

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH, MARLBOROUGH, MA

**INTENTIONS OF THE
EUCHARIST**

Saturday, November 5 — 4:00 p.m.

Anthony Peltak — Memorial

Sunday, November 6 — 10:00 a.m.

Niceas and Teresita Barcinas — Memorial

Friday, November 11 — 9:00 a.m.

Phyllis Balinski — Memorial

Saturday, November 12 — 4:00 p.m.

George Kossuth — 25th Anniversary Memorial

Sunday, November 13 — 10:00 a.m.

Mass of Remembrance

**THIS WEEK AT
ST. MATTHIAS**

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, 7 and 8**
Mass at 6:00 p.m.—7:15 p.m. Classrooms

Monday, November 7

- **St. Vincent DePaul Meeting**
Parish Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 8

- **Our Father's Table**
New Hope Church-204 Main St., 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 9

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

Thursday, November 10

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

Saturday, November 12

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

Sunday, November 13—Mass of Remembrance

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Marlborough Community Cupboard Collection**
Bins at the church entrances
- **RCIA**
Downstairs Conference Room, 11:15 a.m.

Highlights of the Week

- **St. Vincent DePaul Meeting— Monday, November 7**
The first organizational meeting for the St. Vincent De Paul Council being organized at St. Matthias will be on Monday, November 7 at 7:00pm. It will be held in the downstairs conference room. This is an opportunity to learn more about what will be required and how you might be able to be involved. This will be the first of several organizational meetings so please contact the parish office if you cannot attend this meeting but want to come to the next one.
- **Our Father's Table—Tuesday, November 8**
St. Matthias Parish community members will be hosting *Our Father's Table* at 204 Main St. Marlborough starting at 4:00 p.m. Servers and bakers are welcome.

Weekday Masses for the Week of November 6



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

Downstairs Conference Room

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
MUSIC**

Gathering Song: **At The Table Of Jesus**
Booklet # 7

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

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

Recessional: **Now From This Table**
Booklet # 6

Office Hours for the Week of November 6



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

Wednesday
9:00 a.m. — Noon

FROM FR. FRAN



The month of November in the Church is one in which we pray in a special way for our beloved dead. As the Communion of Saints, we believe that all those living and dead are held in God's presence, and that we will all gather together again on the last day. The Catholic Church has developed deeply moving rituals for the dead, and, at times throughout its history, has revised and reexamined how we say good bye to our loved ones. Cremation in the Catholic Church is one of those issues that is currently being examined anew.

The Vatican recently released a document concerning the "burial of the deceased and the conservation of ashes in the case of cremation". As more and more Catholics throughout the world are choosing to be cremated, the Vatican thought it would be prudent to reiterate the norms for burial that are already part of the Church's tradition.

Until 1963 there was a general ban on cremation in the Catholic Church, due in large part to the viewing of cremation as rejecting or even mocking the Christian belief in the resurrection of the body. With the lifting of the ban, the theology of bodily resurrection was reaffirmed linking it to the theology of baptism where we believe that the total person, body soul and spirit, will be redeemed and made whole at the end of time.

Meanwhile, over the last fifty years, some Catholics have adopted the custom of spreading the ashes of a loved one at a meaningful place in the deceased person's life, perhaps at a favorite place in nature. There are also customs of keeping a loved one's ashes at home in an urn, or dispersing ashes among family members. The new document does not recognize that any of these customs, no matter how well meaning, are in keeping with the Church's theology. The Church continues to hold that the ancient

tradition of burial in the ground, whether of the body or of ashes, is the norm, and portrays the greatest act of reverence we can give to a deceased loved one. The new document doesn't break any ground here, it just reiterates what has been the theology and custom of the Church.

Of course, how this all actually plays out is where theology and real life meet. Here at St. Matthias, most of those people who are cremated are then buried in a family grave. But there have been times when, at the death of a spouse, the survivor keeps the ashes of a loved one at home and when the time comes, the two are buried in the same grave. In all of this, I think that we need to remember that we must treat a loved one's ashes with great dignity and care.

When planning a Catholic funeral for one who is to be cremated, it is most appropriate to celebrate the funeral mass *before* the body is cremated. The funeral ritual presumes the presence of the body and the fullness of this symbol often helps family and friends to grieve. This is especially true with a wake in the presence of the body. Once a funeral is completed the body would then be taken to be cremated with burial in the cemetery at a later date.

