

**INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Saturday, August 26 — 4:00 p.m.**

David Mauro—Birthday Memorial  
Mary Masciarelli—Memorial

**Sunday, August 27 — 10:00 a.m.**

John Ryan—5th Anniversary Memorial

**Saturday, September 2 — 4:00 p.m.**

Frank and Leah Calore  
Eleanor Laspada —Memorial

**Sunday, September 3 — 10:00 a.m.**

James Hankins — Memorial



**Weekday Masses for the Week of August 27**

Weekday Celebration of the Eucharist  
will be held on:

Monday, Tuesday and Friday

9:00 a.m. — Downstairs Conference Room



**Celebration of the Eucharist Music**

Gathering: *We Journey Together in Christ*  
Booklet # 5

Preparation: *Sing a New Church*  
Hymnal # 644

Communion: *Bread of Life, Cup of Salvation*  
Booklet # 6

Recessional: *The Church of Christ*  
Hymnal #665



**THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS**

**Saturday, August 26**

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

**Sunday, August 27**

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

**Wednesday, August 30**

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

**Saturday, September 2**

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

**Sunday, September 3**

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**  
Parish Hall, following Mass
- **St. Vincent DePaul Meeting**  
Downstairs Conference Room, 11:15 a.m.

**Office Hours - Week of August 27**

**Monday, Tuesday and Thursday**

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**

9:00 a.m. — Noon



**DONATION BOXES IN THE CHURCH**

*For your convenience*, collection boxes for *Our Father's Table* and the *St. Matthias St. Vincent DePaul Society* are installed by the church's main entrance. These collection boxes are secured to the wall and are checked regularly. If you prefer to place a donation in the offertory baskets, please feel free to use the purple Second Collection envelopes found in the pews and indicate which ministry the donation is for. Please note St. Vincent DePaul envelopes can also be found at the church entrances.

**FROM FR. FRAN**



Years ago, when I was new in a parish and just becoming acquainted with folks, I remember having a long “getting to know you” conversation with a parishioner. Our chat ran the gamut and by the end of it I was quite stunned that the man, in a matter of fact fashion, between talking about family, work and church, told me how the town was being ruined by an influx of minorities and immigrants. I really didn’t know how to respond. I do think that if confronted, this man wouldn’t have seen his remarks as highly prejudiced. He seemed to have genuine affection for the town and wanted it to stay the way it was.

As we continue to have conversations about the resurgence of Neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and the KKK, there is the danger that we can easily condemn them and feel that we are safe and secure on higher moral ground. But the fact is, we all harbor some sort of prejudice in our hearts, often without realizing it. Perhaps we are jealous of those who have more than we do, or whose lives seem to flow along without much suffering. Maybe we look down upon a co-worker for her attitude or for the manner in which a colleague presents himself. And in today’s political climate, it is all too easy to dismiss people “on the other side” as wrong-headed or just plain stupid.

Psychologists tell us that fear is often at the heart of our prejudices. The fear of something being taken away from us, the fear of being inadequate, the fear of people who are different, the fear that the powers that be are out to take away our rights and privileges, can lead us down dark and destructive roads. Will we frame our response to perceived threats by joining a particular group mentality or will we separate ourselves from the storm around us and listen to the voice of Christ who says that fear is useless, what’s needed is trust?

Each time we come to the table of the Eucharist we have the opportunity to lay before God all our fears, anxieties and yes, even the hate and prejudice that might lie within our hearts. Here, in all humility, we can ask God to heal the dark places in our souls. And God will not disappoint. Often this healing comes with a commission to make amends, to change our ways, and to recommit ourselves to our baptismal promises to love and serve God through loving and serving one another. But first we need to take that hard inventory and acknowledge where the fault lines are within our own discipleship.

I do think that the man I spoke with years ago believed he was a good Catholic, and in many ways I witnessed that he was. Yet, I wonder if he was ever able to open his heart enough to change his attitude towards his immigrant neighbors and see in them the face of God.

**PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

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| <b>Weekly Offertory Goal:</b>             | \$4,000.00    |
| Total Collection of August 19 and 20..... | \$ 3,283.00 * |
| Of that amount ParishPay donations.....   | \$ 945.00     |
| Propagation of Faith Collection.....      | \$. 979.00    |

Parishioners celebrating Mass August 19 and 20 ..... 278

\*This amount reflects a deficit of \$717.00 to reach our weekly offertory goal. Thank you.

Assumption of Mary Collection August 15 .....\$ 309.00

Parishioners celebrating Mass August 15... ..... 61

**Special Collections for September**

- September 3 and 4—Catholic University of America
- September 9 and 10—Parish Maintenance
- September 16 and 17— Clergy Health and Retirement



In the pews are purple Second Collection envelopes. Please feel free to use these envelopes as needed to donate to any special or second collection. St Vincent DePaul donation envelopes are available at the church entrances.

