

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

**INTENTIONS OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Saturday, October 7 — 4:00 p.m.**

Josephine Myers — Memorial

**Sunday, October 8 — 10:00 a.m.**

Ernest J. Winske, Jr. — Memorial

**Saturday, October 14 — 4:00 p.m.**

James Harris — Memorial

**Sunday, October 15 — 10:00 a.m.**

**In Memoriam**

Joanne Doyle

William Doyle

George H. Deibel

Mary E. Deibel

**Office Hours for the Week of October 8**



**Tuesday and Thursday**

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**

9:00 a.m. — Noon

**Office will be closed Monday, October 9 in  
Observance of Columbus Day**

**Weekday Masses for the Week of October 8**

Weekday Celebration of the Eucharist  
will be held on:

Monday, Tuesday and Friday  
9:00 a.m. Downstairs Conference Room

**Celebration of the Eucharist Music**

Gathering: Gather Your People, O Lord  
Hymnal # 742

Preparation: We Have Been Told (4 PM)  
Hymnal # 694

The Peace Of God (10 AM)  
Hymnal # 719

Communion: Taste And See  
Booklet # 11

Recessional: Diverse In Culture, Nation, Race  
Booklet # 4



**THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHIAS**

**Saturday, October 7**

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 4:00 p.m.
- **Knights of Columbus—Tootsie Roll Drive**  
Church Entrances
- **Marlborough Community Cupboard Collection**  
Bins at the church entrances

**Sunday, October 8**

- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **St Vincent DePaul—Appreciation Breakfast**  
Parish Hall, following Mass
- **St. Vincent DePaul Meeting**  
Parish Hall, 11:15 a.m.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion  
Chat Session**  
Classroom to the right of stage, following Mass
- **Knights of Columbus—Tootsie Roll Drive**  
Church Entrances
- **Marlborough Community Cupboard Collection**  
Bins at the church entrances

**Tuesday, October 10**

- **Christmas Bazaar Meeting**  
Parish Hall, 10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, October 11**

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

**Thursday, October 12**

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

**Saturday, October 14**

- **Yard Sale—Parish Hall**
- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday, October 15**

- **Faith Formation Grades 1—5**  
Parish Hall / Class Room, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
- **Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Church, 10:00 a.m.
- **Faith Formation Grade 9**  
Mass 10:00 a.m. / Conference Room till Noon
- **Coffee Social**  
Parish Hall, following Mass
- **Faith Formation Grades 6 to 8**  
Parish Hall/Classrooms 6:00 P.M.—7:15 P.M.

**YARD SALE SET-UP TIMES**

Tuesday through Thursday  
1:00—4:00 p.m. and 6:00—8:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 8, 2017

FROM FR. FRAN

Many thanks to all who participated in the **St. Vincent DePaul Society's** Friends of the Poor Walk last Saturday. While the day was raw, the walkers related that there was much warmth and friendship along the route! Our parish raised \$4,400 which will go directly to helping those in need in the Marlborough community.

In addition to the walk, our parish took up a **collection** at Mass last weekend for the St. Vincent DePaul Society which raised \$2,321.00 as of Monday morning, with more coming in on the website. Thank you so much for your generosity, and a big thanks to our St. Vincent members who have done so much great and caring work since our conference was established in the spring.

In gratitude for our parish's generosity, **the members of our St. Vincent DePaul Society invite you to breakfast, immediately following the 10 AM Mass this Sunday.** Come share with them our thanks for their great ministry!

**Dogs, cats, guinea pigs and rabbits, oh my!** We had a wonderful Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis last Sunday afternoon. Thanks to all who prepared the event and all those who gathered together for the blessing. It was great catching up with old friends and meeting some frisky new ones!

As you may remember me mentioning, we had a break in an underground **drainage pipe** which caused a backup in one of the church gutters. While the workers were out mending the over fifty year old clay pipe they found an old steel pot which they said the original workers would have lighted fires in to keep themselves warm during construction. The only other thing they found was a coke bottle from the 1960's. Apparently the legend of a pot of gold buried on our property is just that!

Things are revving up for our annual **Yard Sale**. Now is the time to get those unwanted treasures together. The article in today's bulletin insert will tell you all you need to know. And please stop by this coming Saturday. I already know of many great quality items that will be on sale!

Once again this year we will be having a **Ministry Fair** after the masses. On the weekend of **October 21/22** representatives from our many parish ministries will be in the parish hall, ready to tell you about their ministry and inviting you to join them. The folks who give of their time and talent to our parish ministries are the engines that keeps us going. They give life to our liturgies, our outreach ministries, our Faith Formation ministries and so much more. Come see what it's all about!

Finally, it's still hard to put into words the **shock and grief** we feel as a nation and as individuals over the tragedy in Las Vegas. Coupled with the natural disasters of late and the discord in our country, it is almost too much to bear. As Catholic Christians we are called to participate and help in whatever way we can to insure that our sisters and brothers who are hurting get what they need. For the people of Las Vegas, perhaps our prayers are the most important resources we can give them. For the people of Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands our monetary aid may be the most appropriate. I'd expect that the American Bishops will set up a collection within the next few weeks, but if they don't, we as a parish, will explore how we can assist our sisters and brothers in this time of great need.



**ST. MATTHIAS MINISTRY FAIR**

Did you know that St. Matthias Parish has over 20 ministries? Come take a stroll through the parish hall at the **Parish Ministry Fair, October 21 and 22** to learn more about the breadth of volunteer opportunities across our parish, which involve service to the church and reach out into the greater Marlborough community. From the St. Vincent DePaul Society 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. Please mark your calendar.