Our current society does a lot to deny death or sanitize death. Our Christian traditions do just the opposite. We are called to confront death, not as something to be feared or moved through as quickly as possible, we are called to see the death of our loved ones as participating in Christ's own death and ultimately in his resurrection. Our Catholic Funeral Rituals are designed to help people grieve and find closure and also find great hope. For, although one phase of life is ended, we believe that we shall live on and one day be together again and enjoy the company of our loved ones in eternity.

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 November 5, 6 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary time

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

Readings for November 12, 13 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary time

Malachi 3:19-20A; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

PRAY FOR THE HEALING
OF THE SICK



Please Pray For...

Richard Abraham, Nancy Bradford, Laurie Burt, Deacon Paul Coletti, Peggy Cronin, Delia Cruz, Connie Cyr, Del Cyr, Clara Mae Dickerson, John Gifford, Joe Gillis, Russ Hokanson, Emma Johnson, Kathryn Keeler, Emma Larrivee, Kay McNeill, Holly McIntyre, Roger Melenson, Theresa Perry, Deacon Doug Peltak, 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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH FORMATION

All Faith Formations meetings will take place **Sunday, November 6:**

Grade 1 to 5	8:30 - 9:45 am
Grade 9 and 10	11:15 - noon Meeting follows participation in Mass at 10:00 am.
Grades 6, 7 and 8	6:00 - 7:15 pm

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.

WELL WISHES TO OUR DEACONS

Our prayers and good wishes for speedy recoveries go to Deacon Doug Peltak and Deacon Paul Coletti. If you would like to drop them a line or card, you may address them to our parish office and we gladly pass them along.

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 are located at the church entrances. For more information, feel free to call Sue Dolesh at 248-794-3734 or email at daledolesh@gmail.com.



ST. MATTHIAS PARISH GREENS TABLE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE



The Greens Table staff is busily preparing for "Greens Week", when the beautiful greenery arrangements will be made for sale at the St. Matthias Christmas Bazaar. Your help is needed to make the green's table a success. If you have a talent for making arrangements, please join us. We will begin making the arrangements on **Monday, November 28, 2015** and we work during the days and evenings so any hours you can spare will be appreciated.

We need a volunteer to coordinate the gathering of greens for the table. The arrangements are only possible through the cutting of greens to be used. If you could coordinate the donations of greens, please let Terry Sciore know.

Please think of us when you're doing your fall yard clean-up! Donations of greens, berries, small pine cones, suitable containers or other items that can be used in our arrangements are greatly appreciated. Greens may be dropped off on the church side lawn, near the dumpster, starting the Friday after Thanksgiving. Thank you for your help! For questions or to help out, please contact Terry Sciore, 508-485-7420 or email tsciore@comcast.net.

THANK YOU—AIR CONDITIONERS REMOVAL

It's a sure sign that the cold weather is here to stay when the air conditioners are removed and placed in storage. Many thanks to Chris Doona, Bill Fettig, Mat Gauvin, Bob Richard and Steve Strella for doing the heavy lifting. Now we are ready for winter (well, maybe).

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$4,000.00
Total Collection of October 29, 30	\$3,432.00
Of that amount ParishPay donations were	\$1,150.00
Parishioners Celebrating Mass October 29, 30.....	370

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:	\$15,625.00
Total Received:	\$10,225.00
Total Number to Reach Goal:	\$64,375.00
Number of Families Pledged:	25

ParishPay Grand Annual Donations

If you would like to make your Grand Annual donation via ParishPay you will find a tab at the top of the donation screen entitled "Campaign/Appeal". When you click on the tab there are options: a lump sum payment, 3 payments and 8 monthly payments. If you have any questions about ParishPay, please contact the parish office.

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**.

The Book of Remembrance is located in the church foyer along with photo boards. Parishioners are invited to place a photo of their deceased loved one on 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 celebration provides us with the opportunity to join with 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 create a proper and dignified pictorial memorial which will be located in the foyer of the church 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 included are parishioners whose loved ones died this past year and their funerals were celebrated outside of St. Matthias.

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 contact Deacon Doug at 508-460-9255 with the information.

UPDATING THE PARISH DIRECTORY: HAVE YOU FILLED OUT A PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE CARD?

Who should fill out an update card?

All Parishioners should fill out a Parish Directory update card; whether you are new to the Parish or have been a member of the community for many years. The Parish Directory update cards are an effort for us to get a better sense of who we are as a Parish Community, and ensure all your contact information is up-to-date. The information provided will remain confidential.