

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

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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

Aug 5– Holly Piirainen requested by family
Aug 12– Deceased members of the Henault family requested by the parish
Aug 19– Craig Kelleher requested by the family
Aug 26– Raymond Boulanger, 45th anniversary requested by family, Mary & Walter and all deceased members of the Pollinger and Hill families, requested by the family.

Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary

Rosary after 9am Mass at St. Philip
Please register for Religious Ed
Aug 12– Fr. Henault
Sept 9 & 10– RE classes begin
Sept 9– Confirmation Installation Mass St Philip
 Sept 16– Confirmation Retreat St. Philip
 Sept 16– Mass 4pm St Philip

Sunday Collection
\$2131.33

Thank you for your continued support

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.” (EXODUS 16:4) When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our “wants” from our “needs.” Living a generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

Feast of the Assumption Pilgrimage in Leicester

The Sisters of Mercy are hosting the 117th Annual Mass and Pilgrimage to Our Lady’s Grotto at Nazareth on Wednesday, Aug. 15, the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven. The procession leaves the parking lot at St. Joseph Church in Leicester at 9:15 am arriving at the Grotto at 10 am for Mass. Fr. Richard Reidy will be the principal celebrant. Following Mass there is a reception on the Nazareth grounds. All are welcome!

Fr. Leo is taking a much needed vacation this week. Have a well rested week full of sunshine and peace...



St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

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

Saturday

4:00 pm Memorial for Jeannette Andrews by the Shanley Family, Memorial Shawn Contois by a friend
Sunday 7:30 am 67th Anniversary Daniel Fleming by family
10:30 am Parishioners of St. Mary

Monday—Thursday NO MORNING MASS

Next Saturday 4 pm - Wedding Anniversary Leopold & Ella La Marche by the Family, Memorial Marie O’Neil by Stephanie Graham, 12th Anniversary Patricia Tighe by the Family, 9th Anniversary Louis Kuchinsky by the Family,
Next Sunday 7:30 -5th Anniversary Simone Bourgeois by the family
10:30 - 34th Anniversary Terecita Barcinas by family

Sunday Collection-
 7-31-2018
\$5128.00

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.

Have you considered becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? If you demonstrate a great reverence for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist, and would like to learn more about the requirements and responsibilities for becoming a Minister of Holy Communion at St. Mary’s, please contact Rolande Parent at rolandeparent@comcast.net.

Called to *Serve*
 Eucharistic Ministers

August 5, 2018

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2018

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,



During the time of communist reign in many countries in Eastern Europe, practicing the Catholic faith was illegal, church buildings were confiscated, and people were forced to hide and secretly share the truths of the Gospel. Having survived decades of institutional oppression and persecution, Catholics still struggle to rebuild not only their physical places of worship but also their church ministries and communities. "Restore the Church - Build the Future" is the national theme for the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE) which will be taken up in our diocese on the weekend of August 12. Grants funded by this national collection support pastoral projects, scholarships, and Catholic organizations working in areas formerly under Soviet control. The emerging problems posed by secularism also require major investments in developing the next generation of Church leaders.

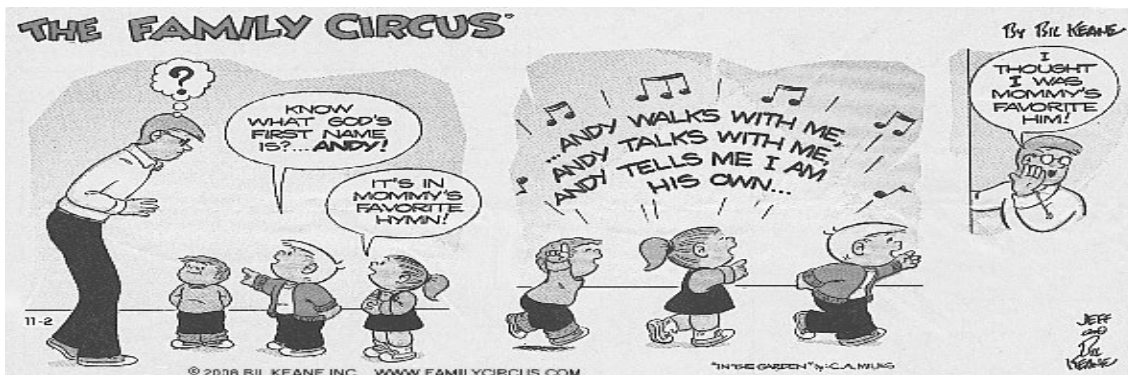
The country of Albania is nestled north of Greece on the Adriatic Sea. This small country suffered greatly under communist rule. In the capital of Tirana, located in the middle of the country, the Church is continuing to restore not only its structures but also the spirituality of the faithful after years of oppression. For example, in 1996, the congregation of sisters known as the Company of Mary Our Lady founded a kindergarten, the first Catholic school in the entire capital city. Since then, they have opened a school for grades 1-9 and a daily activity center for children. The sisters are now serving over 700 children daily from all different backgrounds, faiths, and ethnic groups. With your support of CCEE, these sisters will be able to make critical repairs to their building to continue their ministry. Your generosity helps the sisters to continue teaching children and equips the congregation to provide a space to build peaceful communities.

