

# 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, March 23 — 4:00 p.m.

Irene M. Chevrette  
3rd Anniversary Memorial

### Sunday, March 24 — 10:00 a.m.

Katherine Gould  
1st Anniversary Memorial

### Saturday, March 30 — 4:00 p.m.

Carl Dahlquist  
Memorial

### Sunday, March 31 — 10:00 a.m.

Edward Surprenant  
1st Anniversary Memorial

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

### Saturday, March 23

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 4:00 p.m.
- **CORI Processing**  
Flower Resource Room, following Mass

### Sunday, March 24

- **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.
- **Coffee Social**  
Parish Hall, following Mass
- **CORI Processing**  
Flower Resource Room, following Mass
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Chat Session**  
Parish Hall, following Mass
- **Faith Formation Grade 9**  
Mass followed by Meeting till 12:00 Noon
- **Faith Formation Grades 6 through 8**  
Parish Hall, 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 27

- **Rosary Recitation**  
Church, 6:00 p.m.
- **Shawl Ministry**  
Downstairs Conference Room, 6:45 p.m.

### Thursday, March 28

- **Choir Rehearsal**  
Church, 7:00 p.m.
- **Bereavement Group Meeting**  
Downstairs Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.

### Saturday, March 30

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

### Sunday, March 31

- **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.
- **Coffee Social**  
Parish Hall, following Mass
- **Faith Formation Grades 10**  
Mass followed by Meeting till 12:00 Noon
- **Faith Formation Grades 6 through 8**  
Parish Hall, 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

## Weekday Masses for the Week of March 24

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



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

## Office Hours for the Week of March 24

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

Wednesday  
9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.



## *NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS*

Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 30 and March 31

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13A; Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST WORSHIP BOOKLET

The Worship Aid for the Lenten Season 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.*

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

St. Matthias Parish will be holding a Bereavement Support Group on **Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.** in the downstairs conference room.

Anyone interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Deacon Doug at 508-460-9255.

FROM FR. FRAN



**St Patrick Would be Proud!**

Many thanks to all our parishioners who provided for and participated in a wonderful St. Patrick's Day celebration last Saturday evening.

Thanks to the members of our Parish Pastoral Council who prepared and hosted the gala under the direction of council member Hilary Kushi. The Buffet Way caterers served a great meal, and our parish bakers provided tasty Irish breads and desserts. Our bartenders were most hospitable, and served with a smile. The set-up and clean-up crew did great work too. As always, the young dancers from the McInerny School of Irish Dance performed a great set of reels and jigs. Among their number were three champion dancers about to compete internationally. We were very fortunate to get a taste of their artistry. And, of course we ended the evening with our traditional Irish sing-a-long. We may not have been American Idol material, but we sure had a good time!

**Funerals From Immaculate Conception Parish**

While Immaculate Conception Parish recovers from their recent fire, St. Matthias Parish will continue to offer our facilities to them as we are able. Even as masses are being celebrated in their lower church, there are occasions, specifically weddings and funerals, that will be celebrated here at St. Matthias. If Immaculate Conception schedules a funeral here on a morning when we have weekday mass, our mass will go on as scheduled. As always, check with our webpage and phone message for the most up to date information.

**Sunday Scripture Readings for the Next Three Weeks**

You may remember that our Sunday scripture readings go in a three year cycle: A, B, and C. Each year a different gospel writer's text is highlighted, and each week the first reading, usually from the Old Testament, is coordinated to complement the gospel reading. During seasons such as Christmas and Easter, the second reading, usually from a

New Testament letter, is also coordinated, so that all three readings give us something in common to ponder. (During Ordinary Time, the second reading does not compliment the other two readings and is usually a straight up reading, over a number of weeks, of one of St. Paul's letters.)

This year we are in Cycle C and our gospel readings come primarily from the gospel according to Luke. However, on the third through fifth Sundays in Lent, the church invites us, as an option, to hear three cycle A gospel stories from St. John. These readings are required when there is a catechumen, now called the Elect, to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This year, since we are fortunate to have our Elect, Cassandra, with us, we will be proclaiming the cycle A readings over the next three weeks at both the Saturday and Sunday masses. (If you follow along in the Missal, be sure to turn to the cycle A section of Lent.)

These three gospel readings are extremely important in the Elect's journey toward baptism. Each week, after the gospel is proclaimed and the homily preached, the Elect will come forward and be prayed over using imagery from these gospels. (For more information on this rite called a Scrutiny, please check out my column in last week's bulletin.)

These three gospels will be important points of reflection for us as well on our own personal journey toward Easter.

The special gospel readings begin this week with the story of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan Woman at the Well. The imagery from the story will invite us to reflect upon the thirst for Christ's "living waters" in our own lives. Next weekend, we will hear the story of Jesus healing the Man Born Blind, and we will be invited to look into our hearts and uncover the blindness that may be hiding there, waiting to be healed. The third week brings us the story of Jesus raising his friend Lazarus from the dead. We will be invited to look into our lives and discern what "death" Jesus is calling us to rise from as Easter draws closer.

**PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

**Weekly Financials for March 16 and 17**

**Weekly Goal \$4,000.00**

<b>Offertory Collection</b>	\$5,914.38
A surplus of <b>\$1,914.38</b> to the weekly goal. <i>Thank You.</i>	
Of that amount WeShare donations	\$1,660.88
Parishioners celebrating Mass	358

**Special Collections for April**

Parish Maintenance	April 13 and 14
Holy Land Shrines—Good Friday	April 19
Easter Collection:	April 21

**Clergy Health and Retirement Trust**

St. Vincent dePaul Society Collection	April 27 and 28
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**Special Collections for March**

Parochial Schools Collection     March 23 and 24

**February 2019 Financial Review**

Parish Income:	\$38,088.45*
Parish Expenses:	<u>\$27,184.60</u>
February Net Income:	<b>\$10,903.85</b>

\*This income total reflects donations to the Grand Annual of \$17,205.00 which are not typical month to month.

**FAITH FORMATION**

Faith Formation meetings for **Sunday, March 24** are:

Grades 1 through 5	8:30 - 9:45 a.m.
Grade 9	10:00 - Mass followed by meeting until noon in the classrooms.
Grades 6 through 8	6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

**Confirmation candidates** Grade 10: No Meeting

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Grades 6 through 8	6:00 - 7:15 p.m.
Grade 9:	No Meeting



**Knights of Columbus Council 81**

The weekend of **March 30 and 31** the members of the Knights of Columbus will be having a recruitment drive. Members of Council 81 will be available after both masses that weekend to answer questions and give out information. They will be available in the vestibule and downstairs.

The Knights of Columbus is a catholic men's organization started in 1882 which supports the Church in its efforts to help the poor, the needy and the mentally impaired. Eunice Shriver, the late founder of the Special Olympics, stated " I don't think any organization in the country has given as much personal help and support as the Knights since we started." The late Pope John Paul II called us " the strong right arm of the Church ." The following are a few recently completed projects:

- The Knights assisted a physically disabled person in having a wheelchair ramp installed at their home.
- Collected and donated 24 winter coats for area children in need.
- Our members, along with a Northborough Knights council, prepared and celebrated a party for children at the Worcester State Hospital.

Do you think the Holy Spirit is calling you to draw on your faith to help others, get more involved in your community or want to join a group that supports our neighbors? Please take a few minutes to talk with a Knights of Columbus representative after Mass and learn how you can put your faith into action?

**St. Vincent DePaul  
Informational Meeting Rescheduled Date  
April 1, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.**

The St. Matthias St. Vincent de Paul conference informational meeting has been rescheduled for **Monday, April 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs conference room.** We invite you to attend this meeting to learn more about our conference and the ways we dedicate our time and talent to the Marlborough community.

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

**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, Dale Dolesh, W. Joseph Doyle, Kent Dudley, Stella Fettig, David Giugno, Hannah Gluck, Thomas Gluck, Russ Hokanson, Emma Johnston, Fr. Mike MacEwen, Dave Mackenzie, Kay McNeill, Mike Mauro, Maura McGuinness, Judy McManus, Michael Messom, Betty Montgomery, Theresa Morrill, Deborah Natoli, Jennifer Natoli, Mary and Bob O'Connor, Johnny Pellrine, Jean Peltak, Salvatore Ponterella, Andy Rivers, Joan Russo, Kathleen Shine, Andrew Tivnan, 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.***

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY  
DURING LENT  
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 6:00 P.M.**

During the Season of Lent all are welcome to join each Wednesday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Church.

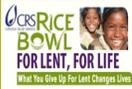
**2019 GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION**

Thank you for helping to make our Parish financially stable by achieving our annual goal.

Our numbers to date:

<b>Grand Annual Goal</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>
Total Pledged	\$47,140
Total Received	\$41,430
Total to Reach Goal	\$32,860
Number of Families Pledged	93

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.



## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) RICE BOWL

### *CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION*

Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Call to Family, Community and Participation, we remember that human beings are social by nature—we need each other. We, like the early disciples, are called to come together and grow as a community—whether that community is in our classroom, workplace or family.

Christyan DhathCroos fled to India during Sri Lanka's civil war. When he returned to his homeland the family farm was in shambles. For a refugee, returning home after so many years can be challenging. That's why CRS is helping Christyan and others like him rebuild their lives. That means helping to clear overgrown sections of farmland and ensuring those farms have access to water. Christyan is now growing rice, pumpkin and peanuts. Because of the assistance from CRS, Christyan can give his family things he never had. Things like education. With the profits from the family's farm, Christyan can send his 4-year-old son, Godwin, to a private Catholic preschool.

Christyan isn't just teaching his family that they can achieve their dreams with the help of a good education—he's also making sure they understand the importance of helping others. "When we had nothing, CRS came and helped us, and now we have what we need. We should help others too."

Lent 2019



create in me a clean heart O God

## CORI PROCESSING

CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) Processing is required by The Boston Archdiocese. All clergy, all parish staff and all volunteers (18 years of age and older) who minister to or have the potential for unmonitored access to children, youth, elderly or the disabled undergo an annual CORI check each year. **We will be processing CORI forms this weekend March 23 and 24.** When handing in your form, please have a government issued form of ID, such as a driver's license, available for a CORI coordinator to view. A new form must be completed even if you have already filled out a form for a school or other organization this year. We will also collect the acknowledgement forms for the Code of Ministerial Behavior for the Archdiocese of Boston at this time as well. Please bring both forms with you for processing. If you have any questions please contact Diane Balinski at [dbalinski@comcast.net](mailto:dbalinski@comcast.net).