

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH, MARLBOROUGH, MA

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, May 14 — 4:00 p.m.

Frank and Leah Calore
Eleanor Laspada — Memorial

Sunday, May 15 — 10:00 a.m.

Eileen Flagg — 1 Year Anniversary Memorial

Saturday, May 21 — 4:00 p.m.

Robert Goodwin — Memorial

Sunday, May 22 — 10:00 a.m.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, May 14

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

Sunday, May 15

- **Pentecost — Celebration of the Eucharist with Confirmation**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Marlborough Cupboard Collection**
Collection bins at church entrances

Wednesday, May 18

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

Thursday, May 19

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

Saturday, May 21


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

Sunday, May 22

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**
Chat Session
Classroom, following Mass

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

Frank and Leah Calore
Eleanor Laspada



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 May 15 — Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; Romans 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23b-26

Readings for May 21, 22 — The Most Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-13

Office Hours for the Week of May 16



Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. — Noon

Weekday Mass for the Week of May 16

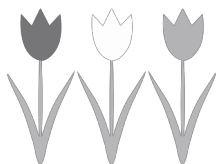
Monday, Tuesday and Friday

at 9:00 a.m.

Downstairs Conference Room



EASTER SEASON WORSHIP BOOKLETS



Our Easter Season Worship Booklet contains all the music and prayers for our Eucharistic celebrations. We will use this booklet in conjunction with our hymnal. As you follow along in the booklet during Mass, you will find a listing of hymnal numbers for the appropriate hymns and songs.

Please return booklets to the racks in the pews after Mass.

FROM FR. FRAN

This Sunday we welcome our candidates for **Confirmation**, along with their families and friends, to the 10 AM celebration of the Eucharist. It is a great joy for our parish to witness their completion of the Sacraments of Initiation and to welcome bishop, Walter Edyvean, retired Auxiliary Bishop of Boston, as he invokes the Holy Spirit upon them and seals them with the Holy Chrism. May God grant that the Spirit always be their guide and that they continue to grow in the Spirit's gifts of wisdom and grace.

With this weekend's Feast of Pentecost we come to **the end of another Easter Season**. It has truly been a joyful season as our parish has witnessed a number of our young parishioners celebrate Baptism, Eucharist and now, Confirmation. It is always encouraging to see the next generation begin to take their places in the Church. They give us hope and inspiration, and in turn, we give them blessings and witness to a lifetime of faith.

Another gift of this Easter Season has been the many parishioners who gave of their time and talent on our **Triduum Preparation Team**. While the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter often look effortless, each celebration's prayerfulness is a tribute to the enormous effort that goes on behind the scenes. Thank you all so much.

One of the most precious gifts of the Holy Spirit given to our parish is the faithfulness and leadership of those parishioners who serve in **liturgical ministry and music ministry**. They are integral to the life of our parish, not just at Easter, but in every season of the year. The work they do can sometimes be taken for granted. So, on behalf of the parish let me thank you, one and all, for your faithfulness to ministry and your dedication to our parish community.

And speaking of **our parish community**, I've written about this before, but since the topic came up at a recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting, let me offer this to you once more. I hear on a regular basis that "St. Matthias is the best kept secret in town". On one level this refers to the fact that we are off the beaten path and are not that easy to find. On a deeper level it means that the experience of community we create in our parish is something that we want to share with others. We want to see our parish grow. It is the privilege and the responsibility of every parishioner to help the Holy Spirit make that happen!

So, if our community has touched your life, has challenged you, has supported you through difficult times and walked with you through sorrow and joy, don't keep it to yourself!

Imagine our parish life if every parishioner made it his or her mission to bring just one person back to church or to invite someone who is searching for a church community to come and join us for worship. And, when all is said and done, isn't this what we are *all* called to do by virtue of our baptism?

The Gospels show us that when people encountered Christ and his healing power they couldn't help but tell others about him and invite them to become closer to him. What return shall *we* make to Christ who has blessed *us* so well?



Would you like to serve our parish as an
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

Better known by its former name, a "Eucharistic Minister" is a woman or man who assists at the Eucharistic Table in the distribution of Communion, and may also bring communion to the sick. The term "extraordinary minister" is now used by the Church to distinguish this ministry from that of bishops, priests and deacons who are the "ordinary" ministers of Communion.

In our parish, Extraordinary Ministers serve once a month or so at either the 4 PM or 10 AM Mass. They arrive 20 minutes before Mass to prepare the bread and wine and the vessels to be used at Mass. At the time of Communion they minister either the body or blood of Christ, depending upon their listed assignment. After Mass they assist in storing those vessels and altar linens used in the celebration.

While all of the above is important, the *most* important thing that an Extraordinary Minister does is to become a vessel of Christ's love as they communicate his body and blood to the Assembly. An Extraordinary Minister shows in her or his manner not only a deep reverence for what is communicated but a welcoming manner.

