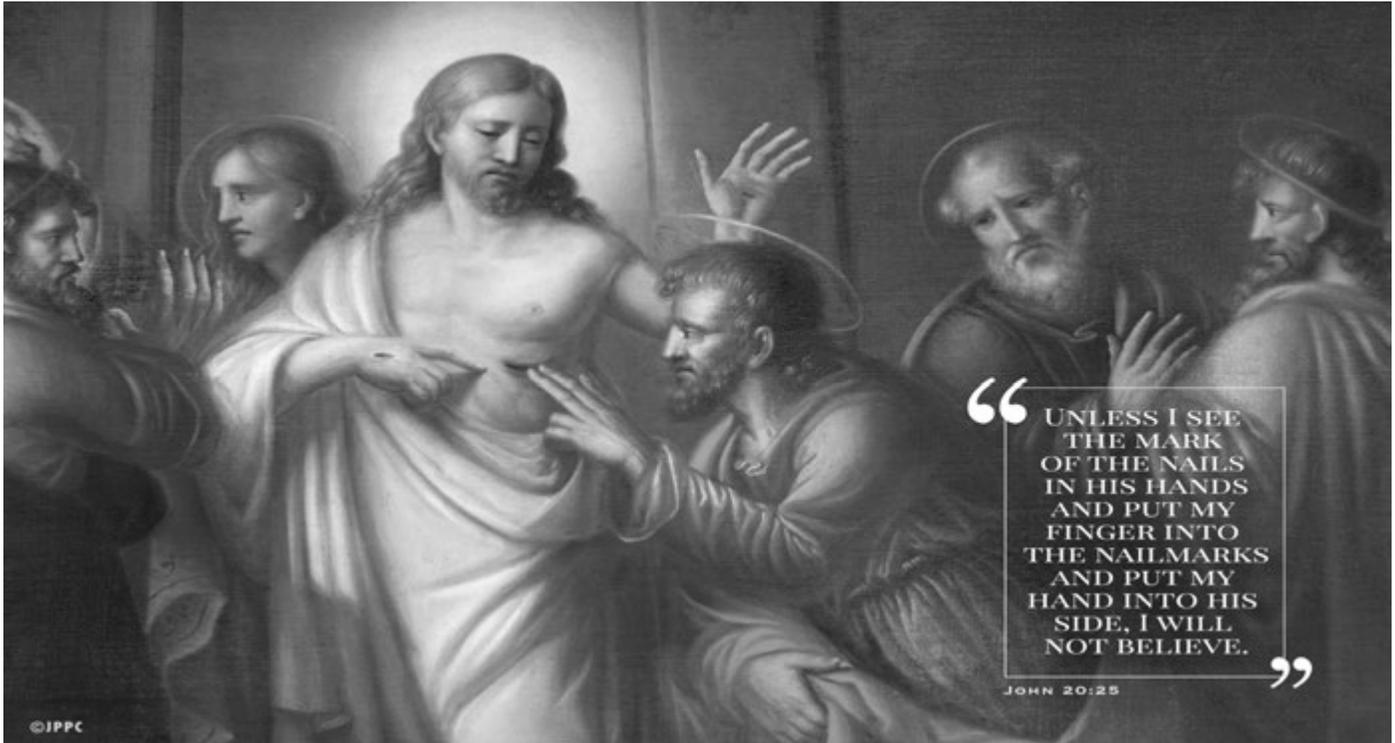


# Parish Communities

## St. Mary & St. Philip Benizi



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Mass Schedule:  
Saturday 4:00 PM  
Sunday 7:30 & 10:30 AM  
Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM  
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**BULLETIN NOTICES:** To Parish Secretary by **6:00 PM Mondays.**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 3:00 PM on Saturday and by appointment. Monday - Thursday, following the 8:00 AM Mass.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at either the 4pm Saturday Mass or the 10:30 Sunday Mass at St. Mary & 9am Mass Sundays at St. Philip. Please speak to Fr. Leo after Mass. (The sacrament may be celebrated at another time for serious reason.)

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Contact Fr. LeBlanc at least one year prior to the tentative wedding date.

