

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH, MARLBOROUGH, MA

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, May 20 — 4:00 p.m.

Sheelagh Desjardins — Memorial

Sunday, May 21 — 10:00 a.m.

John Montgomery — 23rd Anniversary Memorial

Saturday, May 27 — 4:00 p.m.

Mary Cormier — 3rd Anniversary Memorial

Sunday, May 28 — 10:00 a.m.

Pat Goneau — Memorial

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, May 20

- **Bread Bakers' Training Session**
Downstairs Conference Room, 1:00 p.m.
- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 21

- **Celebration of the Eucharist with Baptism**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, following Mass
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Chat Session**
Downstairs Conference Room, 11:15 a.m.

Monday, May 22

- **Liturgical Commission Meeting—Triduum Wrap-Up**
Downstairs Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 24

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

Thursday, May 25

- **Mass of the Ascension of the Lord**
Church, 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 27

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Church, 4:00 p.m.

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Please welcome into our faith community

Jameson Patrick Miller
Charlotte Rose Newcombe

Sunday, May 21 during the 10:00 a.m.

Celebration of the Eucharist

As a parish community let us keep *Jameson Patrick* and *Charlotte Rose* and their family in our prayers.

Office Hours - Week of May 22

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. — Noon

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Thursday, May 25

9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

In the Church



Weekday Masses for the Week of May 22

Weekday Celebration of the Eucharist
will be held on

Monday and Tuesday
at 9:00 a.m.

Downstairs Conference Room

No Friday morning Mass



MAY 21, 2017

FROM FR. FRAN



Thank you, Knights.

A big thank you to the members of the Marlborough Knights of Columbus, Council 81, for the donation of a wheelchair for our use at St. Matthias Parish. I'm sure this gift will go to good use. Oftentimes, especially at funerals, we have guests who find it difficult to walk down the main aisle of the church. We also have parishioners who, because of injuries and surgeries could use some assistance when they come to worship during their recovery. A wheelchair will help in these and many more situations.

The chair will be located in the ushers' closet in the vestibule of the church. If you would like to use it or reserve it for use, please see one of the ushers and they will be able to make arrangements for you.

While we are talking about the Knights, I encourage you to check out the local council's web page, www.kofc81.org, for more information on the great work they do for our Marlborough community, largely behind the scenes. Their mission of service is truly an example of living out the gospel on a daily basis.

Spring Projects

Along with the pastoral and liturgical life of the parish, there are always ongoing more temporal projects in every parish, and we are no exception. So, let me update you on some of this spring's happenings.

As I have mentioned in earlier bulletins, We invited Mass Save to evaluate our current lighting and they have replaced most of the bulbs in the parish hall, meeting

rooms, offices, and conference rooms with energy-saving LED lights. They hit a snag when it comes to the lights in the church itself. We were shipped the wrong intensity bulbs for our space. We are still awaiting the shipment of the correct bulbs. That is why we haven't replaced the lights that have recently burned out.

Also, we recently had all the church gutters cleaned for the first time in a while. We are anticipating some finishing touches to our new walkway to be completed any day, and we are still awaiting bids for the railing which will be added to the new handicapped access walkway.

Another "housekeeping" project is being initiated by the Archdiocese this month and next. For the first time since 2010, our parish will be going through and internal Archdiocesan audit. Our staff and Finance Council have been preparing diligently for the review which will take place in early June.

As stated by the Archdiocesan Financial Practices and Compliance Services Office: "Our objective is to complete an assessment of the Parish's internal controls, financial reporting, and key financial operations and organization. Our goal is to provide recommendations that will promote 'best practices' and accounting consistency across the Archdiocese". Apart from explaining our Swiss bank accounts, I think we will do well.

And one last project comes to us from Comcast. They are in the process of replacing the warn and failing line coming into our building. So, maybe all those e mails that disappeared over the years will finally be delivered!