Over the next few weeks I invite any parishioner who has completed their Christian Initiation through Confirmation, to prayerfully discern if the Holy Spirit might be calling you to serve our parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

At the Masses on **May 21st and 22nd**, representatives of this ministry will briefly share their experiences and you will have an opportunity to ask them questions and attend a brief informational session following Mass.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

FAITH FORMATION



With praise and joy we offer congratulations to the following members of our Saint Matthias Community who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation today administered by Bishop Walter Edyvean.

Anthony Michael DelRaso

Sioblan Marie Gannon

Nicolas Raymond Grimaldo

Emily Dorothy Mague

Abigail Louise Roberge

Paige Ann Wadas

Austin William Wise

*Ryan Ned Young
(St. Patrick's Natick)*

We send our congratulations and sincere gratitude to the parents and sponsors of the newly confirmed, and our fullest 'Thank You' to the catechists, who shared their faith in guiding the students on their journey.

**PRAY FOR THE HEALING
OF THE SICK**



Please Pray For...

Laurie Burt, Donny Courteville, Peggy Cronin, Connie Cyr, Del Cyr, Clara Mae Dickerson, John Gifford, Joe Gillis, Russ Hokanson, Kathryn Keeler, David Martin, Frank Mangan, Kay McNeill, Margaret McNeil, Betty Montgomery, Barbara Parry, Theresa Perry and Jean Peltak.

To add someone to this prayer list, please call the parish office 508-460-9255 or email admin@stmattpar.org.

THANK YOU FROM THE PALADINOS

Jim and I would like to thank everyone from St. Matthias Parish for their overwhelming support, assistance and kind words during our recent hospitalizations.

Many friends, acquaintances and others brought food, offered rides and help with chores, and made many welcome visits and sent many well wishes.

We are very grateful that we live in a community that is so supportive. For all your caring, all your care-giving— thank you, thank you.
Jim and Terry Paladino



**MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD
COLLECTION, MAY 14 AND 15**

This weekend collection bins will be set up at the church entrances for donations of non-perishable food items that will be delivered to the Marlborough Community Cupboard. In addition to canned food items the Cupboard requests personal items such as q-tips, soap, toothbrushes/tooth paste as well as baby diapers, creams etc.

Thank you for your continued support to helping our neighbors and friends in the Marlborough community.

SEMINARIAN COLLECTION



This week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$4,000.00
Total Collection of May 7/8	\$3,921.00
Of that amount ParishPay donations were	\$ 440.00
Catholic Communication Collection	\$ 305.00
Of that amount ParishPay donations were	\$ 5.00
Parishioners celebrating Mass May 7/8.....	300
The Ascension of the Lord Mass, May 5	\$ 411.00
Of that amount ParishPay donations were	\$ 10.00
Parishioners celebrating Mass May 5.....	108

MAY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Seminary Collection	May 14, 15
Parish Maintenance	May 21, 22

2016 CATHOLIC APPEAL

Goal:	\$19,352
Total pledged:	\$21,985
Total received:	\$17,000
To be collected:	\$ 4,985

**COLLECTION TO HELP THOSE IN NEED
WEEKEND MASSES JUNE 4 & 5**

As you may remember, last fall we took up a collection to aid those who come to our parish looking for assistance in times of need. At that time, we collected over three thousand dollars that we distributed in food cards, with assistance given at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and in other times of need. Since those funds have just about run out, it's time to ask for donations again.

On the weekend of **June 4th and 5th** we will have a special second collection to assist our outreach to those in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity and continued care.

Don't forget that we also participate monthly in the Marlborough Community Cupboard project as well as Our Father's Table. Information about both initiatives can be found in the bulletin monthly.



**REMEMBERING THE SPECIAL
WOMEN IN OUR LIVES**

The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." St. Therese of Lisieux

The month of May is a time to remember our mothers, special women who have touched our lives and Mary, mother of God. Throughout the month we will honor the many women who are the source of strength and grace in our lives, with a special prayer during the general intercessions.

You are invited to inscribe the names of the important women in your life in our book of remembrance located near the tabernacle throughout the month. Contributions may be made to the parish in honor of the special women in your life. Envelopes are available at the entrances to the church, and are included in the monthly offertory packets mailed to your home. Envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets during mass or dropped off at the parish office. A list of all contributions will appear in a bulletin at the beginning of June. Thank you for your generosity.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF
COMMUNION CHAT SESSION
SUNDAY, MAY 22 AT 11:10 A.M.**

Following the 10:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, May 21, the Extraordinary Ministers are invited to join a short chat session—the final one for the season. Grab a cup of coffee and meet in the classroom to the right of the stage.

**LITURGICAL COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 23 AT 7:00 P.M.**

A Liturgical Commission meeting will be held on Monday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs conference room. We hope you will be able to attend.