

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

**INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Saturday, June 24 — 4:00 p.m.**

Paul Meany — Birthday Memorial

**Sunday, June 25 — 10:00 a.m.**

Niceas Barcinas — Anniversary Memorial

**Saturday, July 1 — 4:00 p.m.**

William Bruce-Tagoe — Memorial

**Sunday, July 2 — 10:00 a.m.**

William “Bill” LaJeunesse — 1st Anniversary Memorial

**Office Hours - Week of June 25**



**Monday, Tuesday and Thursday**

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**

9:00 a.m. — Noon

**Weekday Masses for the Week of June 25**

Weekday Celebration of the Eucharist  
will be held on



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

**Downstairs Conference Room**

**Celebration of the Eucharist Music**

Gathering: **AMAZING GRACE**

Hymnal #586

Preparation of Gifts: **YOU ARE NEAR**

Hymnal #590

Communion: **A BANQUET IS PREPARED**

Booklet # 7

Recessional: **HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING**



**THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS**

**Saturday, June 24**

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

**Sunday, June 25**

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**  
Parish Hall, following Mass

**Monday, June 26**

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

**Wednesday, June 28**

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

**Saturday, July 1**

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

**Sunday, July 2**

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**  
Parish Hall, following Mass



**Lord, in your great love,  
answer me.**

**Psalm 69**

**DONATION BOXES IN THE CHURCH**

*Did you know* collection boxes for *Our Father's Table* and the *St. Matthias St. Vincent DePaul Society* are installed by the church's main entrance? These collection boxes are secured to the wall and are checked regularly. If you prefer to place a donation in the offertory baskets, please feel free to use the purple Second Collection envelopes found in the pews and indicate which ministry the donation is for.

*Thank you.*

FROM FR. FRAN



It's difficult to make any sense of the numerous shootings and terrorist attacks we hear of on an almost daily basis. As Catholic Christians, it is of great value for us to search out and listen to the voices of those who thoughtfully reflect upon the

condition of our country and our world through the lens of the gospel. One such person is the Bishop of Arlington Virginia, Michael Burbidge.

Shortly after the June 14<sup>th</sup> shooting on the ball field in Alexandria, which wounded a member of congress, police officers and others, Bishop Burbidge led a mass and a eucharistic procession through the streets of Alexandria to, as he put it, "bring Jesus, the source of our peace and unity, into the streets".

In his homily Bishop Burbidge reminded those in attendance that the unity Christ desires depends on recognizing the dignity of each person by listening to each other, discussing points of disagreement in a civil manner, and letting go of bitterness.

He then challenged the lawmakers of Washington to "reflect on the unity for which we long." He said: "We need you to work together for the common good; to uphold truth, peace, and justice; to find common ground; to be respectful of each other even in the midst of debate; and to let go of harsh words and severe rhetoric." He went on to say: "Imagine how different the world and our nation would be if our motto was the words of St. Paul: 'Let us make our aim to work for peace and to strengthen one another'."

Although it's a sad sign of the times that Bishop Burbidge felt he needed to call lawmakers to exercise basic human decency, perhaps it's just a sign of our generation's immersion in the perpetual struggle with the dark side of human nature.

What we are going through certainly isn't unique to our age. The Hebrew Scriptures are bursting at the seams with stories of how humanity has consistently broken God's covenant by waging war, rejecting the prophets, replacing God with greed and power. In the New Testament, St. Paul relates how, in his many travels to different churches in different parts of the world, he came up against all kinds of injustice in the church as well as in the society at large.

Instead of bringing holy wrath upon us, God has been unceasingly patient and loving toward humanity, ultimately sending Jesus to free us from the chains of oppression, injustice, and the thirst for power. He even died to level the playing field! In Christ there is no "us" and "them", it's everyone together.

So what do we do, here and now in our world as we find it? On the one hand, it's easy to get down about how humanity has been painfully slow to catch on to the reality of what God has done for us in Christ. We can become depressed or angry or in denial about the way things are and how people treat one another. On the other hand, we can make a positive contribution to our corner of the world by putting into action the words of Christ that we find in the gospels. We can also search out and take to heart the thoughtful reflections of people such as Bishop Burbidge.

A good start in all this might be to reflect on some basic questions. Do we contribute to the problem of incivility, disrespect, and injustice by our own attitudes, words and actions, or do we work towards a solution by participating in the healing that Christ longs to bring to the world through us? Do we believe that through our baptism we have an obligation to work for the common good, or do we tend to only look out for ourselves and our own circle of family and friends? Do we go out of our way to avoid those who are different or do we see others as revealing another side of the face of God? Do we have to win an argument at any cost, or can we agree to disagree with people? Do we make others look bad so that we can look good or do we treat each person with the respect due another child of God?

When we express our sorrow at the next inevitable tragedy, when we share with others our distress and fear over national and world events, when we are brave enough to wrestle with the prejudices we hold in our own hearts, it is then that an openness to the Holy Spirit can lead us through our doubt and confusion to something greater. And when we want to act or react out of anger, hurt, or fear, will we hear that same Holy Spirit calling us to love, forgive, and welcome as Christ did? We may not be able to change the course of world events, but when we allow the Holy Spirit to work through us, we can be sure that we are living out Christ's peace, justice and mercy as best we can.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

<b>Weekly Offertory Goal:</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>
Total Collection of June 17 and June 18.....	\$4,002.00*
Of that amount ParishPay donations.....	\$ 866.00
Parochial Schools Collection.....	\$ 528.00

**Special Collections for June /July**

- June 24 and 25 — Peter's Pence
- July 8 and 9 — Parish Maintenance

Parishioners celebrating Mass June 17 and June 18.....350

\*This amount reflects a surplus of \$ 2.00 over our weekly offertory goal. Thank you.