**CARE FOR THE SICK:** Please contact the church office if you know of anyone who is hospitalized or confined to home because of age or illness.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please introduce yourself to Fr. LeBlanc, Deacon Coggins or a greeter after Mass. Visit the office or log into the website (St. Mary only). We want to know and serve you. We hope that you will become members of our parish community.

**St Vincent de Paul Society** of St Philip/St Mary at 508 839-3993 x 35. All information is kept strictly confidential .

## St. Philip



### Mass Intentions

#### St Philip Parish

- April 8**– Robert Cournoyer requested by family
- April 15**- Bernard Anvsavice requested by parish
- April 29**– 1st year anniversary for Carol La Pointe, wife of William LaPointe
- May 6**– Carol LaPointe, 1st anniversary by the parish, Thomas & Agnes Gallagher and family requested by Fran Kuchinsky

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#### Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary

Rosary after 9am Mass at St. Philip

**April 8**– Mini Retreat for all 6th grade students @ St. Philip 3:00—4:30 pizza will be served

**April 8–9**– Last Religious Ed classes

**April 15**– Coffee Social St Philip

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#### Sunday Collection

April 1st, 2018

\$4025.00

Thank you for your generous support

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#### 2nd Sunday of Easter

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own...” (ACTS 4:32) All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren’t really owners of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has blessed us with.



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#### Coffee Social

Congratulations to Helen Stone and Jackie Stratton, attendance prize winners at the March Coffee Social. Our next after Mass Social will take place on 4/15. Sign-up cards are located on the table in the church entrance. Your assistance is always appreciated.

## St. Mary



### Mass Intentions

#### St. Mary Parish

Stewardship is everything you do after you say “yes” to Jesus Christ. – C. Stoughton

#### Saturday

3rd anniversary for Marge Spence requested by the family  
Memorial for Mary Ann Smith requested by Diane Raymond

#### Sunday Second Sunday of Easter

7:30am The Parishioners of St Mary

10:30 a.m. 9th anniversary for Leo Charest requested by the family, 16th anniversary for Msgr Jean Baptiste requested by the family

#### Monday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Open Intention

#### Tuesday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Open Intention

#### Wednesday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Memorial for Joseph Lorino requested by a friend

#### Thursday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 am Open Intention

Next Saturday

4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners

#### Next Sunday Third Sunday of Easter

7:30am Memorial for Dennis Flynn requested by the family

11:00 a.m. 1st anniversary for Ann Wasiuk requested by the family

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#### Lasagna Night for Veterans Shelter

The Grafton Veterans Ministry of St. Mary, St. Philip, and St. James, is sponsoring our semi-annual Lasagna Night for the veterans at the shelters in Worcester and Shrewsbury, and the women veterans shelter and their kids also in Worcester, on April 23, 2018. We are asking for your help with lasagna and brownies. If you volunteer to prepare lasagna, please do not bake it. A pan with cover will be provided. All donations should be dropped off in the kitchen by 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 22, 2018. There is a signup sheet on the Soup Kitchen table in the gathering space. Your help is very much appreciated. Thank you!



## Divine Mercy Sunday

O greatly merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to your mercy, to your compassion, O God; and it is with a mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, goodness beyond our understanding, who are acquainted with our misery through and through and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to you, we implore you: fill us with your grace and keep on increasing your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do your holy will all through our lives and at the hour of death. Let the omnipotence of your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as your children, await your final coming....

**O Lord**, I want to be completely transformed into your mercy and to be your living reflection. May the greatest of all divine attributes, that of your unfathomable mercy, pass through my heart and soul to my neighbor.

**Help me**, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbors' souls and come to their rescue.

**Help me**, O Lord, that my ears may be merciful, so that I may give heed to my neighbors' needs and not be indifferent to their pains and moaning's.

**Help me**, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful, so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbor, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all.

**Help me**, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds, so that I may do only good to my neighbors and take upon myself the most difficult and toilsome tasks.

