

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

Fax - 508-839-1310

Religious Education - 508-839-9130

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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

*Director of Religious Ed St Mary/ St. Philip— Darleen Farland x 12 dfarland@stmarysgraffton.org

*Administrator of Religious Ed St. Mary/St. Philip— Carole LeBlanc

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*Safe Environment Coordinator St. Mary : Joan Shanley jfs34@msn.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 22– Craig Kellher requested by Dorothy Nacimientto
July 29– Mary Theresa Bertone requested by parish
 Eleanor Conway requested by her husband Bill and family

Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary

Rosary after 9am Mass at St. Philip

Please register for Religious Ed

Sunday Collection 7-16, 7-22

\$ 893.00, 1931.00

Thank you for your continued support

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” (JOHN 6:9)
 The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. No gift is too small or insignificant!



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://wwmema.org/>.

St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

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

Saturday

4pm - 18 th anniversary Louis Gentile by Judy,
 11th Anniversary Marilyn Francis by family
 13th Anniversary Thomas Kneeland by family
 4th Anniversary John Kneeland , Sr. , by family
 7th Anniversary Frank Gemelli by family
 14th Anniversary Mary Lavin by family

Sunday

7:30 am 7:30 Memorial Phyllis & Frank Dorr by the family
 10:30 am 7th Anniversary Edward Doane by family, Daniel Naff requested by family, 1st anniversary Jean Nowlan requested by family.

Monday –7:45– Morning Prayer

8:00 Morning Mass

Tuesday –7:45 Morning Prayer

8:00 Morning Mass

Wednesday 7:45 Morning Prayer

8:00 Morning Mass

Thursday NO MORNING PRAYER OR MASS

Saturday, August 4

4pm - Memorial Jeannette Andrews by the Shanley family
 Memorial Shawn Contois by a friend

Sunday , August 5, 2018

7:30 am 67th Anniversary Daniel Fleming by family
 10:30 am Parishioners of St. Mary’s

Sunday Collection-

7-16, 7-22

\$4599.00, 5791.00

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.

Welcome to our Staff :)

Please welcome St Mary parishioner Ron Dennis as our new Custodian for both parishes



July 29, 2018

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE MISSION IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KUMASI, GHANA

The Apostolic Vicariate of Kumasi came into existence when the Ashanti and Brong Ahafo Regions were separated from the Vicariate Apostolic of the Gold Coast on 27th January, 1932.

The Archdiocese of Kumasi, in Ghana (West Africa), was established in 1950 by missionaries. During the past 45 years the growth of the Church in Ghana has been blessed and currently there are 15 Dioceses, 1 Apostolic Vicariate, and 4 Archdioceses.



The City of Kumasi, the seat of the Archdiocese of Kumasi, has a population of about 2,437,000 people; many living in rural settings. The Catholic population is around 450,000. The work of evangelization takes many forms and continues through the generous support of Catholics worldwide.

The Church's healing ministry and efforts in primary evangelization becomes evident through projects aimed at improving the health and well-being of people such as the building and upgrading of health clinics, the care for street children and providing accessible, clean drinking water by building new wells, especially on school grounds. It is surprising that there are still many areas where people walk a great distance for clean drinking water.

Your support, also, assists in the building of new schools for the education of youth and for spiritual growth. Teachers are in short supply and a new Teachers' College, Christ the Teacher College of Education, has recently been established for the formation of Catholic Teachers. In addition to the academic disciplines, the student-teachers to be trained here are exposed to Catholic Theology and the social teachings of the Church in order to become agents of evangelization in their interaction with students at primary, junior high and senior high levels.

Contributions received, also, benefit St. Gregory the Great Major Seminary. The generous contributions we have received have helped give rise to an increase of vocations in the Archdiocese.

Archbishop Gabriel J. Anokye expresses his gratitude to the Church in America, most especially the Diocese of Worcester and acknowledges that the generosity of American Catholics has immensely improved the condition of many people in Kumasi and has aided the growth of the Church in Africa as a whole.

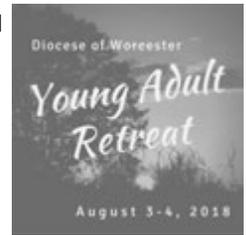
We thank you in anticipation for your welcome and hospitality offered to our missionary representative, Fr. Enoch Kyeremateng, who is the Chaplain and Director for the African Ministry for the Diocese of Worcester. We, truly, appreciate the prayers and contributions we receive and strive to be good stewards of what we receive so that it may have the greatest possible positive impact. Your parish family will be remembered in Masses and prayers offered by the priests, deacons, religious, and missionaries serving in the Archdiocese of Kumasi, Ghana. God's Blessings!