In the pews are purple Second Collection envelopes. Please feel free to use these envelopes as needed to donate to any special or second collection.

## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Faith Formation Registration

### FAITH FORMATION

Registrations forms for the 2017-2018 Faith Formation year will be mailed to families the week of July 1. It is helpful for our planning if families returned these forms early.

For new families information packets will be available on the bulletin board behind the last pew of the church. Packets will be available in the parish office or by contacting the office at 508-460-9255 or [tsalafia@stmattpar.org](mailto:tsalafia@stmattpar.org).

### CALL FOR CATECHISTS

Faith Formation registration for 2017-2018 will begin soon. **There are grade levels that need catechists and catechist helpers.** All catechists and helpers need to complete a CORI report and participate in Protecting God's Children training as mandated by the Archdiocese of Boston Child Advocacy Office. (This training is provided at Saint Matthias). For each catechist and helper training is provided for curriculum development and activities that enhance the faith growth of the children.

Please contact Theresa Salafia, Faith Formation Director, at [tsalafia@stmattpar.org](mailto:tsalafia@stmattpar.org) or 508-460-9255, if you have any questions about this formation ministry.



### REMEMBERING OUR FATHERS MONTH OF JUNE



During the month of June, we remember our deceased fathers and those men who have been a source of strength, comfort and inspiration to us with a special Prayer of the Faithful at each of the masses. You are invited to inscribe the names of the important men in your life in our book of remembrance, located near the tabernacle.

If you wish to make a donation in honor of someone who has touched your life, you are invited to place your donation in the Father's Day envelopes found in the pews. Father's Day envelopes were included in your monthly packet. You may place your donation in the collection basket throughout June or drop it off (or mail it) to the parish office.

### PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK

*Please Pray For...*



*Richard Abraham, Boyle Family, Nancy Bradford, Laurie Burt, Eileen Busque, 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 McGuinness, Holly McIntyre, Kay McNeill, Roger Melenson, Michael Messom, Theresa Morrill, Megan Murphy, Deborah Natoli, Jennifer 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

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE



School has just let out for the summer but our friends at United Way of Tri-County are already busy planning for the start of the next school season. They will be collecting and distributing school supplies for children in need throughout the greater Marlborough area. We are aiding them with our annual "Tools for

Schools" collection on July 22/23 and July 29/30.

Last year, the United Way of Tri-County distributed 900 backpacks filled with supplies needed for the school year. If each family in the parish were to donate just a few items it would go a long way towards fulfilling the needs of local children. Why not join with others to fill a backpack with the grade appropriate items found on the supply list?

Some of the requested items include backpacks, pens, pencils, colored pencils, crayons, glue sticks and notebooks. Store gift cards are always welcome to fill in gaps of supplies where needed. A complete list of requested supplies may be found at the church entrances. This is an opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child. Thank you in advance 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 June 24 and 25  
12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

Readings for July 1 and July 2  
13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:8-11; 14-16A; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11;  
Matthew 10:37-42



**PARISH YARD SALE  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14  
9:00 A.M.— 3:00 P.M.**

Mark your calendar for the St. Matthias Yard Sale **Saturday, October 14 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Clean your closets, storage units, and basement for items in good condition to be sold for the benefit of Saint Matthias. Your help is needed to set up and tag items during the week of October 9 – 13 and on the big day—Yard Sale Day. Yes, we need your presence on Yard Sale Day to help our customers and organize items. YES, there will be a treasure trove of items to purchase. AND, YES to having our famous Bake Sale and cook out lunch for all to enjoy.

We hope you say YES and join in on this fundraising event. Call the parish office if you have any questions or would like to sign up to help. Much more information will be forthcoming during the summer into early fall. So, mark your calendars!

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATE

The St. Matthias conference started making visits, just after Easter, to families in our community who have reached out for help. There were very few calls the first three weeks, however, it has now picked up. We have 8 cases that we are working on. A couple of these cases are fairly simple and the "friend" just needed some quick help. The other cases are a bit more complicated, needing some time to sort out how best to help and directing them to agencies that can be of more assistance like the Marlborough food pantry. So our members are working hard to help these "friends" with temporary assistance.

Currently we are working with 8 families consisting of 11 adults and 8 children. What are their current needs? The needs range from helping with rent, back-rent, moving expenses, utility bills, food and transportation to the food pantry. We have committed to spending about \$1500 and we probably will be committing to at least another \$1500+. Our most challenging case so far is working with a family of 4 from India, who speak little English. We are actively soliciting various agencies to help them get established here in the US. This one will need our assistance for a couple more months at least.

We are currently very busy but the end results are so worth it!! Thanks to the efforts of our total parish family these people feel some hope. They know God is with them! Please continue to think of us as you decide on charitable contributions in 2017. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY please continue to pray for us.

Your St. Vincent de Paul conference



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