

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH, MARLBOROUGH, MA

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, October 24 — 4:00 p.m.

George Deibel and Joanne Doyle — Memorial

Sunday, October 25 — 10:00 a.m.

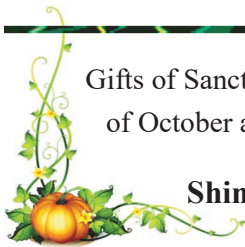
Jeffrey Davis — Memorial

Saturday, October 31 — 4:00 p.m.

Angelo Meschnini — Memorial

Sunday, November 1 — 10:00 a.m.

Mass of Remembrance



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

Shine and Salafia Families

Office Hours — Week of October 26

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. — Noon



Weekday Masses for the Week of October 26



**Monday, Tuesday and Friday
9:00 AM—Downstairs Conference Room**

MUSIC FOR THE EUCHARIST

Gathering Song: I Heard The Voice Of Jesus
hymnal #622

Psalm 126: The Lord Has Done Great Things For Us
hymnal #69

Preparation Rite: You Are Mine
hymnal #627

Communion Song: Taste and See
hymnal #827

Recessional: Amazing Grace
hymnal #586

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, October 24

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

Sunday, October 25

- **Faith Formation—Grades 1 — 5**
Classrooms, 8:30 a.m.—9:45 a.m.
- **Celebration of the Eucharist with Anointing of the Sick**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Faith Formation—Grades 9—10**
Mass, 10:00 a.m. / Classroom 11:15 a.m. — Noon

Monday, October 26

- **Bible Study Group**
Parish Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- **Liturgical Commission Meeting**
Downstairs Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28

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

Thursday, October 29

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

Saturday, October 31

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

Sunday, November 1

- **Celebration of the Eucharist — Mass of Remembrance**
Church, 10:00 a.m.



**SHAWL MINISTRY
ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

During the Anointing of the Sick this weekend October 24 and 25, there will be a special blessing of the lap robes and shawls lovingly knit by members of the Shawl Ministry and some friends from outside the parish. If you or a loved one are going through a difficult time and would like the comfort found with a lap robe or shawl, please see a representative of the Shawl Ministry following one of the masses.

OCTOBER 25, 2015

FROM FR. FRAN

Last weekend was full of great events at our parish!

On Sunday we witnessed Dana Stenquist's entrance into full communion with the Catholic Church during the 10 AM Mass. As always, it was a powerful witness to us as a community to see someone who has discerned the Holy Spirit's call to share in the life of the Catholic Church be welcomed sacramentally with Confirmation and Eucharist. Please keep Dana and his family in your prayers as he continues his faith journey as a full member of our community.

Also on Sunday, our Faith Formation ministry welcomed back, along with their parents, our candidates for Confirmation. They are beginning the final months of their journey towards completing their initiation into the Catholic faith with the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring. Again, the prayers of the community are requested as they continue on their faith journeys.

Last Saturday saw another successful parish Yard Sale. A number of parishioners gave a great amount of time to contribute to the day's success. A big thanks goes to those parishioners who gave many hours to coordinate the event. Thank you to all who donated items, participated in the set-up and take-down and delivery processes, baked, grilled, hauled and counted money! A special thanks goes to all those who volunteered to be "on the floor". Many of you were there all day and at set-up. I'm sure your "dogs were tired" by the end of it all. Know that your participation is greatly appreciated.

While it's always great that fundraisers like the Yard Sale are financially successful, the more important success comes in the community connections that are forged. And, while many folks came away with items for their personal use, our Yard Sale also helped out a number of folks who would not otherwise been able to afford the treasures and the necessities that they purchased on Saturday.

Our weekend concluded on Sunday afternoon, when over 80 people gathered for our Parish Meeting. Our facilitator, Jack Shine did a great job in setting a tone and spirit for an afternoon which saw brief presentations on

Worship, Faith Formation, Outreach and Finances along with time for small group discussion and feedback. We saw from the small group discussions that there is a wonderful spirit in our parish and a deep appreciation for the gifts God has given to us. People spoke of their gratitude for the dedicated parishioners who serve us especially in the areas of worship, faith formation and outreach. We also acknowledged that the most challenging aspect of our parish life at the moment is our financial health.

Some great observations and suggestions came from the group discussions. The written reports from each table will be compiled and become the basis for discussion and goal setting when our Parish Pastoral Council convenes. A fuller report of the meeting will be included in a forthcoming bulletin. For now, let me just say a word of thanks to all who participated in this important event in the life of our parish.

We are celebrating the Sacrament of the Sick at the Masses this weekend.

This great sacrament of healing is offered to those who, due to illness (physical, emotional, or spiritual), age, or upcoming surgery, seek the peace of Christ in their daily lives through the laying on of hands and anointing with oil.

The Sacrament offers the grace of strength, peace and courage to deal with the challenges that come with illness and advancing age. The grace of the sacrament also helps people unite their own sufferings to the redemptive passion of Christ.

If you would like to participate in the Sacrament of the Sick I would ask that you sit at the ends of the benches closest to the middle aisle for easy access as I come through the Assembly to lay my hands on your head and anoint your hands and forehead with the sacred oil.

As we celebrate this sacrament as parish family, I invite you to please pray for those who will be anointed and for all the sick, that God's healing presence may surround and support them in their times of struggle.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

November Special Collections

Weekly Goal:	\$4,000.00
Total Collection of October 17, 18	\$3,332.00
Second Collection: World Mission Sunday	\$ 279.00
ParishPay Maintenance Collection (ParishPay)	\$ 417.00
Parishioners celebrating Mass October 17, 18	345

Campaign for Human Development	November 7, 8
Parish Maintenance	November 14, 15
Collection for Retired Sisters Religious	November 21, 22

SEPTEMBER 2015 FINANCIALS

Total Income for the Month of September	\$24,233.53
Total Expenses for the Month of September	<u>\$22,947.79</u>
Net Income:	\$ 1,285.74

Weekly shortfall toward \$4,000 Goal: (\$668.00)

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation gatherings for **Sunday, October 25** are as follows:

Grades 1-5 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.
Grades 9, 10 10:00 a.m. Mass attendance
 followed by social and class
 until 12:15 p.m.

