

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH, MARLBOROUGH, MA

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, July 2 — 4:00 p.m.

William Bruce-Tagoe — 7th Anniversary Memorial

Sunday, July 3 — 10:00 a.m.

Eugene Balinski, Sr. — Memorial

Saturday, July 9 — 4:00 p.m.

Paul Mahoney — Memorial

Sunday, July 10 — 10:00 a.m.

William "Bill" Lajeunesse — Memorial

Saturday, July 2

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

Sunday, July 3

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

Monday, July 4

- **Parish Office Closed**
Observance of Independence Day

Wednesday, July 6

- **Shawl Ministry**
Downstairs Conference Room, 6:45 p.m.
- **Baptism Instruction**
Parish Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 9

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

Sunday, July 10

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
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Office Hours for the Week of July 4

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

Wednesday
9:00 a.m. — Noon



The Parish Office is closed

Monday, July 4

In Observance of Independence Day

Weekday Masses for the Week of July 4



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

Downstairs Conference Room

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST MUSIC



Gathering Song: **We Journey Together In Christ**
booklet # 6, pg. 14

Preparation of Gifts: **Here I Am Lord**
hymnal #671

Communion: **Taste and See**
hymnal #827

Recessional: **Sing A New Church**
hymnal #644

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 July 2, 3 — 14th Sunday in Ordinary time

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

Readings for July 9, 10 — 15th Sunday in Ordinary time

Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

FROM FR. FRAN

Where Have All the Pilots Gone?

I'm not talking about the folks who fly our airplanes when I ask the question: where have all the Pilots gone? I'm referencing our archdiocesan newspaper, The Boston Pilot. There have been recent changes in the delivery system of the newspaper which has resulted in "Pilotless" weeks here at St. Matthias. We hope to be back on track soon. In the meantime, check out the Pilot's website at: www.thebostonpilot.com. You can subscribe to an online version or get the paper delivered directly to your home as well.

Can You Have Your Donut and Eat It Too?

We are in need! Not for donuts, but for parishioners to host our weekly donut and coffee gatherings after the 10 AM Mass on Sundays. Please see the article in this week's bulletin for more details.

Our Sunday socials have become important moments for checking in with old friends, making new ones, and discussing the issues of the day. Speaking for myself and the staff, we look forward to these moments as a way to get to know parishioners better and to find out what's happening in people's lives. So many wonderful connections are made during this time we share together.

It would be a shame to have to cancel even one of our coffee hours. But this is a reality unless parishioners volunteer to host! This is a great opportunity for individuals and families to share some time together in service to the community. Please consider sharing in the building up of our St. Matthias parish family by volunteering a few hours hosting our post Mass coffee hours.

A Refection for the 4th

As the calendar takes us into the heart of the summer season, the July Fourth holiday brings us to reflect upon the founding of our country and how things are going today. Many have mused in print and in interviews on how they believe the founders would react to our current contest for the White House, the use and ownership of guns, mass killings, racism and immigration. I'm sure we would glean much from their reflections, but the fact is that they lived in a time very different from our own. They had unique sets of challenges then, as we do now.

For Catholic Christians, as we look for answers to the questions and situations that keep us up at night, we have a timeless truth in Christ that is the touchstone not only for our spiritual life, but our civic life as well. Christ summed up all law in one saying: love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself.

As we reflect upon the state of our country on this July Fourth, perhaps it would be good to reflect upon the state of our own hearts as well.

Does our faith inform how we speak and act in our role as citizens? Do we reflect the gospel message of love, inclusion and mercy when we size up potential leaders? Do we walk strictly along party lines, or do we move out of our comfort zone to walk with the ones who take a moral stance for the good?

In a nation of immigrants, do we walk with the newest wave of people seeking a better life in our country, or do we fear that those who look and think differently will "take away" our security. Are we quick to condemn entire groups of people for the unlawful acts of some? Are we willing to share what we have with those in need, or do we circle the wagons, protecting what is ours?

