

Parish Communities

St. Mary & St. Philip Benizi



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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

May 20– First Eucharist Celebration, Jean Drago requested by family

May 27– deceased parishioners of St. Philip

June 3- Fr. Tony Marteka requested by the parish

Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary

Rosary after 9am Mass at St. Philip

May 19– 1st. Eucharist Celebration Mass, 4pm St. Mary

May 20-1st Eucharist Celebration Mass, 9am St. Philip

June 10– Baccalaureate Mass 9am St. Philip

Sunday Collection

May 13, 2018

\$1861.00

Thank you for your generous support

Pentecost

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.” (1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6) All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances; God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God’s plan to work, each must do what we are called to do and guess what – we are not all called to do the same thing!



WELCOME, DARLEEN FARLAND TO OUR STAFF

We are happy to announce that Mrs. Darleen Farland is our new Director of Religious Education (DRE) for both parishes. From Southbridge, MA, Darleen attended Southbridge High School then on to U Mass Amherst where she received a Bachelor’s degree in Linguistics and Anthropology. At U Mass, she was very involved in campus ministry at the Newman Center. (In fact, Blessed John Henry Newman is now one of her favorite heavenly friends.)

After working in the Educational and Interpretation Programs at Old Sturbridge Village, she did post-graduate work at Worcester State University obtaining her certificate in Massachusetts for Elementary Education. After some years in the public school system, Darleen began to work as an Administrator of Religious Education at Notre Dame Parish in South-



bridge in 1993. She then obtained her Master’s degree in Religious Education from Assumption College in 2002. She was then certified as Director of Religious Education by our Diocese. She served as DRE first at Notre Dame which underwent two mergers: Notre Dame of the Sacred Heart and then St. John Paul II Parish over some years. She successfully saw these transitions through, until she took on a new assignment as a faculty member in the Religious Studies department at Cathedral High School in Springfield, MA. Most recently she was DRE at Our Lady of the Angels Parish in Worcester, MA. Darleen is currently married to her husband Paul, and has one son, Joshua.

St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

The value of a gift is not determined by its amount but by the spirit in which it is given.

Saturday

First Eucharist

Sunday Pentecost Sunday

7:30am 13th anniversary for Dennis P Fleming requested by the family, 3rd anniversary for Rhoda Fleming requested by the family, memorial for Dennis Flynn

9:00 a.m. First Eucharist at St. Philip

10:30 a.m. Memorial for Mary Ann Smith

Monday—Thursday— No morning prayer, no Mass

Next Saturday

4:00 p.m. 2nd anniversary for Jack Joyce requested by the family

Next Sunday The Most Holy Trinity

7:30am 1st anniversary for Richard Dion requested by the family

10:30 a.m.-Special Intention

Sunday Collections

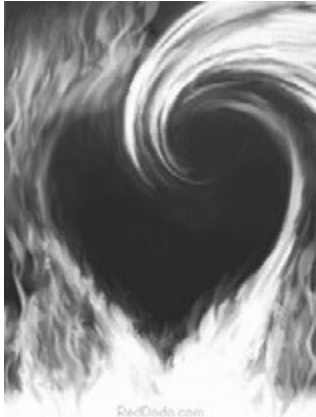
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Thank you

Veterans Ministry Thank You

The Veterans Ministry would like to thank all the parishioners who supplied lasagna, brownies, and ice cream for our Lasagna Night held on April 23rd. A good time was had by all and the veterans appreciated all the good food. Thank you so much for all your help in making Lasagna Night a huge success for our homeless veterans!

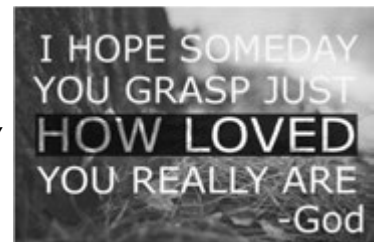
COME, HOLY SPIRIT! SET US ON FIRE



The Holy Spirit is rightly called fire, a living fountain, charity, because He is Love. Our spiritual life is nothing else but the penetration of our soul with that Divine Fire. The Holy Spirit possesses the soul, and the soul burns- that is, it loves. The Holy Spirit is both the cause of the fire of love in us, and its glorious end. St. Gregory of Nyssa says that the glory of God is the Holy Spirit. He is the Sacred Bond that creates unity in God's very being and in us with God through Christ.