Religious Education

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 overnight 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@worcederdiocese.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: juice boxes and kids snacks, mayonnaise, coffee & tea, rice pilaf, Lipton Sides & Hamburger Helper, cookies & crackers, Raisin Bran, pancake mix & syrup, paper products**. 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.

Consider Enrolling at Holy Family Academy, Gardner

Holy Family Academy in Gardner is open for enrollment! If you – or someone you know – are interested in enrolling your child in a Catholic preschool, elementary, or middle school, come check us out! There are full-time and part-time spots available for children ages 3-4 in our Preschool; Before-Care and After-Care programs are offered for full-time students. Our school includes Grades K-8. To ask questions or schedule a tour, please call Mrs. Nancy Tyros at (978) 632-8656 ext. 5. You can also read more about our educational programs, extracurricular activities, and scholarship opportunities on our website: <http://www.holyfamilyacademy.ma.org>.

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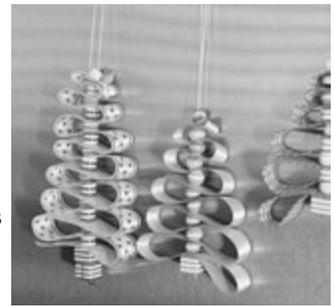


These are just a few of the web sites that offer a wonderful variety of fun faith based activities and crafts. Please check them out and enjoy them with your children:)

**Christmas Fair Crafts Table Is Looking for Ideas
Tell Us About Your Summer Finds!**



The Christmas Fair Crafts Team members are looking for ideas to sew, knit, or craft for the fair on Dec. 1 -- and they need your help. The team is asking everyone to keep their eyes and imagination open to craft ideas they may see while shopping or on vacation that team members could make so we have a wide selection of offerings this year. If possible, please take a photo, send a description of what you see, or give us a sample of what you think might be a good seller at the crafts table in December. All ideas should be sent to Peg Atchue who, we are so grateful to say, is helping us organize the table this year. Please call Peg at 774-271-1189 with your ideas and suggestions.



Retreat with Sonja Corbitt in New Hampshire

St. Kathryn Parish in Hudson, NH presents a very special 2-day event, Love the Word™ featuring Sonja Corbitt, the Bible Study Evangelist - in her only scheduled Northeast appearance - on Friday, Sept. 21 at 7 pm and on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 9 am – 3 pm. Join us for what promises to be a fulfilling and uplifting retreat – all men, women, and couples encouraged to attend! In addition to her talks the weekend will include Adoration & Benediction, Confessions, Evening Prayer, Music by Larry Franchitto, and refreshments in the social hall. We'll have breaks for quiet reflection, using Sonja's Love the Word™ technique and lunch available for purchase in the Parish Hall. Guests are invited to visit the Grottos on our beautiful grounds and will have an opportunity to purchase Sonja's books and meet Sonja for a book signing. \$25 Saturday Admission Price. Tickets on Sale Now! Please call 603-882-7793 or visit stkathryns.org for further details and to purchase tickets.

Fall Retreat for Women

SAVE THE DATE! On Saturday, October 20, A Retreat for Women with Jaymie Stuart Wolfe will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary Church Hall, Shrewsbury. Sponsored by the Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester. For more information, please contact Pamela Ashmankas at 508-798-0612.

Introduction to the Ministry of the Catechist

A four-session course **Special Workshop Announcement** Complete Sessions 1-3 in just 1 day!
Saturday, August 25, 2018 North American Martyrs Parish 8 Wyoma Drive Auburn, MA 01501 8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Participants are welcome to attend the 4:30 p.m. Mass Facilitator Barbara Ramian will be presenting:
Session 1 – The Person and Roles of the Catechist Session
2 –Lesson Planning and Developmental Theory
Session 3 – Methodology and Classroom Management
\$50.00 per person (includes lunch and a copy of the book The Catechist's Toolbox)
Please make checks payable to the "Office of Religious Education" and mail to same at 49 Elm St., Worcester 01609 or FAX (508) 753-7180. For information, call (508) 929-4303. N.B. Registrations are due one week prior to first session. No refunds will be given after this deadline.

During the summer we are all busy , but we can't forget our brothers and sisters in Christ who depend on our kindness and help. Please check out the Soup Ministry sign ups at both parishes and help to keep our friends feed this summer.

Thank you to all the parishioners who help, you are a true blessing to us all.





Your parish is always looking for volunteers. If you would like to help in any way, please stop by the church office and let them know. We can always use people who would like to take care of the church. One hour a week can make such a lovely difference to our parish community. Please consider using your time and talent to help keep our Church's a beautiful place to worship together.

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