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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, January 26 — 4:00 p.m.

Ellen Ryan — 1st Anniversary Memorial
John Ryan — Memorial

Sunday, January 27 — 10:00 a.m.

St. Matthias Parish Community

Monday, January 28 — 9:00 a.m.

Robert Fischer — Birthday Memorial
Lena Blanche Fisher — Memorial

Saturday, February 2 — 4:00 p.m.

Susan DiAngelo Memorial

Sunday, February 3 — 10:00 a.m.

Kay Trunfio—Birthday Memorial



THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, January 26

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

Sunday, January 27

- **Faith Formation Grades 1 through 5**
Parish Hall / Classrooms, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Faith Formation Grade 9 and 10 —Mass 10:00 a.m.**
Church / Classrooms, 10:00 a.m.—Noon
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, Following Mass
- **RCIA Meeting**
Classroom, Following Mass
- **Faith Formation Grade 6 through 8**
Parish Hall, 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, January 30

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

Thursday, January 31

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

Saturday, February 2

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

Sunday, February 3

- **Faith Formation Grades 1 through 5**
Parish Hall / Classrooms, 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
- **St. Vincent dePaul Meeting**
Parish Hall, Following Mass

Office Hours for the Week of January 27

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.



Weekday Masses for the Week of January 27

**Monday, Tuesday and Friday
9:00 a.m. in the
Downstairs Conference Room Chapel**



For the most recent updates, please check
the website and voice message
on the Parish Office phone.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST WORSHIP BOOKLET

The Worship Aid for Ordinary Time can be found in the pews. This booklet contains Mass responses as well as our musical selections. Lift your voices in celebration.

After use, please return the booklet to the book rack located in the pew.

Thank You.



The Season of
ORDINARY TIME



Liturgy of the Word For Children

On the first Sunday of the month (Oct—May) the parish offers children the opportunity to gather in the parish hall for Liturgy of the Word for Children. This is a time for the children to listen to the liturgy from a Children's Liturgical book in an informal setting during the homily in the upper church. Parents and/or guardians are encouraged to accompany their children to the parish hall next Sunday, February 3.

FROM FR. FRAN

So, winter has finally made its presence known with, snow, ice, frigid temps, warm temps, and even rain. As hardy New Englanders we know that life must go on through all that Mother Nature has in store. Another thing that must go on is the smooth running of our parish. And, especially in the winter, a huge portion of that means **keeping up with our bills**. When we have a Sunday, such as last Sunday, when attendance at Mass was less than thirty people due to the storm and safety issues, our weekly collection takes a big hit. So, when you are not able to make it to Mass for whatever reason, could you please remember that we are counting on your weekly contribution!

A great way to insure consistent donations is to sign on to the **We Share on-line giving program**. It's a big win for all of us. For parishioners, it helps you budget a consistent offering to the parish and for the parish it insures a steady stream of income, regardless of the weather. Please visit our parish website: stmattpar.org for all the information you will need to get started. Also, feel free to call the parish office during business hours for assistance in setting up a We Share account.

The winter weather can also be a hardship for those having a rough time making ends meet. Our **St. Vincent DePaul Society** is here to help those who find they need some assistance, and not just now but throughout the year. If you know of someone in need, or if you are going through a difficult patch, please don't hesitate to get in touch with members of our St. Vincent Conference. All requests are responded to in a timely manner and are kept in strict confidentiality. You can call the parish office at any time of the day or night and you will be directed to the St. Vincent phone number.

As you may know, our friends at Immaculate **Conception Parish** in Marlborough experienced a fire last Sunday night which did severe damage to the sacristy in the upper church. Thankfully the rest of the church only suffered some water and smoke damage. I have assured Fr. Clemence of our prayers and whatever assistance we are able to give. Please keep the IC parishioners in your prayers as they begin repairs.

As I have mentioned in past bulletins, our Parish Finance Commission has been meeting to put together a **proposal to the Archdiocese of Boston for a loan**. This has come about due to the unbudgeted expenses incurred due to the failure of the parish hall air handler. As I have mentioned, the work has included removal of asbestos from the boiler room, the demolition of the old system, and the installation of the new one. Along the way we have learned that we need more asbestos mitigation in several areas of the church due to the deterioration of floor tiles. At present we are told that there is no danger to parishioners, but that the issue needs to be addressed soon.

In addition to this, as your feet may have discovered, the **carpet in the aisles of the church is in need of replacement**. The challenge is in dealing with what we will find underneath the carpet! Legend has it that the carpet was put down in the 1970's when Fr. Wolkovich was administrator. Until then, the floor was bare tile. Fr. Wolkovich was an accomplished violinist and used to play before Mass. As the story goes, he found the sound too reverberant in the church, so he had the aisles carpeted to dampen the "wetness" of the room, as we say in the recording biz. All this is to say that the tile underneath the carpet could be in good condition, since it hasn't seen the light of day in over 40 years, or it could need to be removed. In addition to this, your knees have probably told you that *many* of the **kneelers in the church need to be replaced or refurbished**.

