

INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, July 8 — 4:00 p.m.

The People of St. Matthias

Sunday, July 9 — 10:00 a.m.

William “Bill” LaJeunesse — 1st Anniversary Memorial

Saturday, July 15 — 4:00 p.m.

Frank and John Mangan — Memorial

Sunday, July 16 — 10:00 a.m.

Elaine Pilecki — Memorial

Office Hours - Week of July 10



Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. — Noon

Weekday Masses for the Week of July 10

There will be no weekday Masses this week.

Weekday Masses will resume on Monday, July 17
at 9 a.m. in the Downstairs Conference Room.

Celebration of the Eucharist Music

Gathering: I HEARD THE VOICE
Hymnal #622

Prep: COME TO ME O WEARY TRAVELER
Hymnal #630

Communion: IN THIS MEAL
Booklet # 10

Recessional: WE SHALL RISE AGAIN
Hymnal #762



THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS

Saturday, July 8

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

Sunday, July 9

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Social**
Parish Hall, following Mass
- **Marlborough Community Cupboard Collection**
Bins located at the church entrances

Tuesday, July 11

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

Wednesday, July 12

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

Saturday, July 15

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

Sunday, July 16

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



FROM FR. FRAN



This week I will be traveling to Cincinnati with a few thousand other pastoral musicians to join in the 40th annual convention of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM). This conference gathers together folks from all fifty states, Guam, the Philippines and other far flung places. There is a sharing of cultures and music that brings out the reality that the Catholic Church is truly universal.

This year’s theme is “Formed as One: Union of Voices, Unity of Hearts”. Keynote speakers will explore how music at liturgy is a catalyst for unity in diversity, and how pastoral musicians are called to build bridges, not walls in our parish communities.

I will be participating in this year’s convention by leading a couple of workshops. It’s always a bit nerve-racking for me to do this sort of thing, so I’d appreciate some prayers on Wednesday and Friday! I also have a new composition that will be highlighted in the new music showcase from World Library Publications. It’s a new mass setting called the Mass of St. Matthias, and all of you have been a part of its creation.

We’ve been singing parts of this mass here at St. Matthias for a few years now. Your singing of these songs and acclamations has helped me refine them (and substantially rewrite some of them) as I’ve prepared them for publication. This mass setting is dedicated to you, the people of St. Matthias Parish.

I am so fortunate to have our parish “lab test” these and so many other of my compositions. Your feedback (which comes mostly through your singing) has helped me greatly in knowing what is worthy to be published and what should go back to the drawing board.

One of our young parishioners once said that the parish should get a cut of my royalties for having to sing so much of my music. I don’t disagree, but that would probably amount to a penny a person. Writing music for the church is not something you go into for the big bucks. For most of the liturgical composers I know, it is the passion of their lives.

The majority of liturgical composers work in parishes as directors of music ministries. There are a few of us who

are priests, and a small number who work primarily as concert musicians. The majority of the works liturgical composers produce comes from concrete situations which spring up in their parishes. Composers usually don’t sit at the piano and wait for the Holy Spirit to come to them with a fantastic song. They usually roll up their sleeves and get to work on that psalm setting or communion song needed for next Sunday and pray that the Holy Spirit is somewhere nearby.

Some composers are experts in writing chant-like and classical compositions. Others write in a hybrid classical-contemporary style. Still others write in the popular idioms of the day. At least in my circle of composer friends, we all respect and enjoy each other’s styles of writing and find much to learn from each other.

This has not always been true. Over the last 25 years or so a “my style’s better than your style” element rose up in Catholic music circles. However, recently there seems to be a growing mutual respect for different styles of music, resulting in a healthy and harmonious diet of chant, classical, and contemporary pieces. I see this all as growing pains resulting from Vatican II’s opening up the idea that liturgy is by its nature sung, and that you can sing to the glory of God in many different styles.

Please keep in your prayers the pastoral musicians gathered this week in Cincinnati. May the Holy Spirit be with us as we explore what it means to be a union of voices and a unity of hearts.

GRAND ANNUAL CONCLUSION

As the St. Matthias Grand Annual Collection comes to a close, as does our 2017 Fiscal Year, here is the final calculation for the Grand Annual Collection. Thank you to everyone who generously donated to meet our goal and to all your prayers for a profitable outcome for our parish home.

Grand Annual Goal:	\$80,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$60,585.00
Total Received:	\$59,105.00
Total to Reach Goal:	\$19,415.00
# of Families Pledged:	111

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Special Collections for July

Due to the Independence Day holiday and early submission of the bulletin, the Financials for July 2 and 3 will be published in next week’s bulletin.

July 8 and 9 — Parish Maintenance

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. Please label appropriately.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Faith Formation
Registration

FAITH FORMATION

Registration forms for the 2017-2018 Faith Formation year for families previously enrolled in Faith Formation classes have been mailed.

If you were previously enrolled and did not receive your form or you know someone who did not receive a form please notify the office at 508-460-9255 or tsalafia@stmattpar.org. We will rectify any errors. Thank you for your patience.

If you have not been previously enrolled in classes or have your first child entering 1st grade, please find the registration letter and form in the back of the church on the

bulletin board behind the last pew or refer to the website: <https://www.stmattpar.org/faith-formation> to print out your own registration letter and form.

The following Sacramental dates are confirmed:

Friday, March 2 at 7:00pm Lenten Penance Service and First Reconciliation for Grade 2.

Saturday, April 28 at 4:00pm or Sunday, April 29 at 10:00am: First Eucharist for students in Grade 2 (Families may choose either date.)

Sunday, May 27 at 10:00am: Confirmation for students in Grade 10.



ST MATTHIAS PARISH COMMUNITY PICNIC SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 ALL ARE WELCOME!

Mark your calendars NOW for our Parish Picnic following Mass to mark the end of summer and the beginning of Faith Formation for our children! Enjoy sharing conversation, hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages. Face painting and other activities will be available for the kids.

Sign-up sheets for volunteers to set-up and clean-up as well as for donations of snacks, etc. will be at the entrances to the Church on Labor Day weekend! If you already know you'd like to help out or have any ideas to make this a wonderful event, please call the office at 508-460-9255 or email admin@stmattpar.org to let us know.



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.

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, Rita Dennison, 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 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 July 8 and 9 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

Readings for July 15 and July 16 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23;
Matthew 13:1-23

**MARLBOROUGH
COMMUNITY CUPBOARD
COLLECTION IS THIS
WEEKEND!**



Collection bins are located at the church entrances this weekend for donations to the Marlborough Community Cupboard. Your donations for non-perishable foods and health care items are truly appreciated by those who seek assistance from the cupboard. **If you forgot your items, you may bring them to the Parish Office this week.**

**OUR FATHER'S TABLE
TUESDAY, JULY 11
NEW HOPE CHURCH — (204 MAIN ST.)**

St. Matthias Parish community members will be hosting *Our Father's Table* on **Tuesday, July 11, 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 contact Sue Dolesh for further details at 248-240-3615 or via email: daledolesh@gmail.com.



**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 from 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!

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.