In order for projects like this one to continue, the collection needs your help. I ask that you keep these programs in your prayers and that we join our fellow Catholics in the United States in making a generous contribution to support the efforts to rebuild pastoral capacity and create future leaders of the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

With every prayerful best wish, I am
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

There will be a special second collection the weekend of **August 12th at St. Philip Parish for Father John Henault's** mission. He lives and works in a small village in Haiti and his primary concern is caring for people who have contracted Hansen's disease, or leprosy. This disease is treatable now with special medicine. Many have been cured of leprosy, but there are many more still in treatment. Up to the present time, this meant transporting these people to the city for testing every month, which meant paying both for the transportation and the testing. His new project now is to be able to have a full functioning lab at the clinic where he and his staff now administer the medication. That way transportation will no longer be an issue and there will be no additional cost for the tests. In order for this to happen, 6 machines need to be purchased at the cost of \$21,000. He is hoping to raise a good amount of that while he is here in the States . If you can help in any way, it will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

Who is your favorite HYMN ?



Religious Education

The religious education program is making preparations for Fall classes. We are in need of the following supplies for teacher's classrooms. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off at St. Mary's office to the attention of Darleen or Jill. Thank you for your generosity.

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| Glue Sticks | tissues |
| Non-Permanent Student Markers | Lysol wipes |
| Small bottles of Glue | colored pencils |
| Dry Erase Markers | magic markers |
| Scotch Tape | crayons |
| 2 pocket folders | |

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."**



Theology on Tap

Join us for the next Theology on Tap on Tuesday, August 7th at Compass Tavern in Worcester for a Trivia Night! Compass Tavern is located at 90 Harding St. in Worcester.

Rather than having our typical speaker, this edition of Theology on Tap will be a Trivia Night! This is a great opportunity to showcase your knowledge of the Catholic Faith, learn a lot of really awesome new facts, or just simply grab some food and a beverage and hang out with some awesome people. This will be a team competition so feel free to either come with a team or we can put you on a team with some new friends. Prizes will be available! All are welcome!

Greetings from the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office,

Join us for a day of prayer, reflection, and formation with other youth leaders from around the Diocese on Saturday, September 22nd at St. Mary in North Grafton. The day will go from 9:30am - 4pm and it will be led by Dr. Bob Rice, Professor of Catechetics and Youth Ministry at Franciscan University of Steubenville. This event is a perfect opportunity for any youth ministers, adult core team members, priests, deacons, parents, other adult youth leaders, or anyone who does any kind of work with teenagers!

A light breakfast as well as lunch will be provided. Links to the flyer can be found at the bottom of this email. Individual and group registrations are being accepted. This is a great opportunity for anyone who works/volunteers with youth! Cost for the day is \$40.

To register, go to neworchester.org/youth-ministry-enrichment-day or you can contact Tim Messenger at 508-929-4360 or at tmessenger@worchesterdiocese.org. Deadline to register is Friday, September 14th. Space is limited!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is pleased to announce that Sue Treveloni has been elected to President of the Diocesan Council of Worcester. Please keep Sue in your prayers as she takes on her new role. The Society is also pleased to announce that Bev Cochran has been elected to President of SVdP here at St. Mary & St. Philip. We ask that you also keep Bev in your prayers as she takes on her new role. Joan Brown has accepted the position of Vice President. Thank you, Joan, for stepping forward into your new role. Our prayers are with you as our Conference moves forward to serve those in need.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit we are called to serve our brothers and sisters in need and grow close to our Lord who served us.

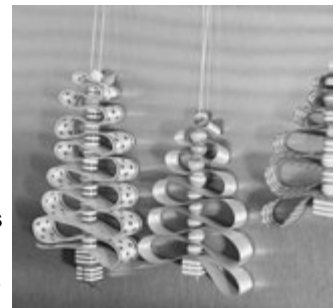
**Christmas Fair Crafts Table Is Looking for Ideas
Tell Us About Your Summer Finds!**



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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER VOLUNTEER OPENINGS UMass Memorial Medical Center

Memorial Campus, 119 Belmont St., Worcester

has volunteer openings for Eucharistic Ministers to administer Communion to Catholic patients during their Hospital stay. Volunteer commitment is one day a week for 2-3 hours.

Please contact Tatjana Abovich– Coordinator, Volunteer Services– 508-334-6308



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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