

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH, MARLBOROUGH, MA

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, October 29 — 4:00 p.m.

Frank Hill — Memorial

Sunday, October 30 — 10:00 a.m.

Jeff Davis — Memorial

Tuesday, November 1

9:00 a.m. Realle and Newell Families— Memorial

7:00 p.m. David H. Martin—1 Month Memorial

Saturday, November 5 — 4:00 p.m.

Anthony Peltak — Memorial

Sunday, November 6— 10:00 a.m.

Niceas and Teresita Barcinas — Memorial

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, October 29

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 4:00 p.m.
- **Ministry Fair - Wine and Cheese Harvest**
Parish Hall, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 30

- **Faith Formation Grade 1 to 5**
Classrooms, 8:30 a.m. — 9:45 a.m.
- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Ministry Fair - Harvest Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, 5:00 p.m.
- **Faith Formation Grade 9 to 10**
Mass at 10:00 / Classroom 11:15 to Noon

Tuesday, November 1

- **All Saints Day**
Celebration of the Eucharist 9:00 am. and 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 2

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

Thursday, November 3

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

Saturday, November 5

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

Sunday, November 6

- **Faith Formation Grade 1 to 5**
Classrooms, 8:30 a.m. — 9:45 a.m.
- **Celebration of the Eucharist with Liturgy of the Word for Children**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Faith Formation Grade 9 to 10**
Mass at 10:00 / Classroom 11:15 to Noon
- **Faith Formation Grade 6 to 8**
Classrooms, 6:00 p.m. — 7:15 p.m.

Office Hours for the Week of October 30

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. — Noon



**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
ALL SAINTS DAY
NOVEMBER 1 — 9:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M.**

Join the parish community for the Celebration of All Saints' Day, a holy day of obligation where, in a prayerful way, we form a spiritual bond between those in heaven and those who are living.



**Masses will be held in the church
9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

Weekday Masses for the Week of October 30



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

Downstairs Conference Room

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
MUSIC**

Gathering Song: **You Gather Us**
Booklet # 1

Preparation of Gifts: **We Shall Rise Again**
Hymnal # 762

Communion: **A Banquet Is Prepared**
Booklet # 2

Recessional: **Sing Of The Lord's Goodness**
Hymnal #532



FROM FR. FRAN

Are you going to check out this weekend's **Ministry Fair** in the parish hall right after Mass today? A healthy and dynamic parish is always looking for folks to join in the many ministries that comprise parish life. Here at St. Matthias we have many wonderful people who have dedicated themselves to our various ministries. They are excited to invite *you* to join them! There is a ministry for just about everyone. Whether you have a limited amount of time or are looking for a substantial role in parish life, there are members of our ministries waiting to chat with you.

Even if you are unable to share in parish ministry at this time, please come down and learn more about what our parish has to offer. There will be wine and cheese on Saturday and an expanded coffee hour offering on Sunday. There are even a few prizes and gifts to be given away. So check out the goings on after Mass today!

One of our very new ministries to be highlighted at the Ministry Fair is our parish **St. Vincent DePaul Society**. We are just getting this important ministry off the ground and will have an initial meeting on Monday November 7, at 7PM. Please see the bulletin article for more details.

Our 2017 Grand Annual Collection is well underway. Thank you to all who have donated in the early days of the campaign. I encourage each working parishioner to take a Grand Annual packet home if you haven't done so. You will find Grand Annual packets in baskets at the entrances to the church. It is vitally important to the fiscal life of our parish that we achieve our 2017 Grand Annual goal. So, please prayerfully consider a donation today!

When you think of **Halloween**, what comes to mind? For a lot of people, Halloween has become synonymous with candy, costumes, scary stuff, witches, ghosts and pumpkins. But there are deeply rooted Christian connections to the holiday.

In the pre-Christian world, when the Romans conquered the Celts, they added their own touches to the pagan Samhain festival, such as making centerpieces out of apples and nuts for Pomona, the Roman goddess of the orchards. The Romans also bobbed for apples and drank

cider. In 835, Pope Gregory IV moved the celebration for all the martyrs (later all saints) from May 13 to November 1. The night before became known as All Hallow's Eve or "holy evening." Eventually the name was shortened to the current Halloween. Then, on November 2, the Church celebrates All Souls Day, a commemoration of all those who have gone before us.

The purpose of these feasts is to remember those who have died, whether they are officially recognized by the Church as saints or not. It is a celebration of the "communion of saints," which reminds us that the Church is not bound by space or time.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that through the communion of saints "a perennial link of charity exists between the faithful who have already reached their heavenly home, those who are expiating their sins in purgatory and those who are still pilgrims on earth. Between them there is, too, an abundant exchange of all good things" (#1475).

Our parish will mark the November remembrances of the dead in several ways. **On this Tuesday, November 1st, we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints with Mass at 9AM and 7PM.** Throughout the month we will display our parish **Book of Remembrance** in the foyer of the church, along with photos of those parishioners who have gone home to God over the past year. You are invited to inscribe the names of your deceased love ones in the Book of Remembrance any time during the month. Finally, on **Sunday November 13** we will celebrate our annual **Mass of Remembrance** at 10 AM with a reception to follow in the parish hall. Please see the article in this week's bulletin for more details.

While November is a special time to remember our beloved dead, they are, of course, always with us in our hearts, in our prayers, and in our presence, especially when we gather at the table of the Eucharist, which we will one day share with them in heaven.

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 October 29, 30 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary time

Wisdom 11:22-12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10

Readings for October 29, 30 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary time

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16, 3-5;
Luke 20:27-38

PRAY FOR THE HEALING
OF THE SICK



Please Pray For...