While it's great to enjoy the barbeques, fireworks and all that goes with celebrating the holiday, perhaps we would be doing our founders and our country a great disservice if we didn't take some time to wrestle with these hard issues. And we would be doing our discipleship in Christ a great disservice if we didn't wrestle with these issues from within the context of a loving and merciful God.



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, Sean Marrier, 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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH FORMATION

Poor Thomas! He made one remark and has been branded as “Doubting Thomas” ever since. But if he doubted, he also believed. He made what is certainly the most explicit statement of faith in the New Testament: “My Lord and My God!” (see John 20:24-28) and, in so expressing his faith, gave Christians a prayer that will be said till the end of time. He also occasioned a compliment from Jesus to all later Christians: “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29).



Jesus. The occasion was when Jesus proposed to go to Bethany after Lazarus had died. Since Bethany was near Jerusalem, this meant walking into the very midst of his enemies and to almost certain death. Realizing this, Thomas said to the other apostles, “Let us also go to die with him” (John 11:16b).

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Thomas should be equally well known for his courage. Perhaps what he said was impetuous—since he ran, like the rest, at the showdown—but he can scarcely have been insincere when he expressed his willingness to die with

Faith Formation gatherings will begin **Sunday, September 25** with an Opening Mass and a special blessing for catechists and families followed by a picnic for our entire parish. Mark your calendars now!

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.



**MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD
COLLECTION, JULY 9, 10**

Next 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.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$4,000.00
Total Collection of June 25, 26	\$ 3,804.00 *
Of that amount ParishPay donations were	\$ 1,250.00
Peter’s Pence Collection of June 25, 26	\$ 381.00
Of that amount ParishPay donations were	\$ 10.00
Parishioners celebrating Mass June 25, 26.....	262

*THIS AMOUNT REFLECTS A DEFICIT OF \$196.00.

2016 GRAND ANNUAL

Goal:	\$80,000
Total pledged:	\$54,415
Total received:	\$53,390
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.

2016 CATHOLIC APPEAL

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

MISSION COOPERATIVE MISSION

Let us give a warm St. Matthias Parish welcome to Sr. Margaret Nyangireki, OLCG the USA Representative for the Mission Cooperative Plan. Sr. Margaret will be a guest speaker during weekend masses July 9 and 10 and sends to us the following brief history:

The Congregation of Our Lady of Good Counsel Sister is a diocesan African women religious institute. It was started in 1937 in Mbarara Diocese by the Canadian Sisters of Our Lady Of Good Counsel. In 1957 the congregation became an independent diocesan indigenous Congregation. Today the total No. of professed sisters is 310 sisters. 90 sisters are retired and aged.

The Mission of our congregation is Evangelization through integral education and formation for the lowly of society. Guided with this mission sisters of Our Lady of Good Counsel have provided skills that instill hope in the lowly of society. The sisters have founded schools, vocational training centers, and health centers. The Congregation supports many youths, those in schools and out of school. They teach and help those with special needs, like the blind, disabled, lame, deaf, orphans, especially the victims of HIV/AIDS. We counsel patients with HIV/AIDS and their families and help many other needy people that flock the doors of convents for help. This demand alone stretches the financial abilities of the Congregation.

On behalf of the Superior General Sr. Jacinta Tuhairwe, and the whole congregation, I thank you in advance. May God bless you all.

We look forward to meeting and listening to the message Sr. Margaret will bring to our Parish next weekend.

COFFEE SOCIAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



The weekly coffee social is in need of volunteers, especially during the summer months. **If volunteers do not come forward, the social will not be able to take place every week.** While the coffee social is an opportunity to connect, enjoy coffee and conversation with one another, people are needed to help with this event. The set-up preparation usually starts around 9:00 a.m. and clean up typically ends by noon. Please consider taking a few hours of your time to help. Call the parish office at 508-460-9255 to sign up for one weekend. Training will be provided! The tasks are easy and many will continue to enjoy this weekly gathering.