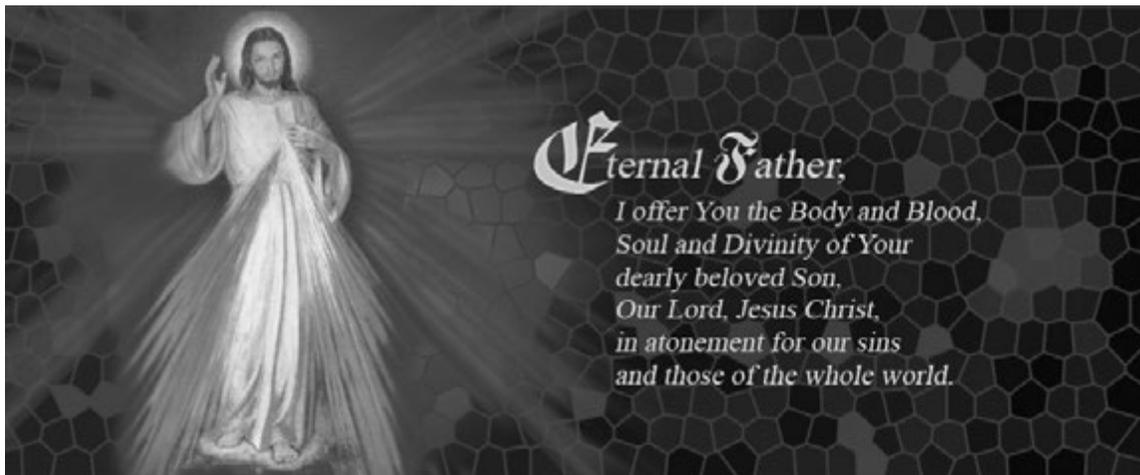
**Help me**, O Lord, that my feet may be merciful, so that I may hurry to assist my neighbor, overcoming my own fatigue and weariness....

**Help me**, O Lord, that my heart may be merciful, so that I myself may feel all the sufferings of my neighbor....

May your mercy, O Lord, rest upon me

O Jesus, I want to live in the present moment, to live as if this were the last day of my life. I want to use every moment scrupulously for the greater glory of God, to use every circumstance for the benefit of my soul. I want to look upon everything from the point of view that nothing happens without the will of God. God of unfathomable mercy, embrace the whole world and pour yourself out upon us through the merciful Heart of Jesus.

*Saint Faustina Kowalska*





**Religious Education Registration**

Registration for this Fall 2018-2019 took place last weekend and on Monday. If you missed this, please bring your Registration Form and Fee, (Cash or Check) in as soon as possible. A late fee will be charged for those who choose to register after April 16. If your child is NEW to the program and was NOT Baptized at St. Mary or St. Philip, bring a copy of their Baptism Certificate. If you know a family with a child entering Grade 1 next Fall, please extend an invitation to them to enroll their child in Religious Education.

**Market Sunday's Outreach Program** "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" is set up by our St. Vincent de Paul and Market Sunday ministries to communicate with our parishioners on seasonal food items that would help to broaden our food pantry.

**We welcome donations of: pasta sauce, Raisin Bran, soup, cookies & crackers, rice pilaf, Lipton Sides and Hamburger Helper, chef Boyardee, juice boxes, jello/pudding and kids' snacks, tissues & paper towels, coffee & tea, mayonnaise, jelly, pancake mix & syrup, seasonings.** Please remember this is only a suggested guideline; any and all items are appreciated. Food items can be left in the Gathering Space at St. Mary on the Market Sunday food cart, downstairs on the cart located by the food cabinets, or on the table to the left of the cabinets. At St. Philip, you may leave them in the basket marked SVDP located at the entrance of the church. We are blessed to have the generous parish families of St. Mary and St. Philip and very grateful for all the food you donate. **"If you know of anyone struggling to provide for their family, please contact the St Vincent de Paul Society of St Philip/St Mary at 508 839-3993 x 35. All information is kept confidential."**



**24 hr Famine - Please join us at St. Philip parish at 7pm Monday April 9,** Tomorrow night is our informational meeting for all those who have shown interest in participating in the Famine. We have scheduled the famine to take place on May 11-12.



