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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, August 18—4:00 p.m.

Robert L. Chute — 20th Anniversary Memorial

Sunday, August 19 - 10:00 a.m.

Helen Grasso — Memorial

Tuesday, August 21 - 9:00 a.m.

Janet Landers — Memorial

Saturday, August 25—4:00 p.m.

Mary Masciarelli — 2nd Anniversary Memorial

David Mauro — Birthday Memorial

Sunday, August 26 - 10:00 a.m.

John and Ellen Ryan — Memorial

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, August 18

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

Sunday, August 19

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

Wednesday, August 22

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

Saturday, August 25

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

Sunday, August 26

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

Office Hours for the Week of August 19

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

Wednesday
9:00 a.m. — 12:00 noon

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST MUSIC SELECTIONS

Gathering: You Gather Us
Booklet # 6, pg. 16

Preparation of Gifts: I Am The Bread Of Life
Hymnal # 822

Communion: Many And Great
Booklet # 12, pg. 20

Recessional: Rain Down
Hymnal # 505



Weekday Masses for the Week of August 19

Weekday Mass will be held
Monday, Tuesday and Friday
9:00 a.m.

In the downstairs conference room



NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25 and August 26

Joshua 24:1-2A, 15-17, 18B; Ephesians 5:21-32
John 6:60-69

FROM FR. FRAN



A few days ago I was going through my mail and came upon what looked like another offer from my credit card company. Sure enough, when I opened it I could see the “check” already written out to me, most likely for some large sum of money that would come my way if I would accept the company’s offer of a new credit card, consolidate my debt or buy into some new program.

Usually these sorts of mailings get ripped in half before I read the cover letter. However, this time, my eye caught the amount of money that I would receive if I took up the offer. It was much more specific than usual. This made me pause to actually read the accompanying letter.

I was shocked to learn that the check was indeed real. It was a rebate for being overcharged interest on my credit card for a whole year. It was a substantial amount of money.

Two things immediately raced through my mind. First, I almost tore up a check worth more than a few months’ worth of lunch money. Second, I realized that I never look at my credit card statement to see just what I’m being charged for. This got me reflecting about how we sometimes go through life not thinking about what we are doing, or about how our actions and inactions may be influencing our lives and the lives of others.

There is the old joke that as a priest began mass he realized that something was amiss in the sound system. Instead of beginning with “The Lord be with you”, he spouted out “there’s something wrong with this microphone”. The people instinctively responded: “and also with you”. Living life on automatic pilot has its consequences.

As the dog days of summer continue, maybe this would be a good time to discern if there are things we take for granted or ignore in our lives. When we don’t take the time to think through situations we can get caught up in a lot of stuff that really doesn’t matter. We might even miss God speaking to us through the people, places and events of our lives.

Our weekly gathering at the table of the Eucharist is a time when God is speaking to us clearly, through the people who gather, the word of scripture, the sacrament of body and blood. Because our celebration is a ritual with elements that repeat each time we gather, it is easy to take what happens here for granted. It is easy to “tune out” or get distracted. And that’s ok. It’s human. However, I think we need to make the effort to remind ourselves that our weekly celebration of the Eucharist is more than just a routine. It gives us what we need to live out our daily lives in an informed, compassionate and forgiving manner. It’s where we learn how to be good disciples of Christ. Our sharing in the experience of Mass isn’t an end unto itself. In fact, it’s just a beginning.

May I suggest that before you come to mass next week, you take some time to think about all that caught your attention during the week. What were the things that gave you joy? What were the things that made you angry? What were the things that kept you up at night? What were the things that made you smile? How did you interact with the people in your life? How did you interact with the world? Where was God in it all?

Then, as you gather with us next week at Mass, bring all of this to the table of the Eucharist. Chat with the people gathered to learn what’s going on in their lives. Listen to the readings for connections with your life. Listen for things in the homily that reflect your own experience and how the homilist relates our lives to the gospels. Receive the body and blood of Christ as food for the journey ahead. Take seriously the refrain of this week’s psalm: “taste and see the goodness of the Lord.” And, when you go back home, make sure you don’t instinctively throw out what seems to be the “junk mail “of life, for it may be of great value after all.



PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

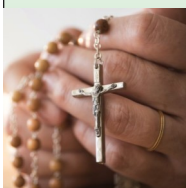
Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$4,000.00
Offertory collection of August 11 and August 12	\$3,660.00*
Of that amount WeShare donations	\$1,025.00
Parish Maintenance Collection	\$1,793.50
Of that amount WeShare donations	\$ 90.50
Parishioners celebrating Mass	291

*This represents a **deficit of \$340.00** to reach the weekly offertory goal.

