

# 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, February 9 — 4:00 p.m.

Frank and Leah Calore  
Eleanor Laspada and Joseph Calore — Memorial

### Sunday, February 10 — 10:00 a.m.

Joe Meany — 1st Anniversary Memorial

### Saturday, February 16 — 4:00 p.m.

Susan DiAngelo—Memorial

### Sunday, February 17 — 10:00 a.m.

Eileen Ahern — 8th Anniversary Memorial

Gifts of Sanctuary and Altar Candles  
for the month of February are  
donated in memory of

*Frank and Leah Calore  
Eleanor Laspada  
Joseph Calore*

## POSTPONED

Coffee Social Appreciation Celebration  
**Judy McManus**

Please note the Celebration Social for Judy will be postponed to another day. Thank you all for supporting this social and Judy looks forward to celebrating with everyone soon.

## Weekday Masses for the Week of February 10

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

## **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.*



## THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

### Saturday, February 9

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

### Sunday, February 10

- **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
- **Community Cupboard Collection**  
Bins at church entrances
- **Faith Formation Grade 6 through 8**  
Parish Hall, 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

### Monday, February 11

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

### Tuesday, February 12

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

### Wednesday, February 13

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

### Thursday, February 14

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

### Saturday, February 16

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

### Sunday, February 17

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

## Office Hours for the Week of February 10

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

Wednesday  
9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.



FROM FR. FRAN



**Grand Annual Time**

If you are even a casual listener to Public Radio you will most likely have heard the quarterly pitch for donations. Often times the pitch comes with the promise of some modest gift if you give at a certain level. Well, St Matthias Parish is in the middle of our biggest fundraiser of the year, our Grand Annual Collection, and I'd just like to tell you about the perks you will receive when you donate.

First of all, your donation will ensure that we continue to thrive as a parish. All of your donations will go directly into our operating budget. This year, with unexpected repairs to heating equipment, it is most imperative that we reach our \$80,000 dollar goal. But, back to the perks.

Every donation ensures that the next generation of Catholics in our parish will experience quality Faith Formation, that our parish will be staffed with great folks who go above and beyond in their roles and ministries. Your contribution helps us to reach out, along with our St. Vincent dePaul Society, to help those in need within our wider community. When you donate you are participating in keeping our campus in good working condition and helping us budget for future projects.

The one big difference that you might notice between the Public Radio and parish perks is that, unlike in Public Radio, our perks aren't for your personal enjoyment, they are for the good of the entire community. That is the key to parish life. We are *all* the body of Christ and your contributions help keep the part of Christ's body that is St. Matthias Parish strong.

So, thank you for your support of our Grand Annual Collection. If you haven't as yet participated, I urge you to please do so during this month of February. It would be great if we are able to hit our goal during the next few weeks. If you have already given, thank you for your generosity and know that you are playing an important role in the life and health of our parish.

You will find all the materials you need for donating in the packet found at the entrances to the church. You may also give on line through our WeShare program. Just visit our website or give a call to the parish office for more information.

**Rest in Peace, Bishop Edyvean**

Last week the Archdiocese of Boston learned the news of the death of retired Auxiliary Bishop Walter Edyvean, who, for many years, was our bishop here in the west region of the archdiocese. Bishop Edyvean visited St. Matthias Parish to preside over the Sacrament of Confirmation many times. At once a quiet yet formidable presence, I always found Bishop Walter to be a great gentleman and very helpful in dealing with diocesan issues.

The last time he was with us for Confirmation, Bishop Edyvean turned to me during the Mass and said that the way in which our parish celebrates the Eucharist is exactly what Vatican II had envisioned. That was a great tribute to St. Matthias from a man who was very guarded with his compliments. May he be welcomed to heaven with opened arms by the Savior he served so faithfully here on earth.

**PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

**Weekly Financials—Weekly Goal \$4,000.00**

<b>Offertory collection of February 2 and 3</b>	\$3,745.05
Deficit of <b>\$254.95</b> from the weekly goal.	
Of that amount WeShare donations	\$ 385.55
Parishioners celebrating Mass	330

**Special Collections for February**

- February 9 and 10 — Parish Maintenance
- February 23 and 24 — Support of the Church Around the World



**MASS, FAITH FORMATION, AND EVENTS WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY**

Weather related cancellation of Mass, Faith Formation classes, and St. Matthias Parish Events will be published on our website's homepage ([www.stmattpar.org](http://www.stmattpar.org)). The Parish Office telephone voicemail message will also provide up-to-date information. Faith Formation class cancellations will be reported on WBZ (Channel 4), WCVB (Channel 5) and NBC CW56 7 News (Channel 56) as well as WBZ (1030) or WRKO (608) AM radio.

During the week, the general rule is that if Marlborough Public Schools are closed the office will be closed and there will be no weekday morning Mass. If there is a delayed opening the office will be open, but morning Mass will be cancelled. Be Safe.

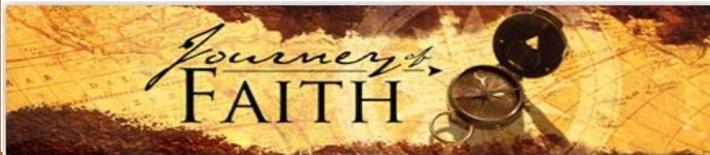
FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation meetings for Sunday, February 10 are as follows:

- Grades 1 to 5 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.
Grades 6 to 8 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.
Grades 9 and 10 10:00 a.m. Mass participation followed by coffee social and meeting until noon.

There are NO Faith Formation meetings on Sunday, February 17 as the winter school break begins.

Meetings resume Sunday, February 24.



NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16 and February 17

Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26

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.

WINTER TIME AT THE MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

Our monthly food collection bins will be placed at the church entrances this weekend, February 9 and 10.

During the Wintertime essential items are needed to ensure the health and nutrition of our neighbors is met. Suggested items: canned soup, tuna fish, peanut butter, jelly, sugar, condiments, ready-to-eat boxed meals, rice, etc.

Additional ways to assist are the donation of personal hygiene items and pet food. Other options include clothing, on-line donations to feed a family and food delivery to homebound seniors through the Senior Mobile Market program. Please visit the United Way website: https://www.uwotc.org/MCC for more information.

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, Kent Dudley, Stella Fettig, David Giugno, Russ Hokanson, Emma Johnston, Fr. Mike MacEwen, Dave Mackenzie, Kay McNeill, Mike Mauro, Maura McGuinnes, 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

Thank you to everyone who has committed to or given to the Grand Annual thus far. It is truly inspiring to see the dedication to our parish.

Our numbers to date:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Grand Annual Goal \$80,000; Total Pledged \$27,745; Total Received \$23,785; Total to Reach Goal \$52,255; Number of Families Pledged 55.

To make your pledge or contribution, envelopes are located at the church entrance. You may also visit our website to give on-line through our WeShare program. Thank you for your monetary donation and more importantly, your prayers for our parish community.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARDI GRAS BRUNCH

**Sunday, March 3—following 10:00 a.m. Mass**

*Come celebrate Mardi Gras St. Matthias style on Sunday, March 3 following 10:00 a.m. Mass* A New Orleans theme for brunch and activities are in the coordination stage. More details will be in a future bulletin, available on Facebook and on the website: [www.stmattpar.org](http://www.stmattpar.org).



Mark your calendar to join in the fun and festivities.

### Society of St. Vincent DePaul

#### Information Meeting

**Monday, March 4 — 7 p.m.**

Would you like to increase your spirituality, develop some great friendships and help those in need? The Mission Statement of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is as follows: A network of friends inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships and service to people in need.

St. Matthias St. Vincent de Paul conference will be hosting an informational meeting on **Monday, March 4, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the downstairs conference room**. We invite you to attend this meeting to learn more about our conference and decide if it would be a good fit for you.

If you are interested in learning more but are unable to attend this meeting, please email Dale or Sue us at [daledolesh@gmail.com](mailto:daledolesh@gmail.com).



### CHILD SAFETY REMINDER



Parents and guardians are reminded to accompany children to the rest room during mass as well as during the coffee social or other events in the parish hall. Entrances are unlocked during mass times and events in the parish. It is imperative to keep this safety measure foremost in our minds for the safety of your child and the parish community.