

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

*Parish Secretary St. Mary: x10

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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

July 8– Deceased members of the Stone family, Megan Kaulilla 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-July 1, 2018
Not available at this time

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



St. Philip office will be closed from July 2 though July 23. Carole is taking a vacation:) Any one who has anything for the bulletin should email to Carole at cleb1329@aol.com.

Please call our DRE, Darleen, at St. Mary with any and all RE questions.



St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

"Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure." Saint John Paul II

Saturday– 4:00pm– Memorial Maryann Smith

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

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**– Anniversary for Herbert, Sabourine, Alic & Sheldon deceased family members requested by family, 4th anniversary Walter Burnham requested by son, memorial for Jeannette Andrews requested by Shanley family

Next Sunday 7:30– 48 anniversary for Mary E Fleming requested by family, 6th anniversary Dennis Flynn
10:30– Joseph L MacDonough requested by family

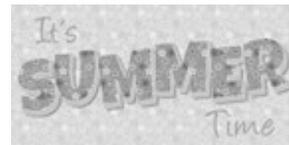
Sunday Collection-July, 2018
Not available at this time

Thank you for your continued support

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://stmarysgraffon.org/weshare>.** Thank you for all you do.



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

FREEDOM TO BE WHO YOU ARE

Last Wednesday we celebrated our Independence Day. We celebrated our freedom from tyranny, and today we celebrate our freedom for doing God's will. This is freedom to be our truest selves: "To be all you can be." But it is not the U.S. Army that will help you do that, but God's Grace. In the famous words of M.L. King Jr.: "Free at last! Free at last! THANK GOD Almighty, I'm free at last!" This is what we celebrate today.

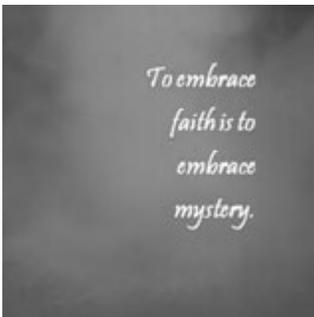
In our Gospel Jesus is labeled as mad, as "off his rocker" by his own people from Nazareth. And though Jesus was saddened by their minds and hearts being closed, he didn't let it bother him because he was totally free. "How was he so free," we might ask. It is because all his thoughts and actions, indeed his whole life was in perfect harmony with God's Will. He knew in the depths of his heart that his Father, our Father, loved him totally. And that made him rich though he possessed nothing. (Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could celebrate our freedom in such a total way?)

As much as you want
to plan your life, it has
a way of surprising you
with unexpected
things that will make you
happier than you
originally planned.

That's what you call
GOD'S WILL.

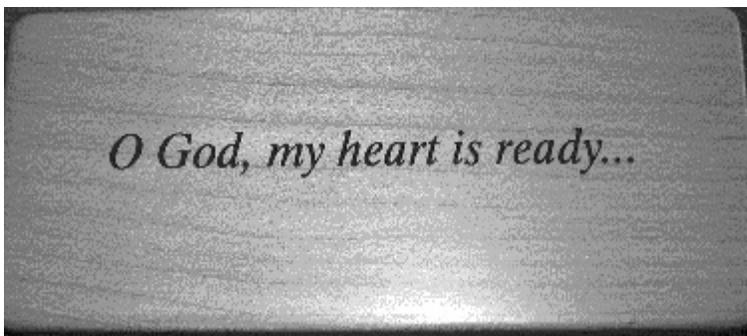
Although Jesus is "off his rocker," he goes about doing good, preaching the Good News, healing the sick and forgiving sinners. He did everything a child of God would do. He comes to Nazareth to read the Scriptures and teach in the local synagogue. Peoples' mouths drop. They can't believe it. Unfortunately, they ask the right questions but give the wrong answers. Where did this man get all this? It's out of the ordinary. Something has happened. He is so free!

What kind of wisdom has been given to him? And where did he get it? Certainly not from Nazareth or Jerusalem! He received it from God. He accomplishes God's work and so his words have power. But he doesn't fit their bias and stereotype of him. So they conclude he is mad. Are we guilty of the same biases and stereotypes with each other? Do we box each other in? Do spouses box each other in? Do we label people because of the way they look or dress? Do we box Jesus in according to our own biases?



Our faith and our trust in God will determine how much God's power can accomplish in our individual lives, in our Parishes, and in our Catholic community. Are you willing to see Christ as essentially a Mystery who you must embrace as Mystery? Do you see yourself as a mystery? Do you see your spouse, your children, your parents, or your friends as a mystery? Are you willing to suspend your biases, your judgments and truly listen to what God has in store for you and others?

Let us ardently pray this week the words of the Psalmist: "My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready!" (Psalm 57:7) Let us take to heart God's words from the Book of Isaiah: "See, I am doing something new! It springs up; can you not see it?" (Isaiah 43:19) God gives us the freedom to become our true selves. Will we in freedom embrace who we really are?



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:

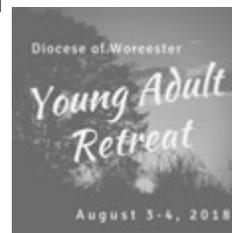
Theology on Tap is a gathering for young adults (ages 18-39) that provides an informal and laid-back atmosphere to meet other young adults, encounter Christ, and dive deeper into various topics and real-life issues that relate to our faith. Whether you are devout in your faith or haven't set foot in 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)

"Light of Education Foundation" Night in Sturbridge

Join us Thursday, July 12 at 6:30 pm, at St Anne-St Patrick Parish, St Joachim Chapel, 16 Church Street, Fiskdale for an introduction, discussion and video of a day in the life of a child in Haiti to be presented by a new committee from St Anne's Parish supporting the Light of Education Foundation. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. The guest speaker is Magalie Olivier, Foundation Director. The Light of Education Foundation is a non-profit organization founded and headed by Fr. Stanley Rousseau of Haiti. It provides education and personal development for the underprivileged children of Savanne du Bois, Margiot, Haiti through the building of a fledgling school. Fr Rousseau has been a guest speaker for Haitian night at several of St Anne's Novenas.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Have faith that God can increase the blessings in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Sep 15-16, 2018 in Medway, MA and Dec 7-9, 2018 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

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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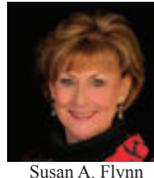


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