

Parish Communities

St. Mary & St. Philip Benizi



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Sunday 7:30 & 10:30 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 27– Deceased parishioners of St. Philip
 May 28– Memorial Day Mass at St. Philip Cemetery 9am
 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
 June 3& 4– Reception for Darleen Farland, both parishes
 June 3– Coffee Social
 June 10– Baccalaureate Mass 9am St. Philip

Sunday Collection for St Philip and St Mary will be in next weeks bulletin

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

“The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ...” (ROMANS 8:16-17) If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance,

Our glorious inheritance as children of God...



• Romans 8:17 “We are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”

using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured

St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give. –Winston Churchill

Saturday
 4:00 p.m. 2nd anniversary for Jack Joyce requested by the family
Sunday The Most Holy Trinity
 7:30am 1st anniversary for Richard Dion requested by the family
 10:30 a.m. Special Intention
Monday
 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
 8:00 a.m. Open Intention
Tuesday
 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
 8:00 a.m.. Special Intention
Wednesday
 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
 8:00 a.m. 14th anniversary for Robert Holt requested by his family
Thursday
 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
 8:00 am Open Intention
Next Saturday
 4:00 p.m. Memorial for Tom & Rosa Jackson requested by Janet LaMarche, Blessing of the shawls
 Next Sunday
 7:30am Memorial for Mary Ann Smith
 10:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St Mary's



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 Southbridge 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.



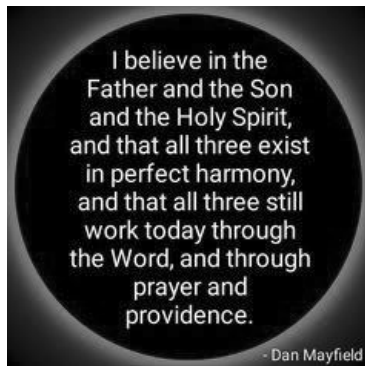
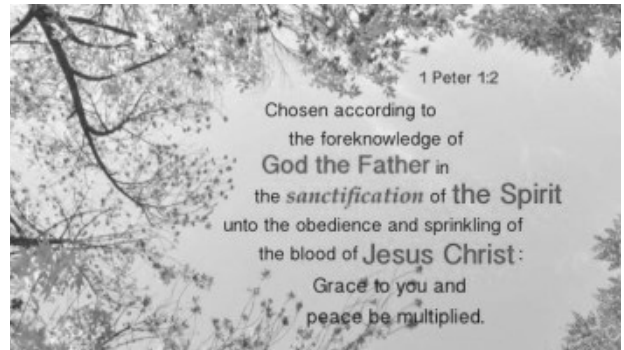
June 2nd and 3rd — Darleen will be introduced at both parishes this weekend, please come and meet our wonderful new addition :)



PEACE AND PATIENCE: THE FRUITS OF LOVE



We continue our reflections on the fruits of the Spirit on Trinity Sunday. The Holy Trinity is the greatest mystery of our Catholic faith. It richly permeates our faith in so many ways. Fr. William McNamara (author of *The Human Adventure*) says: "Any thought of the Trinity must engender in us a sense of humility." For when it comes to fathoming God who is Love, we are at a dead loss. He is simply too great, too vast for us to master. We must be satisfied with what He chooses to disclose to us about Himself. Since mystery lies beyond our logic, perhaps the only thing we can do is prayer. In the act of praying, we do not become more wise or intelligent. Rather, we become more still, more quiet, and less full of ourselves. Fr. McNamara further states that the salient aspect of the spiritual life is union with God. You and I are endowed with the Holy Spirit from on high. We cannot become identical with God but we can become "deified."



God has taken the initiative in creating us, and with His love invites us respectively, yet seductively, into the infinite Love-Life of the Trinity. He does this in His creation as Father, in His Word, as Jesus Christ, and with the Gift of the Holy Spirit that He has given us. God intends to lead us to the bridal chamber. He wants us to realize our union with God which we already enjoy in Christ Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. In other words, God wants us to wake up to all the overtures of His Love, adoringly recognizing His Presence in a broken yet marvelously transparent world. To recognize His Presence is possible only through faith by which each of us

has been called into the pleasure of His Company. **Will we accept this invitation from God?**

Yet how do we know that we are in His Company, even now? We know by the fruit of Peace or Shalom (Hebrew word meaning wholeness or Holiness) which in turn produces Patience or Longsuffering. But Jesus gives us peace, not as the world gives peace. He reveals to us that genuine peace can only come from the heart of God. This is so because in God there is perfect harmony among Father, Son and Spirit. There is no competition because in God there is no ego. After the Resurrection Jesus says: "Peace be with you." He breathes on them and says: "Receive the Holy Spirit." Through the Holy Spirit we are incorporated into the Love-Life of God. In this way God's peace permeates our lives ever more abundantly, transforming us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The primary message of peace is: "DO NOT BE AFRAID...I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:10,20). Jesus elsewhere says: "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home in him." (John 14:23) That is true peace in greater and greater abundance.

From this peace also comes Longsuffering or Patience. How often do we read in the Old Testament how God is slow to wrath? When we want to lose patience, let us remember how merciful God has been with us. Should we, therefore, not also be merciful and patient like our Father? Like Jesus, always resting in the bosom of the Father, we can weep for others like He did over Jerusalem, or be sad at others leaving our company. We can invite and hope others will join us, but never pressure or coerce. That is the road of Longsuffering.



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."**

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.

JESUS IS.

REDEEMER	SOON COMING	THE WORD	THE BLESSING
SAVIOR	AMAZING	LORD	REAL
MY BEST FRIEND	BEAUTIFUL	PEACE	THE REASON
TRUE LOVE	MERCIFUL	FORGIVENESS	THE PROMISE FULFILLED
FAITHFUL	HOLDING MY HAND	MIRACULOUS	SALVATION
PERFECT	EVERYTHING	WITH ME	SHEPHERD
ALIVE!	GLORIOUS	HEALER	RISEN
CALLING	HOLY	A STRONG TOWER	GOD.
UNDENIABLE	DELIVERER	FOREVER STEADFAST	

Take time to show your children what a friend you have in Jesus, and they will have a life long friend in Jesus :)



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.

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 Rodrique tjrodrique@gmail.com or 774-545-6689.

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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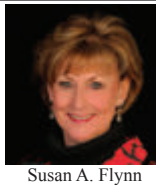
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