

# Parish Communities

## St. Mary & St. Philip Benizi



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**Weekend Mass Schedule St. Mary-**  
Saturday 4:00 PM  
Sunday 7:30 & 10:30 AM  
Morning Prayer Mon-Thurs 7:45 AM  
Daily Mass Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM

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**Mass Schedule**  
**St. Philip Sunday 9:00 AM**

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**BULLETIN NOTICES:** To Carole by 6:00 PM Mondays. Email cleb1329@aol.com

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 3-3:30 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:** 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.

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

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

RCIA is the process of welcoming adults into full membership in the Church. It is for you, or someone you know:

- v who has never been baptized
  - v who was baptized in another Christian tradition
  - v who was baptized Catholic, but has never celebrated the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation
- Contact Darleen at 508-839-3993 X 12 for more info. Share this notice with someone you know who may be interested.



**St. Philip**



*Mass Intentions*  
St Philip Parish

**June 17** Harold Farnsworth requested by a friend  
**June 24**– Thomas Morin requested by Carole  
**July 1**– Anna McAuley requested by the parish  
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**Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary**

Rosary after 9am Mass at St. Philip  
**June 18**– Stewardship meeting 7pm St. Mary  
**June 30**– Recycling at St. Philip  
**June 24**– Catechist and aides get together  
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**Sunday Collection-June 10, 2018**

Sunday Ordinary.....\$3480.00  
 Maintenance.....\$275.00  
 Total.....**\$3755.00**

Thank you for your continued support  
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**Rosary**-After Sunday morning 9am Mass, the Rosary will be recited in the Chapel, please join us.

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**Save The Date -- Saturday, Dec. 1!**

It's official -- the 2018 St. Philip Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1 at the church on West Street. Do pen-



**CHRISTMAS  
— FAIR —**

cil in the date on your calendar so you won't miss the fun. Volunteers are needed for many areas including making crafts, doing publicity, working on a number of tables on the day of the fair, and assisting with general organization. No experience is necessary -- we are happy to train everyone who is interested in joining the team. If you are interested in joining the fun, please call Patti Hart at 508-887-9933 (e-mail: pehart@aol.com) for more information.,,,*hey,, that's only 168 days away :*)



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**St. Mary**



*Mass Intentions*

**St. Mary Parish**

*Christ's standard for giving is not how much we give, but how much we hold back for ourselves. – T.A.Kantonen*

**Saturday**

4:00 p.m. 38th anniversary for Leopold LaMarche requested by the family, Memorial for Jeannette Andrews requested by The Shanley family, 1st anniversary for Earl Ross requested by the family, 51st anniversary for George Moroney requested by the family, Memorial for Thomas Killoran requested by his daughter

**Sunday Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am Memorial for Dennis Flynn, 15th anniversary for Stanley Karpowicz, Memorial for Phylliss & Frank Dorr requested by the family  
 10:30 a.m. Memorial for Mary Ann Smith, 4th anniversary for Jim Pulaski requested by the family, 1st anniversary for Paul Brennan requested by the family

**Monday**

7:45 a.m. Morning Pray  
 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. Open Intention

**Thursday**

7:45 a.m. Morning Pray  
 8:00 a.m. Open Intention

**Next Saturday**

4:00 p.m. For the parishioners of St Mary's

**Next Sunday** The Nativity of John the Baptist

7:30am Special Intention  
 10:30 a.m. Memorial for Michael Rizzo, June McCardy and Leo Parent requested by Rolande Parent  
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**Sunday Collection**

June 9 & 10 \$4,419.10

Thank you for your continued support  
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**Eucharistic Adoration**

there is no Eucharistic Adoration during the summer months. It will resume with the 1st Wednesday in September.  
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**Summer Months**– As we are all planning to take vacations during the summer, please don't forget your parish contributions, we need your ongoing support to help with the daily running of our parishes. It's now even easier to make your weekly donations, even when you are away for Summer vacation! **Please read about the new WeShare at <https://stmarysgrifton.org/weshare>.**  
**Thank you for all you do.**



**THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS HIDDEN**

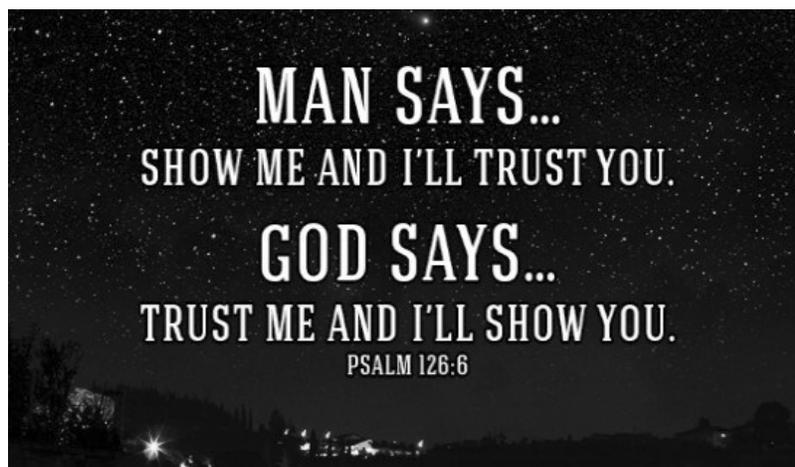
The kingdom of God is presented to us in many parables, especially in the Gospel of Mark. We might ask why Jesus speaks to us in parables. The reason is that the Kingdom of God is essentially a mystery. And like all mysteries you can never know it fully and you can never grasp it. Often the best we can do is to enter the mystery. Jesus does explain to his disciples the meaning of parables, but not to the crowds. The reason is that to understand the deeper meaning of His parables it requires a commitment on our part. The crowd, or casual listener are still stubbornly attached to the surface of events. Only the disciple, that is, the serious practitioner is willing and eager to find the deeper meanings of Jesus' words.

Mark, in today's Gospel, compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed that grows into a shrub. In other words, this is not like the mighty Cedar of Lebanon which Israel liked to compare itself to, but rather an ordinary shrub which was one step above the common weed. Jesus is telling us that the Kingdom of God is not found only in the extraordinary, but rather in the very ordinary day to day happenings. We don't have to go to St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, or to the beautiful cathedrals in France to find God and His Kingdom. God is present right here in the Graftons.

God and His Kingdom are found not in the spectacular events such as winning an Olympic Gold Medal, or in saving humanity from deadly diseases, but He is found in the little improvements in our daily life. The Spirit of God and His actions are present in the almost imperceptible secrets of life, in the love that grows in our hearts, in the greater tolerance and patience we show one another, even though the other person has said this to us a thousand times or has done the same irritating behavior which annoys us, we are able to let it go a little easier because we are learning to rely on God's strength and grace more and more.

Jesus today is inviting us to work at the meaning of His hidden grace and mysterious presence, even in our own homes or in our work place. This calls for a commitment on our part to grow spiritually, and not to remain spiritually lazy. It means that we are also willing to trust that God is at work, even though to all appearances things seem to be getting worse.

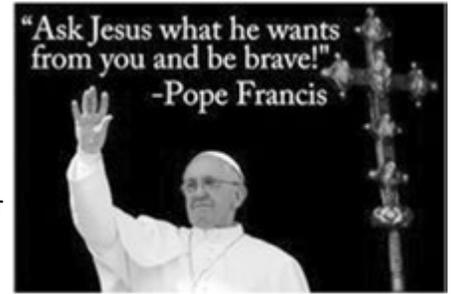
Sometimes people will complain to me that they feel God is absent, even a million miles away. I say to that: "Good!" because in the spiritual journey feelings are unreliable and often downright fickle. What is needed is faith, that is, trusting that God is at work in us.



# Religious Education

## 10 GOOD REASONS TO BECOME A CATECHIST

- You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.
- Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.
- Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus.
- Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith.
- You have much to share with those you'll teach, and you'll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists.
- Today's catechetical textbooks/resources offer outstanding support.
- You'll be challenged, you'll have fun, and you'll make new friends.
- You'll be helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus. (You'll be evangelizing!)
- You'll be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives.
- It's our job: Jesus sent us to "go and teach all nations."



Won't you answer the call? We are looking for catechists and aides for Grades 1 through 5 at St Mary and catechists and aides for Grades 6 through 9 at St. Philip  
 Please contact Darleen Farland at [dfarland@stmarysgraffon.org](mailto:dfarland@stmarysgraffon.org) or 508-839-3993 ext. 12

**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."**



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**Catechetical gathering—Catechist and Aides—** Please join us as we explore Treasures. Sunday June 24 from 12 to 1:30-2:00—**Do you hold the KEY???** Invitations have gone out in email, if you didn't receive one and plan on teaching or helping in the classroom this coming year, please contact Darleen or Carole.  
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## Echoes of Faith 3.0—Basic Formation for Parish Catechist-Online Catechist Training

