

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH, MARLBOROUGH, MA



Saturday, June 25 — 4:00 p.m.
Kay McNeill — Mass of Healing

Sunday, June 26 — 10:00 a.m.
Mary Cormier— 2nd Anniversary Memorial

Saturday, July 2 — 4:00 p.m.
William Bruce-Tagoe — 7th Anniversary Memorial

Sunday, July 3 — 10:00 a.m.
Eugene Balinski, Sr. — Memorial

Office Hours for the Week of June 27



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

Wednesday
9:00 a.m. — Noon

Weekday Masses for the Week of June 27



Monday, Tuesday and Friday
9:00 a.m.

Downstairs Conference Room

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
MUSIC**



Gathering Song: **God We Gather As Disciples**
booklet #1, pg. 11

Preparation of Gifts: **The Summons**
hymnal #687

Communion: **You Satisfy The Hungry Heart**
hymnal #816

Recessional: **Go To The World**
hymnal #469



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

Sunday, June 26

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

Monday, June 27

- **Liturgical Commission Meeting**
Downstairs Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 29

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

Thursday, June 30

- **Bereavement Meeting**
Downstairs Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 2

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

Sunday, July 3

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

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 June 25, 26 — 13th Sunday in Ordinary time

1 Kings 19:16B, 19-21; Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Luke 9:51-62

Readings for July 2, 3 — 14th Sunday in Ordinary time

Isaiah 6:10-14C; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

FROM FR. FRAN



Over the last few days I've been seeing and hearing small birds that sound a lot like chipmunks flying in the sky over the church. At first I thought they were bats because I seemed to only notice them at dusk, but then I began to encounter them during

all times of the day as they flew about in crazy patterns, almost bumping into one another. They never seemed to land anywhere long enough for me to get a good look at them.

I, of course, immediately consulted an expert named Google, and learned that these little birds are most likely chimney swifts. True to their name, they live in the walls of chimneys by clinging to them. They build their nests in chimneys as well. They rarely land and spend their entire days out and about snatching insects from the air, hence their crazy flying patterns.

Well, sure enough I watched a few of them dive in and out of our church chimney at sunset on a recent evening. Chimney swifts they are! I guess I'm coming late to the party regarding these birds. Maybe you've encountered them and their precarious perching in your own chimney. I find it amazing that they can thrive in circumstances which, to mere mortals, seem a bit extreme.

Perhaps we can learn something from these little birds. They have evolved to make the best of what they find in life. Once they nested in hollowed out old growth trees but they had to learn to adapt when forests were cut down. They found that a chimney was a good substitute. While *we* might think clinging to a chimney wall is a strange and hard experience, it's just life to them.

We are certainly living through precarious and mind numbing times in our world. Sometimes it can feel as if we are clinging to the side of a chimney, which is by no means a friendly or natural habitat. We may also find ourselves flying around in circles from crisis to crisis, never making the time to find a place to land and reflect on life's challenges.

As Catholic Christians, our anchor, our resting place is within Christ's presence in our lives and in our world. However, while we look to Christ to make sense of it all, often we find more questions than

answers. Why such suffering in the world? Why the crimes against humanity done with a distorted sense of religious fervor? Why the hate crimes such as we witnessed in Orlando? Why do we ignore the clear scriptural directive to welcome and help the stranger and refugee?

Of course there are no easy answers. There never have been. Christ didn't promise us a rose garden. He promised us a sharing in his cross leading to the new life of resurrection. It would be much nicer to just get to that resurrection part. But, the fact of the matter is, without his cross there would be no resurrection. So too for us.

"Fear is useless, what is needed is trust." These words of Jesus should give us hope and the courage to speak and act boldly on his behalf even in confusing times.

When some would whip us into a frenzy seeing threats on many sides, Christ calls us to trust and not give any credence to the fearmongering we find around us. When some use religion to justify hatred and violence, Christ calls us not to fear and condemn, but to be in solidarity with those who practice their religion for the good of humanity. When some would say that an LGBT sexual orientation is against nature, our Catholic faith tradition tells us that we are to embrace everyone as created in the image and likeness of God.

Our friends the chimney swifts have learned to live their lives and do their work in conditions we might see as less than ideal. So too, Christ calls us to live our lives and do our work in service to him and each other no matter where we are found and regardless of the conditions that surround us.