In the beautiful Sequence Prayer for today, we pray: "Come, Holy Spirit come! Come, within our bosoms shine. You, the soul's most welcome Guest. Our inmost being fill! Wash the stains of guilt away. Bend the stubborn heart and will. In your sevenfold gift descend. And give us joys that never end."

O that little by little the divine penetration be effected, and our soul gradually burns more thoroughly and more profoundly. The Divine penetration becomes so perfect, the spiritual combustion so complete, that the soul is deified; changed into fire, into love. This penetration, this combustion is described by St. John of the Cross as a log of wood that is totally transformed by fire to become fire.

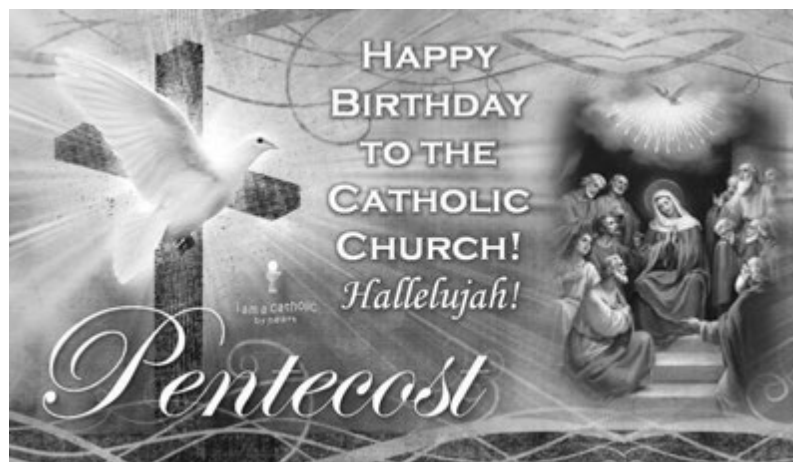


Pentecost sets us on fire to become the fire of God for the world. This Feast is the birth of the Church. How we respond to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit will determine how vibrant or lukewarm we are as a Parish. Our response will indicate our vitality or our sickness. I believe that the Holy Spirit intends to pour out His graces upon us if we are open.



Will our Parishes become more vibrant? If so, we need to know our mission, that is, our purpose. God intends to accomplish His Will. DO WE LET GOD HAVE HIS WAY WITH US? Our mission is not about money. It is about bringing the Good News to everyone that God loves each one of us totally and unconditionally.

This is not Fr. Leo's mission. It is our mission. It will be accomplished only if each of us makes a decision to work together. God intends to use every parishioner without exception to accomplish His Mission. Yes, many of us are getting older or are busy raising our families. But that is no excuse to quit everything and stay at home. Call a friend or a relative. Invite them to Church to celebrate that we are deeply loved by God. HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE! FOR THIS IS YOUR BIRTHDAY! THIS IS THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH! ALLELUIA!



Religious Education Registration — We need Teachers and Aides

We are in need for Catechist and Aides at both St. Mary and St Philip locations for the upcoming year.

St. Mary

Sunday 9:15

- Gr 1- 1 teacher - 2 aides
- Gr 2 -1 teacher- 1 aide
- Gr 3- 2 teachers- 1 aide
- Gr 5- 2 teachers- 2 aides

Monday afternoon 4:30pm

- Gr 3- 1 aide
- Gr 4-1 teacher- 2 aides

St. Philip

We are offering both Sunday morning and Sunday evening this year, if we have the help that is needed.

Sunday 10:30am

- Gr 6- 1 aide
- Gr 7- 1 teacher- 1 aide
- Gr.8- 1 teacher- 1 aide

Sunday 6:00

- Gr 6- 1 aide
- Gr 7- 1 aide
- Gr 8- 1 aide
- Gr 9-1 co-teacher 1 aides
- Gr 10- 1 co-teacher- 1 aide



Please consider sharing your faith in the faith formation of our children. Teaching children requires that you; love Jesus and attend Mass, are loving, kind and compassionate. We all have faith to share so lets start with our children.

