

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

St. Philip Office - 508-839-3325

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Mass Schedule

St. Philip Sunday 9:00 AM

*Parish Secretary St. Mary: x10

*Parish Secretary St. Philip: Carole LeBlanc—cleb1329@aol.com

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

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

July 1– Anna McAuley requested by the parish, Madeleine Zaleski 15th anniversary requested by the Stratton's
July 8– Deceased members of the Stone family, Megan Kauliila requested by the parish, Mary Theresa Bertone requested by her sisters.
July 15– Helen LaPan requested by a friend

Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary

Rosary after 9am Mass at St. Philip
June 30– Recycling at St. Philip

Sunday Collection-June 24, 2018

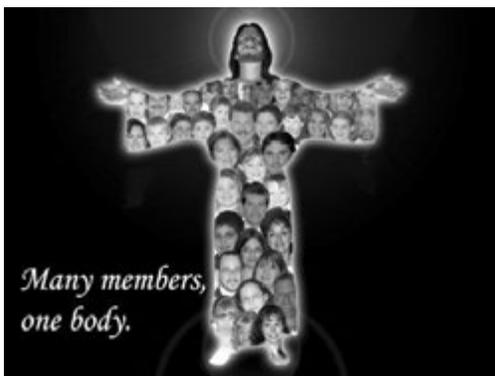
Sunday Ordinary.....	\$ 1287.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 20.00
Total.....	\$1427.00

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Rosary-After Sunday morning 9am Mass, the Rosary will be recited in the Chapel, please join us.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality." (2 CORINTHIANS 8:14) We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of those around us. It is important that we not only grow, nurture and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ". We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.



We are always in search of people to volunteer .

Please pray and answer Gods call to help our in one of the many ministries that need you. Please call the church office—St. Mary or St. Philip



St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

"Genuine love is demanding, but its beauty lies precisely in the demands it makes." Pope Francis

Saturday– 4pm Wedding anniversary Malvina & Thomas Killoran, 6th month anniversary Irene Mombourquette by Rev. John Bagley

Sunday– 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30– Ann Flynn, 25th anniversary requested by the family
10:30-Adam, Cam and John LeVicki requested by family, 8th anniversary Ann Barcinas requested by family.

Monday– 7:45– Morning Prayer
 8:00– Morning Mass– open intention

Tuesday– 7:45– Morning Prayer
 8:00 Morning Mass– open intention

Wednesday– 7:45– Morning Prayer
 8:00 Morning Mass– open intention

Thursday– 7:45 Morning Prayer
 8:00– Morning Prayer– open intention

Next Saturday– 4:00pm– Memorial Maryann Smith

Next Sunday– 7:30– Special Intention
 10:30– Deceased members of St. Mary Parish

Sunday Collection-June 24, 2018

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Eucharistic Adoration

There is no Eucharistic Adoration during the summer months. It will resume with the 1st Wednesday in September.

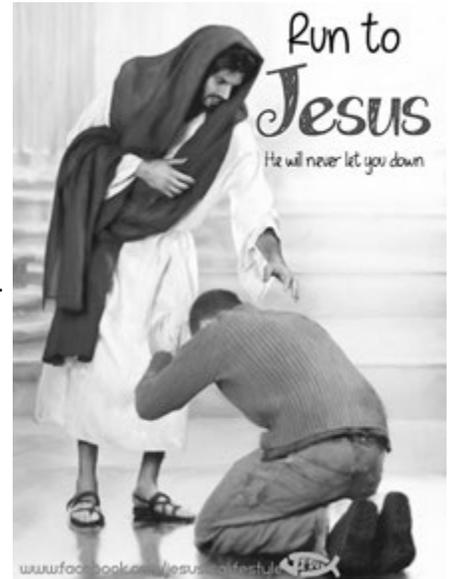
Summer Months– As we are all planning to take vacations during the summer, please don't forget your parish contributions, we need your ongoing support to help with the daily running of our parishes. It's now even easier to make your weekly donations, even when you are away for Summer vacation! **Please read about the new WeShare at <https://stmarysgraton.org/weshare>.** Thank you for all you do.



Come Celebrate the Eucharist with us at Morning Mass Monday thought Thursday at 8:00 am,,,,, Jesus, what a wonderful gift to receive everyday!

INDEPENDENCE THROUGH DEPENDENCE ON GOD

As we get ready to celebrate our Independence Day as Americans, our Church rightly has on reflect on our dependence on God in the Gospel of Mark. This is very appropriate for us as Catholic Americans. We reflect on the story of Jairus, the synagogue's official, and his daughter who is dying. On His way to Jairus' house Jesus encounters the woman with a hemorrhage who has been bleeding for 12 years and spent all her money with doctors but to no avail. She says to herself, "If only I can touch his garment, I know I will be healed." She is healed and Jesus seeks her out. (This story is sandwiched into the story of Jairus and his daughter.) He then goes to Jairus' house and raises his daughter back to life.