SPECIAL COLLECTION : CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Next week's special collection is for Catholic Relief Services. This collection supports emergency relief, human development, and peace initiatives in countries around the world. The funds from this Collection provide food to the hungry, services for victims of human trafficking, support to misplaced refugees, and show Christ's love and respect to all people. The collection funds the ministries of six Catholic Church organizations: Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), Migration and Refugee Services (MRS), the Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development, the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church, and the Holy Father's Relief Fund. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/crscollection

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory Goal: \$4,000.00

Special Collections for May

Collection of May 13/14 \$3,860.00*
Of that amount ParishPay donations were \$ 988.00
Collection for Parish Maintenance - May 13/14 \$2,456.00
Of that amount ParishPay donations were \$ 512.00

May 27 and 28 — Catholic Relief Services

Parishioners Celebrating Mass May 13/14 345

*This represents a deficit of \$140.00 to the Weekly offertory goal.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FAITH FORMATION

As we approach the Feast of Pentecost, June 4, please remember our Confirmation candidates in your prayers that they will receive the Holy Spirit with open and fervent hearts. Bishop Reed will administer the sacrament during 10:00 am mass.

Confirmation rehearsal is Wednesday, May 31, at 7:00 pm in the church.



One of the joys of the Easter Season is the beautiful arrangements of flowers adorning the church. The parish appreciates your monetary contributions which may be made in honor of a deceased loved one or other special intention. Envelopes may be found in pews or at the church entrances. Please inscribe your name and the names of those you wish to honor and place the envelope in the collection basket. The Easter Season ends on Pentecost, Sunday on June 4.

Thank You.

LITURGICAL COMMISSION MEETING MONDAY, MAY 22 AT 7:00 P.M.

The Liturgical Commission members will meet on Monday, May 22 for a Triduum wrap-up in the Downstairs Conference Room. If you are unable to attend, please contact the parish office.

EXTRORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION—CHAT SESSION SUNDAY, MAY 21 AT 11:15 A.M.

The next Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (EM) Chat Session will be held after Mass on Sunday, May 21 in the Downstairs Conference Room. Grab a cup a coffee and join us. This is the last meeting until September. Looking forward to seeing you them.

CATHOLIC APPEAL ANNUAL COLLECTION

We are almost there! As of May 15, 2017, we are at 92% of goal. Our Saint Matthias goal is \$21,536.00. Total donations received and pledged are \$19,816.00. Only \$1,7420.00 is needed. There is still time to be part of this appeal for the service of our brothers and sisters throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. You can contribute or pledge on line at <http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org> or if you have questions you may call the St. Matthias office at 508-460-9255.

Many thanks to those who have donated. We are most grateful for your generosity and concern for others.

We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love, be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace.

Pope Francis

PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK



Please Pray For...

Richard Abraham, Boyle Family, Nancy Bradford, Laurie Burt, Peggy Cronin, Delia Cruz, Connie Cyr, Del Cyr, Clara Mae Dickerson, Doyle Family, Colin Fawkes, John Gifford, Joe Gillis, Hannah Gluck, Philomena Hedin, Russ Hokanson, Emma Johnson, Kathryn Keeler, Emma Larrivee, Irene McCarthy, Maura McGuniess, Holly McIntyre, Kay McNeill, Roger Melenson, Michael Messom, Theresa Morrill, Megan Murphy, Deborah Natoli, Theresa Perry, Deacon Doug Peltak, Jean Peltak, 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.

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 May 21 — 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

Readings for May 28 — 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11A

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE MONTH OF MAY

During the month of May we honor and pray for our mothers as well as Mary, the Mother of God. Throughout the month a special prayer will be offered during the general intercessions celebrating the memory of our mothers and the other special women who have been instrumental in guiding us on our life's journey.

You are invited to inscribe the names of the important women in your life in our May Book of Remembrance located near the tabernacle throughout the month. Envelopes for contributions in honor of your mother, grandmother or other special women in your life may be found at the church entrances and are included in the monthly envelope packet. Simply place the donation in the collection basket any weekend during May. A list of all contributions will appear in a bulletin at the beginning of June.



Thank you
for your generosity



**ST. MATTHIAS'
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Dear St. Matthias Parishioners and Friends,

The SVDP conference committee members would like to sincerely thank you for your generosity last weekend! We collected \$3,168.00 to help us provide temporary assistance for the needy in our community. We now have a little over \$5500 to fund our efforts. We want everyone to know how much we appreciate what they have given and we will make every effort to make the lives of the neighbors in our community, who are in need assistance, a little better. Please continue to keep us in your prayers that the Holy Spirit will give us the grace and inspiration to make an impact for those who are in need.

Sincerely,
Your SVDP conference members