**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, 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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH FORMATION

Pope Francis: *“Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. Let us seek for others the same possibilities which we seek for ourselves. Let us help others to grow, as we would like to be helped ourselves. In a word, if we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities. The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us.”* — Address to Congress, Washington D.C.

Faith Formation registration continues. Every family who was part of Faith Formation during the last school year received a form via email. If you or someone you know did not receive this please contact the Faith Formation Office at 508-460-9255 or email tsalafia@stmattpar.org. Registration forms for new families can be obtained from the bulletin board in the rear of the church or new families can contact the Faith Formation Office for an electronic copy.

OUR FATHER’S TABLE

TUESDAY, JULY 12

NEW HOPE CHURCH — (204 MAIN STREET)

St. Matthias Parish community members will be hosting *Our Father’s Table* on **Tuesday, July 12, beginning at 4:00 p.m.** If you are interested in being a server, cook or if you are able to bake desserts for the folks who attend, please call Sue Dolesh for further details 248-240-3615 or contact Sue via email: daledolesh@gmail.com. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

THE RUN FOR THE RED SOX

Friday, July 8 at 7:10 p.m.



Have you placed your bid to win four tickets to the Red Sox vs Tampa Ray game on Friday, July 8 at 7:10 p.m.? Well there is still time and you just may be the lucky bidder.

The Red Sox play the Tampa Rays and the seats can’t be beat.

Loge Box 161 Row GG Seats 11—14

Place your bid by calling the office 508-460-9255 (no messages please); use the bid sheets found at the back of the church on the bulletin board or email your bid to: admin@stmattpar.org. Bids will be updated on the website each weekday Monday—Friday. Highest bid at noon on June 30 will win the tickets.

Visit www.stmattpar.org for more information.

2016 CATHOLIC APPEAL

Goal:	\$19,352
Total pledged:	\$23,045
Total received:	\$20,315
To be collected:	\$2, 730

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$4,000.00
Total Collection of June 18, 19	\$4,043.00
Of that amount ParishPay donations were	\$ 883.00
Parish Maintenance Collection of June 18, 19	\$2,345.00
Of that amount ParishPay donations were	\$ 667.00

Parishioners celebrating Mass June 18, 19.....352

JUNE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Peter’s Pence June 25, 26

2016 GRAND ANNUAL

Goal:	\$80,000
Total pledged:	\$54,315
Total received:	\$53,445
Total Number to Reach Goal	\$25,585
Number of Families Pledged:	106

FINANCIALS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Total Income for the Month of May	\$28,355.23
Total Expenses for the Month of May	<u>\$29,686.40</u>
Net Income/Loss:	- \$ 1,331.17*

*This total reflects a deficit of \$1,331.17. Heating and plumbing repairs cost \$4,388 in May.

REMEMBERING OUR FATHERS



During the month of June, we remember our deceased fathers and those men who have been a source of strength, comfort and inspiration to us with a special Prayer of the Faithful at each of the masses. Throughout June you are invited to inscribe the names of the important men in your life in our book of remembrance, located near the tabernacle.

If you wish to make a donation to our parish in honor of your father or any other special man in your life, you are invited to place your donation in the Father's Day envelopes found at the church entrances. Those who receive offertory envelopes will find a Father's Day envelope in your monthly packet. You may place your donation in the collection basket on the Sundays throughout June or drop it off (or mail it) to the parish office.

LITURGICAL COMMISSION MEETING

The Liturgical Commission meeting will take place on Monday, June 27 at 7:15 p.m. in the downstairs conference room. We hope you will attend.

2016 ST. MATTHIAS ANNUAL YARD SALE— OCTOBER 15, 2016



The Yard Sale Committee is looking for another successful day and we hope you will be a part of it. Everyone can contribute by donating quality used goods: furniture, jewelry, vintage collectibles, gently used and new clothing, and household and children items, as well as books, DVD, and CDs. As you begin rummaging through your summer gear, start a donation pile for your donations. If you need to store your goods off-site contact the office and we can arrange an early pick up of boxed items.

Once again the grills will be cooking up a tasty lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs. Our bake crew will sell their delicious array of home-made baked goodies at our indoor Bake Sale.

Want to DONATE TIME? There are many ways to take part in helping the Parish with this fun-filled fundraiser.

For information or to sign up, call the parish office at 508-460-9255.