Richard Abraham, Laurie Burt, Peggy Cronin, Delia Cruz, Connie Cyr, Del Cyr, Clara Mae Dickerson, John Gifford, Joe Gillis, Russ Hokanson, Emma Johnson, Kathryn Keeler, Emma Larrivee, Frank Mangan, Kay McNeill, Holly McIntyre, Roger Melenson, Theresa Perry, Jean Peltak, Andy Rivers, Benjamin Smith, Edward Suzano, Ray Thomas, Ann Vigeant and Amy Noel Wyman.

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

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH FORMATION

At the Festival of Families in Philadelphia, 2015, Pope Francis said this about grandparents: "Grandparents are the living memory of the faith. They pass on the faith; they transmitted the faith to us." Thank you grandparents and special persons who serve as grandparents. As we strive to grow in faith we remember you and pray for you.

Faith Formation gatherings for October 30 are:



Grades 1 to 5	8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Grades 9 to 10	10:00 a.m. Mass attendance followed by class ending at noon.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN (VIRTUS®)

In compliance with the Archdiocese of Boston mandate regarding the protection of children and others Saint Matthias will provide the required training for all volunteers who have the possibility of interacting with children and other vulnerable persons (sick, elderly) **on Saturday, November 19 from 5:00 - 7:15 pm.** A light collation will be provided. Registration is required. Please contact the parish office at 508-460-9255. Facilitators for this training are April Lowe and Theresa Salafia. These facilitators have received training certification from the Archdiocese of Boston Child Advocacy Office.

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH MINISTRY FAIR

A Harvest of Volunteer Opportunities

Come explore the many opportunities to become more involved in parish life at the St. Matthias Parish Ministry Fair this weekend October 29 and 30! From Art and Environment to Youth Altar Servers, our parish strives to create a community where people can feel welcome, develop a sense of belonging, and have the opportunity to become actively involved in the spiritual and community life of the parish.

**Saturday, October 29 - Following 4:00 p.m. Mass
Harvest Fair Wine and Cheese Reception**

**Sunday, October 30 - Following 10:00 a.m. Mass
Harvest Fair Social**

Take a chance to win a *Giving Thanks Basket*.

ST. MATTHIAS SHAWL MINISTRY THANK YOU



Thank you to Nathalie Dolan and Joanne Litster, members of the St. Matthias Shawl Ministry, who distributed beautiful prayer shawls and lap robes following masses last weekend. The Shawl Ministry is a wonderful group of women who meet weekly to create shawls and lap robes giving great comfort for those suffering a physical, emotional or spiritual ailment. Thank you to Betty Montgomery, Marie Mangan and Renee Kossuth who, along with Joanne and Nathalie, distributed pins to those receiving the anointing of the sick.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$4,000.00
Total Collection of October 23, 24	\$4,340.00
Of that amount ParishPay donations were	\$ 914.00
World Mission Sunday Collection	\$ 386.00
Parishioners Celebrating Mass October 23, 24.....	342

Special Collection for November

November 6, 7 — Campaign for Human Development
November 12, 13 — Parish Maintenance
November 19, 20 — Retired Sisters Religious

Grand Annual Collection

GOAL:	\$80,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$ 6,375.00
Total Received:	\$ 4,925.00
Total Number to Reach Goal:	\$73,625.00
Number of Families Pledged:	12

FINANCIALS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Total Income for the Month of September	\$23,108.00
Total Expenses for the Month of September	<u>\$22,143.00</u>
Net Income:	\$ 965.00*

* The offertory collection for the month of September totaled \$16,576. This is a \$576.00 increase to the weekly offertory collection.

THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE NOVEMBER 17, 2016

The Greater Marlborough-Hudson Interfaith Association is sponsoring a celebration of Thanksgiving with over a dozen faith communities in Hudson and Marlborough, offering the public an hour of music, readings, and prayers, followed by refreshments and fellowship. This will take place at First United Methodist Church, 34 Felton St. in Hudson. Come share your faith and support the St. Matthias Choir.

OUR FATHER'S TABLE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR GUESTS

St. Matthias' *Our Father's Table* ministry has been asked to provide **50 deodorants and 100 combs** for the annual Christmas dinner celebration at *Our Father's Table*. **Please consider donating one or more of these items no later than Monday, December 15th.** Collection baskets will be provided at the church entrances. For more information, feel free to call Sue Dolesh at 248-794-3734 or email at daledolesh@gmail.com.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Each November we honor the memory of our deceased family members, friends and parishioners with our **Book of Remembrance**. You are invited to inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones in this book **throughout the month of November**.

Beginning next weekend, the Book of Remembrance will be located in the church foyer along with photo boards. Parishioners are invited to place a photo of their deceased loved one in the photo boards. Please make sure that you write your name and phone number on the back of the photo so that it may be returned to you.

You may also find specially marked **November All Souls envelopes** at the church entrances. If you would like to make a donation in memory of deceased loved ones please be sure to put your name on the front of the envelope and the names of those you wish to remember on the back. The names of all those memorialized will be published in the parish bulletin in early December.



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE NOVEMBER 13, 2016

The annual “**Mass of Remembrance**” will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 13, 2016**. 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 13. 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 28** to allow the Art and Environment Team ample time to plan and put the display together.

YARD SALE BAKER—THANK YOU

Thank you to *Jane Walsh* for taking time to bake for the recent Yard Sale Bake Table. Jane is a faithful contributor to the bake table throughout the years and for every event. Jane was not listed on last week’s Yard Sale Thank You.

The Christmas Bazaar Bake Table is looking for your baked goods and holiday treat for the upcoming Christmas Bazaar—December 1, 2016.