**Saturday, October 21 - Following 4:00 p.m. Mass  
Harvest Fair Wine and Cheese Reception**

**Sunday, October 22 - Following 10:00 a.m. Mass  
Harvest Fair Social**

Food and beverages will be available as well as an activity for children. You will also have a chance to win a gift basket!

**PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

<b>Weekly Offertory Goal:</b>	\$4,000.00
Total Collection of September 30, October 1	\$3,425.00 *
Of that amount ParishPay donations were	\$ 475.00
St. Vincent DePaul Special Collection Total	\$2,321.00
Parishioners Celebrating Mass	352

\*This amount reflects a deficit of \$548.00 towards our weekly offertory goal.

**October Special Collections**

Parish Maintenance—October 7 and 8  
World Mission Sunday—October 21 and 22

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. St Vincent DePaul donation envelopes are available at the church entrances.

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FAITH FORMATION

There are no Faith Formation gatherings scheduled for **Sunday, October 8** due to Columbus Day Weekend.

Scheduled meetings for **Sunday, October 15:**

**Grades 1-5** 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.

**Grades 9** Begin with 10:00 a.m. Mass and continue in downstairs conference room with Deacon Paul until noon.

**Grades 6, 7, 8** 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

**Reminder to Confirmation candidates: October 21, Retreat day 11:00 a.m. —5:00 p.m.**

This day begins in the conference room. Facilitator is Jim Flanagan. Lunch will be served as well as snacks mid afternoon. Candidates will attend 4:00 p.m. Mass. A retreat is required in preparation for receiving the sacrament. If a candidate is unable to participate in this retreat he/she will join with another parish retreat sometime during the year.

### ST. FRANCIS CLOTHING DRIVE

Our annual St. Francis House Clothing Drive will be held on **October 21 and 21**. St. Francis House is the largest day shelter in New England, serving over 800 poor and homeless men and women each day. This year, St. Francis House has the following much needed items:

Big and tall clothing for men (size 3x and up) shirts, pants (jeans and sweats), sweaters, and jackets  
Larger sized clothing for women (2x and up) shirts, pants (jeans and sweats), sweaters, and jackets  
Larger sized shoes (men: 10 and up, women: 8 and up)  
Winter items – thermals, gloves, hats  
Men's pants size 30-38  
Backpacks/duffle bags/purses/tote bags

Clothing may be dropped off following mass at the portico in the back of the building, across from the parish hall kitchen door. If you need to make other arrangements or have questions please contact the office at 508-460-9255.

Thank you so much 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 October 7 and October 8  
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

Readings for October 14 and October 15  
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6-10A; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 2:1-14

## Mass of Remembrance

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

The annual "Mass of Remembrance" will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 12, 2017**. 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 12. 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 23 via email [admin@stmattpar.org](mailto:admin@stmattpar.org) or drop off in the parish office** to allow the Art and Environment Team ample time to plan and put the display together.

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION CHAT SESSION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 AT 11:15 A.M.

Attention Extraordinary Ministers of the Cup please grab a cup of coffee and meet for our September kick-off meeting in the downstairs conference room. Thank you.

### PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK

*Please Pray For...*



*Richard Abraham, Joyce Belliveau, Boyle Family, Peggy Cronin, Delia Cruz, Connie Cyr, Del Cyr, Rita Dennison, Clara Mae Dickerson, Grace Dowd, Doyle Family, Jack Duprey, Trevor Faulls, Colin Fawkes, Lee Ann Fital, John Gifford, Joe Gillis, Hannah Gluck, Philomena Hedin, Russ Hokanson, Cristina Janunas, Emma Johnson, Kathryn Keeler, Mary Martocci, Emma Larrivee, Maura McGuinness, Holly McIntyre, Kay McNeill, Roger Melenson, Michael Messom, Glenn Molloy, Theresa Morrill, Deborah Natoli, Jennifer Natoli, Theresa Perry, Jean Peltak, Michael Pilecki, Andy Rivers, Benjamin Smith, Edward Suzano, Andrew Tivnan, Ray Thomas, Trunfio Family, and Jenny Weibel.*



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE OCTOBER 7 & 8

Members of the Marlborough Council of Knights of Columbus will be at the exits of the church after mass this weekend, October 7 and 8. **Please support the annual Charity Fund** that assists adults and children with intellectual and physical disabilities with grants up to \$5,000.00. Your contributions allow the Knights of Columbus to continue with this mission.

### PARISHPAY TRANSITION TO WESHARE

If you currently give online through ParishPay, your account will be transferred to WeShare, our new online giving provider, on **Monday, October 9**. The transfer should take just a few days to complete. This transfer ensures that your scheduled transactions will continue to be received by St. Matthias Parish as scheduled.

The security of your personal information is very important to WeShare and to us. If you want to make any changes to your account or adjust your giving amount, WeShare requires a **one-time security verification** to provide you access. To access the WeShare website, click on the on-line giving link on the St. Matthias web site ([www.stmattpar.org](http://www.stmattpar.org)).

#### To successfully complete the verification process you will need:

Your ParishPay User Name:

The last four digits of the bank account or credit card that is currently being used for your donations

And ONE of the following two options:

The email you used to register with ParishPay

A collection name and a specific amount donated in the last six months

Once verification is complete, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to our new WeShare site. Please bookmark or save this link for future access. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the parish office.



### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please welcome into our faith community

*Rebecca Kathleen Adelman*

*Nevaeh Rose Logan*

**Sunday, October 15** during the 10:00 a.m.  
Celebration of the Eucharist

Please keep *Rebecca Kathleen* and *Nevaeh Rose* and their families in your prayers.