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation registration for new families and re-registration for families who were in Faith Formation last school year continues. Thank you to those families who have responded to the information packet sent in July. It is important that each family verify the emergency information we have on file for each child in the event a family member must be contacted.

If you have any questions regarding your families' participation in Faith Formation please contact [tsalafia@stmattpar.org](mailto:tsalafia@stmattpar.org) or call the office at 508-460-9255.

The Opening Mass (10:00 am) and Family picnic is Sunday, September 17. This picnic is a wonderful way to re-connect with classmates and our extended Saint Matthias family. Please don't miss it



### FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK SEPTEMBER 30, 2017



Save the Date for this year's Friends of the Poor Walk September 30, 2017! Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 10:00 a.m. St. Matthias Parish and the Immaculate Conception Parish are teaming up to host a day of fun and friendship to support the work of St. Vincent de Paul! Funds raised will help those in need in the Marlborough community. Tie up your laces and enjoy up to 3 miles of walking along the Assabet River Rail Trail. The Friends of the Poor walk is a national event coordinated by the Development Team at the National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Please check the bulletin or [stmattpar.org](http://stmattpar.org) for ongoing information.

### PARISH YARD SALE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 9:00 A.M.— 3:00 P.M.

Mark your calendars! The St. Matthias Parish Yard Sale will be held **Saturday, October 14 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Clean your closets, storage units, and basement for items in good condition to be sold for the benefit of Saint Matthias. Consider volunteering some time to help with set up, receiving goods and tagging items during the week of October 9 – 14 (Yard Sale Day). Your presence on Yard Sale Day to help our customers and organize items is key to the day's success. There will be a treasure trove of items to purchase. And, a visit to our famous Bake Sale and cook out lunch for a snack is a must.

We hope you join in on this fundraising event. Call the parish office if you have any questions or would like to sign up to help. Much more information will be forthcoming during the summer into early fall. So spread the word and be part of this great fall event.

### PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK



#### *Please Pray For...*

*Richard Abraham, Joyce Belliveau, Boyle Family, Laurie Burt, Peggy Cronin, Delia Cruz, Connie Cyr, Del Cyr, Rita Dennison, Clara Mae Dickerson, Doyle Family, Jack Duprey, Trevor Faulls, Colin Fawkes, John Gifford, Joe Gillis, Hannah Gluck, Philomena Hedin, Russ Hokanson, Cristina Janunas, Emma Johnson, Kathryn Keeler, Mary Martocci, Emma Larrivee, Maura McGuinness, Holly McIntyre, Kay McNeill, Roger Melenson, Michael Messom, Theresa Morrill, Deborah Natoli, Jennifer Natoli, Theresa Perry, Jean Peltak, Michael Pilecki, Andy Rivers, Benjamin Smith, Edward Suzano, Ray Thomas, Trunfio Family, and Jenny Weibel.*

To add someone to this prayer list, please call the parish office at 508-460-9255 or email: [admin@stmattpar.org](mailto:admin@stmattpar.org).

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Readings for August 26 and August 27  
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

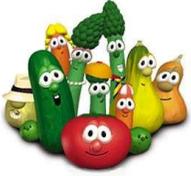
Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

Readings for September 2 and 3  
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

## WORD AROUND TOWN:

### **MARLBOROUGH FARMER'S MARKET 2017 HELD ON MARLBOROUGH'S UNION COMMON TUESDAYS FROM 2:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. (NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER)**



Find your favorite fresh vegetable or organic craft. Discover a favorite pastry, granola, or jam for your next picnic, dinner, celebration, or snack.

Each week musical entertainment is provided by various artists.

Heirloom Harvest Community Farm and Harpers Farm, vendors at the market, accept EBT/SNAP cards and are part of the HIP program. Both produce vendors and a honey vendor, Peg's Preserves, accepts WIC market coupons and those coupons given to qualifying low income elderly recipients.

Visit <https://marlboroughchamber.org/event/> for up-to-date farmer's market information as well as other exciting events presented by the Marlborough Regional Chamber of Commerce. Come by and check it out. The market is held come rain or shine.

## **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

### **Parish Picnic**

**Sunday, September 17 following 10:00 am Mass.**

Sign-up sheets for food contributions, set up and clean up will be at the doors of the church Labor Day weekend.

### **Parish Yard Sale**

**Saturday, October 14, 9:00 - 3:00 pm.**

Much help is needed to prepare this event. Sign up sheets will be available soon. Please call the office if you would like to sign up now.

### **Christmas Bazaar**

**Saturday, December 2 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Applications to vendors who participated last December have been sent. If you or someone you know is interested in having a table to sell their crafts, please encourage them to contact Theresa Salafia at [tsalafia@stmattpar.org](mailto:tsalafia@stmattpar.org).



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