So, with these immediate expenses in mind, it is most prudent that we don't deplete the savings we have, (especially as our weekly offertory has been missing the weekly goal). The Archdiocese of Boston requires that parishes seeking loans go through the in-house revolving loan fund. We are in the process of getting estimates for all the work we need to have done and then we will decide what the appropriate amount should be for the loan. I'd like to thank the members of our parish Finance Commission for their work on this project. More info will follow in the coming weeks.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Financials—Weekly Goal \$4,000.00

Offertory collection of January 19 and 20	\$3,659.88
Deficit of \$340.12 from the weekly goal.	
Of that amount WeShare donations	\$1,415.88
Parishioners celebrating Mass	203

This Week's Special Collection

This week's special collection supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poorer dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. CLA funds catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs, and formation programs for religious, priests, and deacons. Please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/index.cfm for more information.

FAITH FORMATION

As a reminder, Faith Formation meetings resume this weekend on **Sunday, January 27 as follows:**

Grades 1-5 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Grades 6-8 6:00 – 7:15 a.m.

Grades 9-10 (Confirmation I and II)

Participation in 10:00 a.m. Mass followed by coffee social and meetings until noon.

RCIA meeting following Mass — Classroom

Faith Formation meetings for next weekend **Sunday, February 3 are:**

Grades 1-5 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

As we start a new year on our journey through faith let this be our family prayer:

O God, we long to know you and to love you, but the busyness of life gets in our way.

Help us to recognize the ordinary, daily ways that our family can learn about you, grow close to you.

We know that you are with us, leading us and guiding us on our way. Amen

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NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 2 and February 3

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Luke: 4:21-30

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.

Please email Theresa Salafia at tsalafia@stmattpar.org or call the parish office at 508-460-9255.

PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK

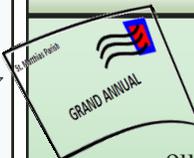


Please Pray For...

Richard Abraham, Conor Canavan, Carol Chatalian, Joseph Cox, Adelbert Cyr, The Del Raso Family, Rita Dennison, W. Joseph Doyle, Stella Fettig, David Giugno, Russ Hokanson, Emma Johnston, Fr. Mike MacEwen, Dave Mackenzie, Kay McNeill, Mike Mauro, Judy McManus, Michael Messom, Betty Montgomery, Theresa Morrill, Deborah Natoli, Jennifer Natoli, Theresa Perry, Johnny Pellrine, Jean Peltak, Andy Rivers, Joan Russo, Kathleen Shine, Pedro Torres, Trunfio Family, Ronald Vaudreuil, Phil Verdino 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.**

2019 GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION



The parish has mailed out the 2019 Grand Annual packets to those parishioners who are on the parish mailing list. If you are not on our mailing list, Grand Annual information packets are available at the church entrances, for your convenience. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, Parishioner Registration forms are available at the church entrances and can be completed online. If you need information, please call the office at 508-460-9255.

Your generous donations are a true blessing to the parish and a testimony to your belief and faith that as a parish we work together towards a common goal—to share in the ministry of Christ. Thank you for your monetary donation and more importantly your prayers for our parish community.

St. Vincent dePaul Update

by Dale Dolesh, President of the St. Matthias Chapter of SVdP

Our St. Vincent de Paul conference is almost 2 years into helping those in need in Marlborough. From April 2017 to the end of September 2018 we spent \$19,000 assisting those in need. We made 88 visits to assess how we could best assist the needs and in the process helped 212 people.

Two recent visits resulted in some unusual assistance. A father whose fiancé is currently in the hospital fighting cancer was looking for assistance with the Verizon cable bill. He and his fiancé have two children together and also a boy from her previous marriage. The Verizon cable is important because this boy is autistic and the cable helps keep him in a calm state.

We also are in the process of helping a young girl with a disease (no cure) which retards growth and causes easily broken bones. In a wheelchair most of the time, she is seriously in need of water therapy which is not covered by insurance. We are working with an agency to find the most reasonably priced water therapy program.

Some of the other assistance we have provided: glasses, dental services, rent assistance, utilities, food and clothing and auto insurance payment. At Christmas we provided dinner boxes to 21 families. In addition, we work with our "friends" to work their way through the paperwork for agencies which can give them some assistance.

We thank you for your past financial assistance and prayers. We hope you will continue to consider us for future contributions. We also are looking for more parishioners who would like to help us with our efforts. We will be having an information night, so look for more information about it in upcoming bulletins. If you would like more information right now, you can attend one of our meetings or contact Dale Dolesh (daledolesh@gmail.com).

Coffee Social Appreciation Celebration

Judy McManus

February 10, 2019 Following 10:00 a.m. Mass

The parish community and especially the parish choir members, wish to invite you to the February 10 — Coffee Social following the 10:00 a.m. Mass to celebrate Judy McManus. Judy has recently retired as Director of Music after 31 years of dedication to the parish.



Please consider bringing a brunch item to share. Sign up sheets are located at the church entrances.