseph Cox, 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, Pedro Torres, 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 refreshed.**

### CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you to the 84 donors who have donated \$17,730.00 to the Catholic Appeal. This amount is 71% of our assessment. You are still able to contribute and help Saint Matthias raise the balance of \$4,338.00 that is required of us. If you have any questions please contact Theresa Salafia at [tsalafia@stmattpar.org](mailto:tsalafia@stmattpar.org) or contact the parish office at 508-460-9255.

### 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](mailto:tolansvdp@aol.com).

## 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.

## 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. The month of July finds many of the regular hosts on vacation. The parish will have no alternative but to cancel the July Sunday coffee socials if people do not come forward—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!

## 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:	\$58,738.00
To Reach Goal:	\$18,712.00
Families Pledged:	119