

# 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, June 2 — 4:00 p.m.**

Peter Zaleski — Memorial

**Sunday, June 3 — 10:00 a.m.**

Concetta Gabrielli — Anniversary Memorial

**Saturday, June 9 — 4:00 p.m.**

St. Matthias Parish Community

**Sunday, June 10 — 10:00 a.m.**

Graduates of the Classes of 2018

### Weekday Mass for the Week of June 3



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

### Office Hours for the Week of June 3

**Monday, Tuesday and Thursday**

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**

9:00 a.m. — Noon

### Congratulations Graduates

Congratulations to the graduates of the *Class of '18*. The parish community wishes each and every one of you our best wishes and prayers as you continue on your life's journey.



### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 9 and June 10

Genesis 3:9-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1;  
Mark 3:20-35

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

**Saturday, June 2**

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 4:00 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

**Wednesday, June 6**

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

**Saturday, June 9**

- **St. Vincent DePaul Fundraiser—Scrapbooking**  
Parish Hall, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 4:00 p.m.
- **Marlborough Community Cupboard Collection**  
Bins at the church entrances

**Sunday, June 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

### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST MUSIC SELECTIONS

**Gathering:** All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly  
Booklet #9 pg. 18

**Preparation of Gifts:** We Come To Your Feast  
Hymnal # 814

**Communion:** In this Meal  
Booklet # 5 pg. 15

**Recessional:** From This Table  
Booklet # 2 pg. 13

FROM FR. FRAN

As I mentioned several weeks ago, a pair of house finches built a nest in the basket hanging on the door to the Parish Office. It's been great to watch the whole process as four of the five eggs hatched, grew, and finally left the nest.

Because the nest was situated at a good vantage point, I got to see all the drama "up close and personal". I have to give high marks to the parents as they were extremely attentive throughout the process.

I got to witness two of the four birds taking off from the nest on their first flight. The parents were very patient and coaxed them along gently. But by the time there was only one bird left in the nest, they had pretty much had it. They squawked for the little guy to vacate the premise and the dad all but pushed the bird out of the nest. All to no avail. Eventually the stubborn child, on his / her own terms, flew from the nest and joined the rest of the local birds in more spacious surroundings.

As I watched all this, I couldn't help thinking about the long process of child rearing that we humans beings experience. What took these birds a few weeks takes us a minimum of eighteen years. The ups and downs are many. Joy and exasperation are two sides of the same parenting coin. And for some kids, like that last little finch, it takes a bit of prodding to launch them out into the world.

Yet through it all, whether in the human or animal world, it is amazing to see the bonds forged between parents and children. That is one reason why it is so distressing to see what is happening to refugee families seeking asylum in the United States.

Perhaps, like me, you have read the stories about children being separated from their parents as they crossed the border into our country. This is apparently happening to families who are coming in without papers and also to those who are going through the correct channels in seeking asylum. And, as confirmed last month by an official with the Department of Health and Human Services, the agency has lost track of nearly 1,500 children who entered the country unaccompanied by an adult from October through December of last year.

Listening to and reading about the stories of some of these families, a common underlying theme comes to the surface. Being under a threat of violence in their home countries, they saw the US as a safe haven and a place to start a better life. One can only imagine the anguish and the fear parents must go through when their ordeal in the US turns out to be as bad or worse than their situation at home. Parents must be quite desperate

to risk the unknowns of traveling to the US. The reports of instances of abuse and human trafficking just add to the tragedy that is unfolding, not only in our country, but in many other places in the world today.

For Christians, the fair treatment of these refugee families and unaccompanied children goes beyond the realm of politics and to the heart of Jesus' message. The welcoming of the stranger is the bedrock of Judeo-Christian social teaching. All human beings are to be treated with respect and dignity, no matter their situation.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has long been vocal about the fair treatment of migrant people. Please take some time to visit their web site to learn about what our Catholic Church in the United States is doing and how each of us can help. A good start would be to go to [usccb.org](http://usccb.org) and find the link to their department of Migration and Refugee Services, (MRS). There you will find many helpful articles and a link to their Children and Migration page. This agency is the largest refugee and resettlement agency in the world. It is one of two agencies authorized by the US Department of State to resettle unaccompanied refugee children.

Needless to say, we are called to pray for our migrant sisters and brothers, but maybe there is more we can do as well. After reading through some of the material from the USCCB which I cited above, I invite you to pray over what you may be able to do concretely to aid our sisters and brothers in need.



**PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

<b>Weekly Offertory Goal:</b>	\$4,000.00
Offertory collection of May 26 and May 27	\$ 3,198.95*
Of that amount WeShare donations	\$ 677.95
Parishioners celebrating Mass	412

\* This represents a deficit of \$801.05 toward the weekly offertory goal.

June 3, 2018

*Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

## 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

**Coming soon ...** Re-registration forms for families previously enrolled in Faith Formation will be sent mid June. For planning purposes it is helpful to receive your forms as soon as possible as materials need to be ordered. If you know any new families in our area please have them contact the Faith Formation Office at 508-460-9255 or email Theresa Salafia at [tsalafia@stmattpar.org](mailto:tsalafia@stmattpar.org).

## PARISH YARD SALE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 9:00 A.M.— 3:00 P.M.

Mark your calendars! The St. Matthias Parish Yard Sale will be held **Saturday, October 13 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 8 – 13 (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 508-460-9255, 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.

## 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.

## PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK

*Please Pray For...*

*Joseph Cox, Rita Dennison, David Giugno, Russ Hokanson, Kay McNeill, Michael Messom, Betty Montgomery, Theresa Morrill, Theresa Perry, Jean Peltak, Kathleen Shine, Pedro Torres, and Jenny Weibel*

**\*\*Please let the office know if you would like our parish to pray for the health and support of support of your loved ones.**

## 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 MEN IN OUR LIVES



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 any other special man in your life, you are invited to place your donation in the Father's Day envelopes found at the entrances to the church. 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. 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:	\$58,938.00
To Reach Goal:	\$18,512.00
Families Pledged:	120