ROSARY RECITATION

Please join us in the Recitation of the Holy Rosary in the church on the first and third Wednesday of the month, starting September 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Let us pray for peace in our hearts, in our families, in our church and in our nation. This is a time to pray for the healing of those on the prayer list and for all the intentions on the community prayer line and for any special intentions. Looking forward to praying with you.



Beth and Mike Vinci

FAITH FORMATION

Registration for Faith Formation continues. If you haven't returned your form please do so as soon as possible. Our year begins **Sunday, September 16** with the Celebration of the Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. followed by a picnic on the parish grounds. During this opening mass our catechists will receive a blessing as they embark upon another year of helping parents and guardians in their role of passing on the faith.

If you have any questions about registration please contact Theresa Salafia at 508-460-9255 or email tsalafia@stmattpar.org.



Faith Formation
Register today!!

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.



FOND FAREWELL TO OUR FRIENDS CHRIS AND SUSAN O'BRIEN

To honor our friends and fellow parishioners, Chris and Susan O'Brien, before they relocate to Florida in the fall, friends within the parish will be hosting a reception in the parish hall on

September 8, 2018, following the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

If you would like to take part in planning the event or if you would like to attend, please contact Darleen Doona at darleendoona@hotmail.com or 508-251-2442.

WESHARE ON-LINE GIVING

The Parish Community hopes everyone is enjoying a safe and fun summer. Throughout the summer the work of the parish community continues and can only be accomplished with your continued monetary support through the offertory collection.

WeShare is a simple and automated way to continue to make your contributions to the Parish offertory. Your contributions are automatically deducted from your checking or savings account or from your credit card. You select whether to make payments weekly, once or twice a month. You can sign up directly on their website or call the parish office for assistance.



PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK



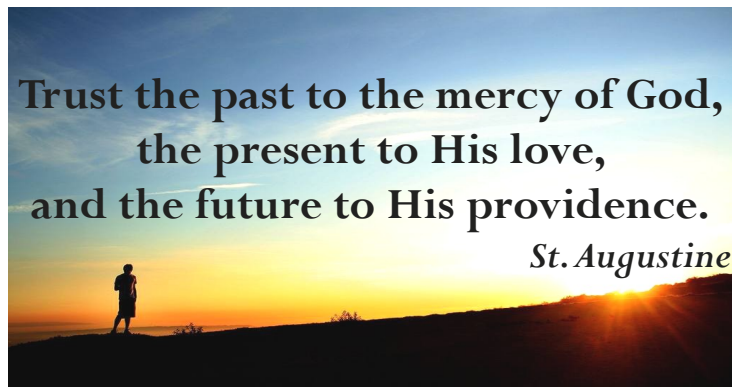
Please Pray For...

Richard Abraham, Conor Canavan, Joseph Cox, Adelbert Cyr, Rita Dennison, George Gazza, David Giugno, Russ Hokanson, Fr. Mike MacEwen, Dave Mackenzie, Kay McNeill, Michael Messom, Betty Montgomery, Theresa Morrill, Deborah Natoli, Jennifer Natoli, Theresa Perry, Jean Peltak, Andy Rivers, 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 your loved ones.**

**Trust the past to the mercy of God,
the present to His love,
and the future to His providence.**

St. Augustine



UPCOMING EVENTS

PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please join our parish family in worship at 10:00 am Mass followed by a picnic on the parish grounds. This yearly picnic is always a good chance to re-connect with families and friends of St. Matthias. We welcome back all Faith Formation families and catechists on this day.

Join the Best Pie Contest. Although all pies are great, we welcome BAKERS to submit a favorite pie for a chance to win the Grand Prize for Pie award. Questions? Contact the parish office at 508-460-9255.



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 — 9:00 AM

St. Vincent de Paul - Friends of the Poor Walk

The St. Vincent de Paul conferences of St. Matthias and Immaculate Conception invite you to join us for the annual *Friends of the Poor* fundraising walk on September 29. Walkers meet at Immaculate Conception then walk the Rail Trail. We greatly appreciate your support as we help Marlborough residents in need.

Last year's walk was quite a success and the walkers enjoyed the exercise and the friendship shared.

To register or sponsor a walker, log onto the registration website: www.MarlboroughFOPWalk.org. Don't forget to indicate St. Matthias as the Beneficiary of your registration. Register now and receive a free t-shirt.



COFFEE SOCIAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Coffee Social Ministry is seeking volunteers to host the Sunday social. 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. All supplies are available and you will be reimbursed for the food items you purchase. 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!