**SAINT JAMES PENNY SALE** Sunday, April 15 Doors open at noon ,Prizes drawn at 3:00 PM

Come spend the day with family and friends on Sunday, April 15th at our Parish Center. This yearly event has prizes galore for everyone's interest, such as household items, crafts, toys and games for the children, small appliances and much more We have several golf packages, a movie bucket, a solar bird feeder lantern, Hy-line cruise voucher, a boy's and a girl's 26" Granite Peak Roadmaster bike, and for our large raffle, we have a pair of Red Sox tickets (date tbd)!!! You need not be present to win one of the raffles. Please mark your calendar for this inexpensive, family event. . Come and have your lunch before you buy those lucky tickets! Munchies, coffee and baked goods will also be available.



**Open House at Venerini**

Venerini Academy will hold its Spring Open House on Monday April 23 through Friday April 27 from 9-11 a.m. Visit our classes, meet our parents and faculty. Located at 27 Edward St. Worcester. Contact us at 508-753-3210 x7310 for more information.

**Grafton Troop106 — Sea Base**

Ziti and Meatball Dinner/Auction April 28, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

St. James Parish 89 Main Street, South Grafton, MA

Cost: \$10/ticket Auction items range from Boston Red Sox tickets, Highfields Golf, Southwick's Zoo, Pair of Blue Man Group Tickets and breakfast basket w/ Dunkin Donut gift card and ... many more...



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Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Partners in Charity Appeal. St. Philip is 36% towards our goal of \$33,200 and St. Mary is 53% towards our goal of \$65,000. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the pews. Or visit [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net) to do it online. Partners in Charity is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving 28 charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. Thank you!

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**Piano Player**

Do you play the piano? St. Philips is looking for someone to please help out with our music ministry. Chuck and Patty Brown, our cantors and guitar players are doing a fantastic job but could use some help until our new music director is hired. Please call the office at 508-839-3325 if you can help. Thank you



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Are you or someone you know unable to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion due to age, illness, post hospital recovery, or mobility issues? The Visiting Eucharistic Ministers of St Mary/St Philip Benizi Parishes are available to bring the Eucharist to you at home or your rehab facility. Please call the church office at 508-839-3993 or call Noreen McConville (VEM coordinator) at 508-839-5313 to schedule home visits.

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**Meeting for the St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry** will be held on Saturday April 21st from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. downstairs in room #5 of the church. All are welcome to attend adult knitters and beginner adult knitters. The ministry is looking for knitters or crocheters to assist in making hats and mittens for those in need. Easy patterns are available. We would like to extend an invitation to parishioners of St. Philip's Church to join us in our ministry. For more information contact Pat Morse at 508 839-6070. Please join us in a rewarding ministry. We meet every third Saturday of the month. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets September through May.

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**A Promise to Protect**

In response to the crisis of the sexual abuse of children by clergy in the Catholic Church, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) drafted a landmark document in Dallas, Texas, at its 2002 summer assembly. In this statement, the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (the Charter), the bishops recommit themselves to victims/survivors and their families and to each other in order to ensure—to the best of their abilities—that sexual abuse of minors within the Church will never happen again. A comprehensive set of procedures to address allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy, the Charter includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts of abuse. To learn more our programs download a copy of the brochure: Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal or visit the USCCB Office of Child and Youth Protection.

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. Every arch/diocese/eparchy, and to arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative, if you desire. The victim service coordinator for the Diocese of Worcester is Judith Audette. A report can be made by phone to (508) 929-4363. If the report is made by mail, please send it to:

Judith Audette  
 Director of Healing and Prevention  
 The Diocese of Worcester  
 49 Elm Street  
 Worcester, MA 01609

*Please understand that anonymous reports of misconduct compromise the ability of the diocese to follow up on such reports and to take disciplinary action or any other action. It is the policy and practice of the Diocese of Worcester to respond promptly and with compassion to all reports of misconduct. Be aware that if you report child abuse, the diocese will report the matter to law enforcement. You yourself may also, of course, report instances of sexual misconduct directly to law enforcement.*

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