The office of Religious Education, through RCL Benziger's Echoes 3.0 program is pleased to offer online courses towards Basic Catechist Certification. Take course in the comfort of your own homes in English or Spanish, log into the course any time of day or night, share ideas with other catechist from throughout the Worcester Diocese through the interactive discussion board. The courses being offered are as follows:

Dates	Course Title	Course Instructor
July 1 to August 4, 2018	I Believe/We Believe/ (Creed)	Darleen Farland/Sindy Collazo
August 5 to September 8, 2018	Liturgy & Sacraments	Mary Pat Heelan/ Sindy Collazo
Sept. 9 to Oct 13, 2018	Catholic Morality	Barbara Ramian/ Sindy Collazo
Oct 14 to Nov 17, 2018	The Scriptures	Mary Pat Heelan/ Sindy Collazo
Nov 18 to Dec 29, 2018	The Church	Mary Pat Heelan

**To Register:** Go to [www.worcesterdiocese.org](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org) . Under "Departments", click on "Religious Education"  
 On the sidebar , click on "Echoes 3.0 Registration" and complete the online registration form. Once you have registered through the website, we will email you a code and instructions for creating your account and logging into the course. **Please register at least one week before the scheduled start date for the course.**

For questions, please contact the Office of Religious Education:  
 Barbara Ramian (508) 929-4308 or [bramian@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:bramian@worcesterdiocese.org)  
 Tina Rameo (508) 929-4303 or [tromeo@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:tromeo@worcesterdiocese.org)



Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Partners in Charity Appeal. St. Philip is 82% towards our goal of \$33,200 and St. Mary is 78% 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](http://www.partners-in-charity.net) to do it online. Thank you for your generous support!

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**FATHER'S DAY CANDY BAR DRIVE**

The Parish Pro-Life Ministry will be sponsoring the annual Father's Day Candy Bar Drive after each of the four Masses on Father's Day weekend. We will have a variety of 2.15 ounce Hebert's candy bars available for a donation of \$2.00 each. Each bar will be labeled "THANK YOU DAD FOR GIVING ME THE GIFT OF LIFE". This is a great opportunity to show your father the love and appreciation he deserves, while also supporting the Catholic Church's Teachings on the Gospel of Life and the Pro-Life efforts in our parish. Thank you for your support.

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**The 2018 Catholic Women's Conference**

Join us for the Worcester Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, November 10th 2018 to rediscover and renew your faith. There will be wonderful talks by great national speakers and opportunities to meet them and make new friends. There will be time for fellowship, to go to confession, celebrate the Eucharist, and altogether strengthen your Catholic identity! Join us for this conference to **Know Him, to Love Him, and to Serve Him**. For more information and to register online please visit [www.worcesterdiocese.org](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org), click on helpful links, click on **Worcester Catholic Women Conference**.

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**Daigle/Rixham Fire Relief Fund Announced**

Friends of Norm and Jean Daigle and their daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Randall Rixham, have announced the creation of a Fire Relief Fund effort to help the families who lost their home and all their possessions in a 4-alarm fire at their Millbury Street home on May 30.

The Daigles, both 86, are long-time parishioners at St. Philip's Church and Norm served as a lector here for many years. The home, owned by their daughter and son-in-law, has been declared a total loss, and family members say that are not likely to receive insurance payments to rebuild for close to a year.

To help the families begin the rebuilding process, The Grafton Lions Club and community members have organized a two-part relief effort to help ease the pain of this tragedy. All those wishing to make a donation to help the Daigle and Rixham families can choose one of the two following methods:

1. Checks can be made out to "The Daigle/Rixham Family Fire Relief Fund" and sent to: UniBank, 89 Worcester Street, North Grafton, MA 01536.

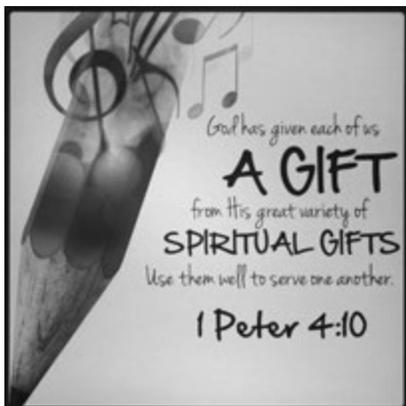
2. Those wishing to make an on-line donation can go to "<https://www.gofundme.com/daigle-fire-devastation>".

Those with questions about the relief effort should call Grafton Lion John Riemer at 508-729-3989.

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**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body." (2 CORINTHIANS 5:10) We are all accountable for the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

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