Grades 6,7,8 will not meet Sunday, October 25, 2015

Looking ahead: There are **NO** classes **Sunday, November 1, 2015**

All classes, Grades 1-10, will meet Sunday, Nov. 8 at their scheduled times.

PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK

Isaac Barcinas	Mike Ducote	Cameron O'Marsh
Paul Brazeau	Kathy Fischer	Tommy O'Regan
Jane Byrne	Joe Gillis	Siobhan O'Sullivan
Diane Canty	Peter Goneau	Eleanor Partridge
Betty Carima	Philip Goneau	Theresa Perry
Jonathan Charlot	Mary Grandy	Tinh Pham
Steven Chase	Russ Hokanson	June Quinn
Dave Gilson	Janet Kearns	Joan Rea CSJ
Edward Connors	Kathryn Keeler	Samantha Roberts
Jane Constable	Theresa Locke	Martin Rooney
Donny Courteville	Glenn Malloy	Jamie Ruggerio
Joseph Cox	Paul Malone	Liz Smith
Maureen Curley	David Martin	Owen Paul Sousa
Connie Cyr	Maria Marchand	Mary Spaulding
DelRaso Family	Bob McGilvray	Jill Tesell
Clara Mae Dickerson	Patricia McManus	Ralph Trotto
Grace Dowd	Theresa Morrill	Jeanine Varley
Peggy Dowling	Chris O'Brien	Eileen Walsh
Billy Doyle	Frances O'Brien	AmyNoel Wyman

SCRIPTURE READINGS

You are encouraged to pray these readings at home during the week as you reflect on this Sunday's Word and prepare to celebrate next week's Eucharist.

Readings for October 25, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

Readings for November 1, Solemnity of All Saints

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12A

NOVEMBER BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Each November we honor the memory of our deceased family members, friends and parishioners with our **Book of Remembrance**. You are encouraged to inscribe the names of deceased loved ones in this book **throughout the month of November**.

Beginning next weekend, the Book of Remembrance will be located in the church foyer along with photo boards. Parishioners are invited to place a photo of their deceased loved one in the photo boards. Please make sure that you write your name and phone number on the back of the photo so that it may be returned to you.

It has long been a custom to offer donations to the church in memory of deceased loved ones through the **November All Souls envelopes**. You may find specially marked envelopes at the church entrances. Please be sure to put your name on the front of the envelope and the names of those you wish to remember on the back. The names of all those memorialized will be published in the parish bulletin in early December.



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—NOVEMBER 1, 2014

The annual "**Mass of Remembrance**" will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 1, 2015**. This annual celebration provides us with the opportunity to join with all our fellow parishioners who have lost a loved one in the past year, to remind them that we continue to care for them and walk with them. The Art and Environment Committee will be busy creating a proper and dignified pictorial memorial which will be located in the foyer of the church from November 1 until the first Sunday of Advent. It will display pictures of all of those whose funerals were celebrated here at St. Matthias in the past year. Additionally we also include parishioners whose loved ones died this past year and their funerals were celebrated outside of St. Matthias.

As we have in the past, we want to display these pictures as part of the memorial and include them in the book of the dead and roll of names to be read aloud at the "Mass of Remembrance" on November 1. If you have lost a loved one since last November and the funeral was celebrated outside St. Matthias, please be sure to contact Deacon Doug as early as possible at 508-460-9255 with the information. We ask that **all photos be submitted by October 26** to allow the Art and Environment Team ample time to plan and put the display together.



ST. FRANCIS HOUSE CLOTHING DRIVE



Our St. Francis House Clothing Drive is being held this weekend, **October 24 and 25**. St. Francis House, New England's largest day shelter, is only accepting men's clothing at the present time. Their special requests are for men's new footwear (sizes 9-14), men's pants (especially jeans), men's coats, jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, new underwear and new undershirts, sweaters, sweatshirts and hoodies. The clothing may be dropped off at the portico in the back of the building, across from the parish hall kitchen door.

Clothing may also be dropped off at the parish office through Tuesday, October 27 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. If you need to make other arrangements for drop off please contact the office at 508-460-9255.

Your generosity towards those in need is greatly appreciated.



THANK YOU

Thank you to Susan Barcinas for her donation of three beautiful new orchids for the chapel. Flowers always enhance a space and we thank Susan for her thoughtfulness.

FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Marlboro Council No 81, Knights of Columbus wishes to thank the people of St Matthias Parish for their support for our charity drive held over Columbus Holiday weekend. Our sincere thanks to all.

LITURGICAL COMMISSION MEETING

The next meeting of the Liturgical Commission will take place on **Monday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m.** in the downstairs conference room. If you would like to learn more about liturgy we welcome you to join the meeting.

STAY FIT — ZUMBA
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 AT 1:00 P.M.



Enjoy some Sunday afternoon fun and fitness with Zumba. Lourdes (Mary Lou) Encarnacion, a licensed Zumba instructor, will take the "work" out of workout, by mixing low-intensity and high-intensity dance moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness party. The exercises cater to all levels of fitness and ages. There are modifications for all the dance moves; low for beginners and the more experienced can take it up notch. The music is fun and energetic. Refreshing fruit Smoothies will be offered at the end of each class. Monetary donations are welcome and will go to support the parish. Additional classes will be added throughout the winter.

Get moving, get fit and have fun.