These stories are only properly understood in the context of the Old Testament. As the synagogue official, Jairus was the keeper of the Law. The primary commandment was to love the Lord with all your heart, with all your strength, and with all your soul. (To do that, one had to be emptied for God.) What drives Jairus to go against the grain of the old covenant are two things: His desire for the Living God, and his human misery, especially with his daughter being very sick. We are told that he falls at Jesus' feet and begs Him to lay His hand on his daughter that she may live.



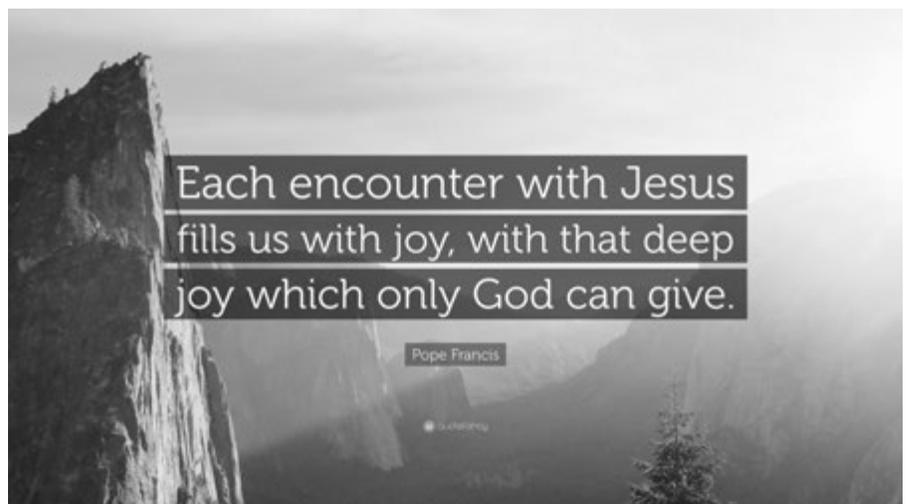
Like Jairus, we have to confess our own impotence in the face of death, and like him *learn to run to Jesus, come what may. For in Jesus' hands we will see the hand of God who gives us His very own Spirit.*

With the woman who has been hemorrhaging for twelve years, she is behind Jesus, and is convinced that if she but touches his clothes she will get well. The loss of blood is equal to the loss of life and communion with God. It's as if she has a hole in her that keeps draining the life out of her. **What is the hole in our soul that drains all**

the life out of us? Are we being sucked into a vortex like so many in our world today because we are caught up in the "busy-ness" of business? Does the world convince us of its empty promises that if we work hard we can obtain a fulfilled life?

As we prepare to celebrate Independence Day, we must deal with the hole in America's heart. Instead of becoming a nation that enjoys freedom and peace, many of us are embracing a culture of death. Our lifeblood is being drained out of us. Our only hope is to seek

Christ with all our heart, as Jairus and the hemorrhaging woman did. Because when Christ turns around and looks at us, we will receive not only healing, but also His very own Life and Spirit. What it takes on our part is an act of faith and complete trust. The paradox is that we gain true independence only by complete dependence on God. Life, peace and happiness are not found in seeking independence from God, but in seeking Him to lay His hands on us that He may give us Eternal Life.



Religious Education

Young Adults

Join us for the next Theology on Tap on Tuesday, July 10th at Compass Tavern in Worcester! Our speaker will be Fr. Jim Boland and the topic will be "Mission Possible: Living Your Call in the Modern World".

This is your mission, should you choose to accept it. As Christians living in and ever changing and evolving world, the mission to lead lives of holiness can often seem like a daunting and seemingly impossible task. Fr. Jim Boland joins us as our guest speaker to discuss this mission and how we can accomplish it through God's grace.

About Theology on Tap:

Theology on Tap is a gathering for young adults (ages 18-39) that provides an informal and laid-back atmosphere to meet other young adults, encounter Christ, and dive deeper into various topics and real-life issues that relate to our faith. Whether you are devout in your faith or haven't set foot in a church in years (or never!), Theology on Tap is the perfect place for you! All are welcome! Cost is free!!! (Appetizers/dinner and drinks are available for purchase)

*Must be 18 or over to attend. Must be 21 or over to purchase and consume alcohol.

Doors open at 6:30 for drinks and food. The speaker will begin around 7:15pm and there will be time for Q&A afterwards. Then feel free to stay as long as you'd like, grab some more food, and hang out with some awesome people.