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.



In order to help our families this summer, we welcome donations of: mayonnaise, kids' snacks, juice boxes, pasta sauce (Marinara and Alfredo), pancake mix and syrup, coffee & tea, rice pilaf, Lipton sides and Hamburger Helper, Raisin Bran, cookies & crackers, tissues & paper towels . 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."**

Join the **Grafton Catholic Youth Group** for an end of the year celebration at Swirls and Scoops on June 3rd at 6pm. You will receive a free ice cream cone and a chance to win tickets to the Grafton Police All-Stars vs. New England Patriots All-Pro Celebrities Game on June 6, at the Grafton High School Gym. Questions contact Tim Rodrigue tjrodrique@gmail.com or 774-545-6689.

Baccalaureate Mass

Graduating seniors are invited to attend and participate in the Baccalaureate Mass which will be held on June 10 at the 9a.m. Mass at St. Philip. Invitations are being sent out. If you would like to participate in the celebration please contact Mrs. LeBlanc at cleb1329@aol.com or by calling 508-839-3255.

**Saturday May 19th
St. Mary Church**

1. Stefanie Flynn
2. Dylan Barresi
3. Thomas Barry
4. Jack Ryan
5. Connor Griffin
6. Michael Thompson
7. Madeline Spinney

1st Eucharist Celebrations

Our parishes will be celebrating as these children receive the body and blood of Jesus for the 1st time. Congratulations to all of them, may they continue to grow in faith and always keep Jesus in their hearts

**Sunday May 20th
St. Philip Church**

1. George Webber
3. Jake Raffenetti
2. Brendan Ashe
4. Danny Rauktis



Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Partners in Charity Appeal. St. Philip is 76% towards our goal of \$33,200 and St. Mary is 70% 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-in-charity.net to do it online. Thank you for your generous support!



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.

ANNOUNCING 3-week SPRING SMALL GROUP SIGN-UPS: The SPRING Message/Homily series, **"FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"**, will begin on the weekend of May 12/13th and will continue through the weekend of June 3rd. The SPRING Small Groups will meet the weeks of: May 13, 27, and June 3rd (note: no meeting the week of May 20th). Sign-ups will be available online through the website, or in the Gathering Spaces from April 28th thru May 13th. Consider this opportunity to grow in your relationship with Jesus by participating in discussions with inspiring and faith-filled friends of Christ!

R.C.I.A.- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, contact Fr. Leo at 508-839-3993 ext 24.

Open House at St. Joseph School, Webster

On Wednesdays, May 16 & May 23 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Joseph School in Webster will host Open House. Prospective families are invited to meet with the principal, tour the school, and see our teachers in action. Please call 508-943-0387 to schedule an appointment or stop-by the school during those hours. St. Joseph School students receive a Foundation for Life. Come and learn how you can be part of the St. Joseph School family. Affordable tuition, financial aid, and scholarships are available.

Open House and Shadow Days at Assumption School

Assumption School is holding an Open House for prospective students and their families on Sunday, May 20 from 10 a.m. -Noon. All are welcome! No appointments are necessary. Tours of the school will be led by current students and their parents. This event will be run in conjunction with "Donut Sunday" which is held in the Assumption Church Hall following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Spend part or all of your Sunday morning with the Assumption family! If you want small class sizes, a positive environment, a challenging curriculum, outstanding and supportive educators and staff, visit Assumption School in Millbury, MA. Schedule your visit to tour with a parent ambassador, and your child's student-shadow experience to learn more about Assumption School. Call Dr. John S. Hoogasian, Principal at 1-508-865-5404 or email at john.hoogasian@assumption-cs.org.

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Huge Yard Sale at North Oxford Parish

St. Ann Parish, 652 Main Street, North Oxford will hold an Indoor and Outdoor Yard Sale on Saturday, June 2 from 7 am to 3 pm and Sunday, June 3 from 9 am to 2 pm. All are welcome!

If we don't help our neighbors in need who will?



Please stop by our Soup Kitchen Ministry table and sign up for one of the many opportunities to help those in need. We are called to help, we are called to serve. Please take a minute and answer the call and help to make a day a little brighter for those less fortunate

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