

**ST. MATTHIAS PARISH, MARLBOROUGH, MA**

**INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Saturday, October 21 — 4:00 p.m.**

Michael and Susan Giugno — Memorial

**Sunday, October 22 — 10:00 a.m.**

Paul Goulet — Memorial

**Monday, October 23 — 9:00 a.m.**

Virginia Moss — Memorial

**Tuesday, October 24 — 9:00 a.m.**

James Goulet — Memorial

**Friday, October 27 — 9:00 a.m.**

James Gard — Memorial

**Saturday, October 28 — 4:00 p.m.**

William Bruce-Tagoe — Birthday Memorial

**Sunday, October 29 — 10:00 a.m.**

Mary and Gerry Coletti

Frank Hill — Memorial



**Office Hours for the Week of October 22**

**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 22**

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: *As We Gather*

Hymnal # 738

Preparation: *All Glory Is Yours*

Hymnal # 524

Communion: *A Banquet Is Prepared*

Booklet # 2

Recessional: *How Can I Keep From Singing*

Hymnal # 598



**THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS**

**Saturday, October 21**

- **Faith Formation—Grade 10 Retreat**  
Downstairs Conference Room 11:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.  
Church, 4:00 p.m. Mass
- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 4:00 p.m.
- **Ministry Fair with Wine and Cheese Reception**  
Parish Hall, Following 4:00 p.m. Mass
- **St. Francis Clothing Drive**  
Collection Bins at the Church Entrances

**Sunday, October 22**

- **Faith Formation Grades 1—5**  
Parish Hall / Class Room, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Ministry Fair with Harvest Coffee Social**  
Parish Hall, Following 10:00 a.m. Mass
- **Children's Choir Rehearsal**  
Church, Following 11:15 a.m.– 12:15 p.m.
- **St. Francis Clothing Drive**  
Collection Bins at the Church Entrances

**Monday, October 23**

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

**Tuesday, October 24**

- **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting**  
Downstairs Conference Room, 7:15 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 25**

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

**Thursday, October 26**

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

**Saturday, October 28**

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

**Sunday, October 29**

- **Faith Formation Grades 1—5**  
Parish Hall / Class Room, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
- **Celebration of the Eucharist with Anointing of the Sick**  
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Children's Choir Rehearsal**  
Church, Following 11:15 a.m.– 12:15 p.m.
- **Faith Formation Grade 9**  
Church 10:00 a.m. /Conference Rm., 11:00 a.m.—Noon
- **Faith Formation Grades 6-8**  
Parish Hall / Class Room, 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

FROM FR. FRAN

Last Saturday's **Yard Sale** proved to be a great success. This was thanks to the great work of all who gave of their time to organize and run the sale under the direction of Len and Theresa Salafia. And a huge thanks to all who donated their "treasures" this year. There were some wonderful items and some great bargains for those who came to shop. Thanks also to our baking ministry for a wonderful bake sale and to our "grilling ministry" for some great burgers and dogs.

As you know, we have a number of **Special Collections** at mass throughout the year. Apart from our own parish special collections for maintenance, St. Vincent DePaul, and to defray our school tax, there are a number of collections that come to us from the Archdiocese of Boston and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Archdiocese has been studying the best way to administer these collections and has announced that they are reducing the number of special collections from seventeen to ten beginning in calendar year 2018.

This reduction will be accomplished by combining collections together in light of the mission of the Catholic Church. For example, the Communications Collection and the Campaign for Human Development Collection will be combined in a single collection for the Promotion of the Gospel.

For those on our envelope system and our electronic giving system, we hope that these changes will be in place by the first of the year. For those who give at Mass, please remember to use the purple envelopes in the benches when you give to a special collection that is taken up in the one passing of the basket. There will be another reminder just before the new schedule begins.

This is the weekend of our **Ministries Fair**. Please join us in the parish hall after Mass today! Our parish is blessed with many folks who volunteer of their time and talent throughout the year in many and varied ways. Our parish is always in need of more folks to come forward as Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, greeters, catechists, musicians, - the list goes on! Please take some time in prayer to discern if God is calling you to serve our parish in one of our ministries. Many thanks to our Parish Pastoral

Council members under the direction of Katie Broach for organizing this year's Ministry Fair.

**Next weekend we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick at our Masses.** From the beginnings of the church, communities have gathered around those who are ill and, with a priest to lead, they have lifted up prayer for the sick, invoked the presence of the Holy Spirit and anointed them with the blessed oil. In this sacramental encounter we believe that God has showered grace and strength on the sick person.

The point of this anointing is not for the person to receive a miraculous recovery, (although if God chooses to do so, it is an incredible gift) rather, it is to unite the sick person, the community and Christ together in asking the Creator to be gracious and close to the sick person.

It is up to each individual to discern if a sharing in this sacrament would be a helpful and comforting experience during a time of illness – physical, emotional or spiritual. Also, those who will be having surgery or testing in the next weeks are invited to the sacrament as well as those feeling the effects of aging. The gift of the sacrament is to strengthen the sick person and to instill God's inner peace and healing. If your physical, emotional or spiritual condition is such that this moment would bring strength and comfort, we invite you to partake of the Sacrament of the Sick.

**Our 2018 Grand Annual Campaign is now underway!** If you are on the parish mailing list you should have received a letter and pledge card in the mail. Packets are also available in the baskets at the doors of the church. St. Matthias Grand Annual Collection is our most important fundraiser of the year. All of your donations go directly into our operating budget. I am very grateful for whatever you are able to give to keep our parish in good fiscal shape.

**Just a reminder.** Please do not park your car in front of the church. This is a fire lane which we need to keep clear at all times. If you are dropping off or picking up someone from Mass, please use the fire lane cautiously. Thanks for understanding.



**PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

<b>Weekly Offertory Goal:</b>	\$4,000.00
Total Collection of October 7 and 8	\$3,070.00*
*WeShare donation totals will be posted next week.	
Parishioners Celebrating Mass.....	435
Yard Sale Fund Raiser .....	\$4,200.00

**October Special Collections**

World Mission Sunday—October 21 and 22

**CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

**First Rehearsal—Sunday October 22  
Church 11:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m.**



The St. Matthias Children's Choir needs you! The choir sings at the annual Christmas concert on Christmas Eve at 3:30 and continues with the 4 p.m. Mass. Choir is open to children in grades 2 through grade 8. **Rehearsals will be Sundays after the 10 a.m. Mass beginning Sunday, Oct. 22nd.** One or two additional rehearsals will occur the week leading up to Christmas. Contact director Katie Broach at [kbroach2@gmail.com](mailto:kbroach2@gmail.com) for information.

## TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FAITH FORMATION

Gatherings for **Sunday, October 22:**

Grades 1-5 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.

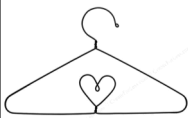
**No meetings on October 22 for Grades 6-10.**

Gatherings for **Sunday, October 29**

**Grades 1-5** 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. Parish Hall / Classrooms

**Grade 9** 10:00 a.m. Celebration of the Eucharist Church  
11:00 a.m.—Noon  
Downstairs Conference Room.

**Grades 6—8** 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. Parish Hall / Classrooms



### ST. FRANCIS CLOTHING DRIVE

Our annual St. Francis House Clothing Drive is this weekend, **October 23 and 24**. St. Francis House is the largest day shelter in New England, serving over 800 poor and homeless men and women each day. This year, St. Francis House has asked us to focus on the following much needed items:

- Big and tall clothing for men (size 3x and up) shirts, pants (jeans and sweats), sweaters, and jackets
- Larger sized clothing for women (2x and up) shirts, pants (jeans and sweats), sweaters, and jackets
- Larger sized shoes (men: 10 and up, women: 8 and up)
- Winter items – thermals, gloves, hats
- Men's pants size 30-38
- Backpacks/duffle bags/purses/tote bags

Clothing may be dropped off following mass at the portico in the back of the building, across from the parish hall kitchen door. If you forgot to bring your donation it may be dropped off at the parish office next week during normal business hours. Thank you so much for your generosity.

### 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 October 21 and October 22  
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5B; Matthew 22:15-21

Readings for October 28 and October 29  
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5C-10; Matthew 22:34-40

## Mass of Remembrance

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

The annual "Mass of Remembrance" will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 12, 2017**. 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 starting November 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 12. 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 23 via email [admin@stmattpar.org](mailto:admin@stmattpar.org) or drop off in the parish office** to allow the Art and Environment Team ample time to plan and put the display together.

### PARISHPAY TO WESHARE TRANSITION

The ParishPay transition to WeShare has been completed. If you have any questions or need assistance with accessing your account please contact Diane Balinski at [dbalinski@stmattpar.org](mailto:dbalinski@stmattpar.org) or 508-460-9255.

### PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK



*Please Pray For...*

*Richard Abraham, Joyce Belliveau, Boyle Family, Peggy Cronin, Delia Cruz, Connie Cyr, Del Cyr, Rita Dennison, Clara Mae Dickerson, Grace Dowd, Doyle Family, Jack Duprey, Trevor Faulls, Colin Fawkes, Lee Ann Fital, 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, Glenn Molloy, Theresa Morrill, Deborah Natoli, Jennifer Natoli, Theresa Perry, Jean Peltak, Michael Pilecki, Andy Rivers, Benjamin Smith, Edward Suzano, Andrew Tivnan, Ray Thomas, Trunfio Family, and Jenny Weibel.*

## ST. MATTHIAS MINISTRY FAIR

**Saturday, October 21 -**

**Following 4:00 p.m. Mass**

**Harvest Fair Wine and Cheese Reception**

**Sunday, October 22 -**

**Following 10:00 a.m. Mass**

**Harvest Fair Social**

Come take a stroll through the parish hall for the **Parish Ministry Fair, October 21 and 22** to learn about the breadth of volunteer opportunities across our parish, which involve service to the church and reach out into the greater Marlborough community.

Food and beverages will be available as well as an activity for children. You will also have a chance to win a gift basket!



### ANOINTING OF THE SICK OCTOBER 28 AND 29

A communal Anointing of the Sick will be offered during weekend masses **October 28 and 29**. This sacrament is intended for the strengthening and healing of those who are ill, elderly or about to undergo a surgery. It is a normal part of Catholic life and not just for those who are dying.

If you would like to take part in this Sacrament of Healing please take the pin being offered by our greeters and have a seat that is toward the middle aisle of the pew.

### FAMILY FULLY ALIVE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOOKLET

Have you heard something similar to these phrases lately: "families just don't seem to do things together anymore" or "boy I can remember when Sundays were family days". To help strengthen our family bonds, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus developed and published, "The Family Fully Alive". The booklet is a 13 month program to help our families welcome God into their homes. There are monthly themes, reflections, meditations, family projects and scripture verses designed to help each family place God and the Catholic faith at the center of its life.

Starting the weekend of October 28 and 29, please take home a complimentary booklet (available at church entrances). Review the program and begin a family routine starting with December and with a little time and dedication the program can become part of your normal family routine. While starting a new routine may be difficult, remember it takes a little work to reap the rewards. Let's all strive to work each month to make our family a little stronger and a little more committed to being a "family fully alive".