Diocesan Young Adult Retreat August 3-4 at Immaculate Conception, Putnam, CT

Do you feel busy and constantly bombarded with the stresses and anxiety of everyday life? Are you in need of spiritual renewal? If so, join other young adults to step away with Christ for a weekend of empowerment and renewal! This retreat is a perfect opportunity for anyone! It doesn't matter if you are devout in your faith or simply just searching for truth and purpose in life. Cost is \$50 which includes all meals as well as over-night accommodations.



The retreat will begin Friday evening and will conclude Saturday afternoon following the vigil Mass. Contact Tim Messenger, Diocesan Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 508-929-4360 or at tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org. Deadline to register is July 18th!

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."**



If you have not registered your child for Religious Ed, please do so now.

The form is on the web site or you can come to either St. Mary or St. Philip to register. We will begin ordering supplies soon and would like to make sure we have enough texts for all.



Interviews with Fr. Leo can now be scheduled by going to the website, under liturgy and sacraments. Please click on the link and schedule your interview. Remember to have your completed survey with you. Please remember that at least one parent must attend the interview with your child.

Any questions?? Please email Carole at cleb1329@aol.com

If you didn't attend the confirmation meeting and still need to pick up your folder, please do so asap.

NEWS FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY ~~~~~ TIME , TALENT & TREASURE

The parish communities of St. Mary and St. Philip are a tithing community. For us this means that 5% of our weekly offerings are put aside to be used as donations to appropriate 501c3 non-profit organizations focusing on work in our local community, the nation and the world.

In effort to further collaboration between our parishes, a new Stewardship ministry has been formed by Fr. Leo. The members of this ministry are: Carole LeBlanc, Pete Cardoza and Karen Jordan from St. Philip and Sue Treveloni, Rolande Parent, Sharon Doane and Joan Shanley from St. Mary.

Please watch future bulletins for more information on how our parish tithes are being used. If you are aware of an appropriate 501c3 that you would like us to consider, please forward the information to Joan Shanley at jfs34@msn.com .Thank you for your continued generosity to those in need.



Volunteer Farming for Hunger Relief!

Community Harvest Project (CHP) is a non-profit farm that engages volunteers to grow fresh fruits and vegetables to provide to those experiencing hunger. Through their volunteer farming programs, education initiatives, and community partnerships, CHP brings thousands of community members together each year to improve access to healthy foods for individuals and families in need across Worcester County.

They are always in need for volunteers, especially during the Summer & Fall growing and harvesting seasons. They also have several unique fundraisers throughout the year, including their first ever "Farm to Table Dinner" on August 9th. Keep track of needs and events at <https://stmarysgrafton.org/chp>. We thank you for your support!



Come Celebrate Grandparent's Day

Feast of St. Joachim & St. Anne, Grandparents of Jesus. Thursday, July 26 from 10 am - 3:30 pm, Saint Anne's Shrine, 16 Church St., Fiskdale, (Sturbridge), 508-347-7338. Speakers: John and Therese Boucher, authors of Praying for Our Adult Sons and Daughters and Spiritual Grandparenting, will present "Spiritual Grandparenting" and "Sharing Our Faith with Young People." Lunch, Healing Mass/Anointing Service, & Rosary Procession. For more information contact Alicia Belanger at email lishbelanger@comcast.net. (Sponsored by the Catholic Grandparent's Association.) "The old and the young are the twin towers of the great suspension bridge which morally upholds our civilization: the old represent Christianity's memory and the young represent our future." (Pope Francis)

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL TO OUR SECRETARY

We are very grateful as a Parish for the many years of service that Janice Sears has given to St. Mary's. After twenty four years, Jan has decided it was time for a change. She has served us well and has worked for four pastors. Whether you needed to book Masses for loved ones, or you were a newcomer needing to register yourself and your family, or needed to talk to any of the staff, or were requesting a baptism certificate or other certificate for sponsorship or becoming a godparent, Jan was there to greet you and try to fulfill your request, or to point you in the right direction. She was the one who most often answered the phone when you needed to have answers to your questions or to express your concerns.

Thank you, Jan, for your dedication and your years of service. We wish you the very best in your future endeavors. Our prayers and heartfelt thanks go with you.

PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A PARTNER WITH CHRIST

As Parishes of St. Mary's and St. Philip's, we are in our last stretch of our Annual Partnership in Charity Appeal for 2018. Many of you have contributed in the name of Christ to very important ministries in our diocese which benefit children, families, elderly, future priests and priests who are retired but very much in need of our help. We are close to our goal as parishes, but need that extra last push to cross the finish line.

If you have not yet given this year to this appeal, in Christ's name I beg you to consider making a pledge over time, or making a one time contribution as God inspires you to do so. St. Teresa of Calcutta, our patron for this year, was not afraid to beg for the poor. May she inspire you to be generous as she was generous with what she had and counted on others to help Christ achieve His ministry through her.

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