

# 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](mailto: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.

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**St. Philip**



*Mass Intentions*  
St Philip Parish

**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, Jean Walsh, 3rd anniversary requested by family  
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**Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary**

**Please register for Religious Ed**

**Aug 12**– Fr. Henault

Aug 15– Holy Day– Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
8am Mass & 7 pm Mass St Mary

**Aug 19**– Catechist & Aide Meeting 12 noon St. Mary

**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  
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**Sunday Collection 8-5-2018**  
**2081.76**

**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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**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!” (1 KINGS 19:7) Jesus knows that our stewardship journey will be difficult; we are not designed to do it on our own. Fortunately, Jesus gave us the greatest gift of all – the gift of the Eucharist; His own body and blood. When we join our sacrifices with the sacrifice of the Mass, we find the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples.  
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**Fr. Henault**

There will be a special second collection this weekend 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.

**St. Mary**



*Mass Intentions*

St. Mary Parish

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

**Saturday** - 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, 29th Anniversary Thomas Killoran , Birthday Malvina Killoran by their daughter, Elizabeth

**Sunday** 7:30 -5th Anniversary Simone Bourgeois by the family

**10:30** - 34th Anniversary Terecita Barcinas by family

Monday-7:45 Morning Prayer

8:00 am Open Intention

Tuesday-7:45 Morning Prayer

8:00 am Open Intention

Wednesday 7:45 Morning Prayer

8:00 am **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Birthday Leo Charest by family

7pm **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Thursday 7:45 Morning Prayer

8:00 Open intention

**Saturday** 4 pm Birthday , Phillipe La Marche by the family, Birthday John DeFoe by Janet LaMarche and Denise Spence,20th Anniversary Irene Moroney by family, Memorial Jay Gravel by family

**Sunday** 7:30 Memorial Dennis Flynn

10:30 Deceased members of St. Mary  
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**Sunday Collection- 8-5-2018**  
**\$5684.90**

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



**Gospel: John 6:41-51**

***The “murmuring” of Jesus’ present audience is very much like that of the ancestral Israelites when they did the same to Moses and Aaron. The crowd here rejects Jesus’ teaching simply because they know his family background. As a result, they cannot be “taught by God.”***

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Pity the TV weather forecaster! Despite the clever graphics, including radar designed maps festooned with swirling circles and arrows, the forecasts can be so wrong. In summer, we observe the sweat-covered face of a construction worker stuck outdoors, wondering when the promised heat wave relief is coming. Then in winter, we get the frustration that comes with a surprise snowstorm and perhaps a sarcastic viewer who tells a reporter that he just shoveled “15 inches of cloudy and cold.” In the end, how foolish it is for us to hope for accuracy about the capricious ways of Mother Nature. Ultimately, we are not meant to control them.

We generally do better predicting what our fellow human beings are most likely to do in a given set of circumstances. When people learn of something startling, they are hardly neutral. In Jesus’ case, we have a young man of no apparent exception announcing that He is “the bread came down from heaven that must be eaten if one wishes eternal life.” Amazing! How does the crowd react? They start to “murmur.” Now that little word is a good example of onomatopoeia, folks. You remember what teacher told you way back when. That’s a figure of speech in which a word that sounds like what it means. Say “murmur” four or five times and you hear a certain low key grumbling.

What triggered that? Simply the fact that the people knew Jesus’ background and family. “How can anything so nonsensical come from Him?” they asked themselves. “Isn’t this Jesus who used to live on Berry Street? The very idea of Himself as food and drink? It’s ridiculous!”

Of course, we’re supposed to know better. After all we went to Catholic school, maybe for 12 to 16 years. Or we attended religious ed classes. But what happens? All sorts of things. Sometimes a false air of sophistication invades our thinking that equates teachings of old as passe now that I have a bachelor or master’s degree. Or we marry into a family of Protestants. Or we just stopped practicing our faith. The very verb suggesting that it is a process that brings atrophy to the spiritual muscles and joints if we stop.

I do know that patients undergoing any number of medical tests have to fast beforehand. So the pre-test instructions include an order to bring along a snack and something to drink. Food and drink are so essential for physical well-being. Jesus not only knew that but also that the same holds for our spiritual well-being. So He chose to give us the very best.

The good news is that we can believe, hope, and trust in Him. That brings a certain peace and deep down joy, no matter the season and no matter the weather. So don’t murmur. And remember that God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.



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

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**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."**  
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## **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 \$40.00, **if interested in attending please contact Darleen for promo discount.***

*To register, go to [neworchester.org/youth-ministry-enrichment-day](http://neworchester.org/youth-ministry-enrichment-day) or you can contact Tim Messenger at 508-929-4360 or at [tmessenger@worcesterdioocese.org](mailto:tmessenger@worcesterdioocese.org). Deadline to register is Friday, September 14th. Space is limited!*

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**The Diocesan Young Adult Ministry Office** is forming a writing group for young adults (ages 18-39). The goals of this group are to explore how to glorify God in our writing and how to spread Catholic values through writing, to a Catholic or secular audience. In order to get this group started and have a direction, we have created a brief survey anyone interested. The survey is only a few questions and will not take more than a few minutes to complete. Please contact Tim Messenger, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Diocese of Worcester, [tmessenger@worcesterdioocese.org](mailto:tmessenger@worcesterdioocese.org) 508-929-4360  
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**August 19 Catechist and Aides Meeting** - We hope that you will join us for a wonderful afternoon at St. Mary starting at noon. Lunch will be served.  
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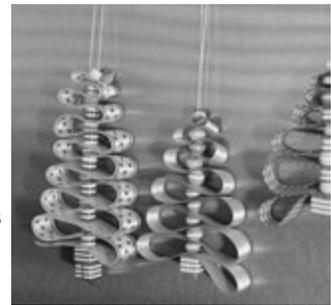
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**Christmas Fair Crafts Table Is Looking for Ideas  
Tell Us About Your Summer Finds!**



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.



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**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](http://stkathryns.org) for further details and to purchase tickets.

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**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.

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**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)

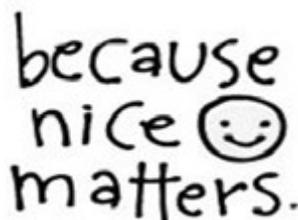
Please make checks payable to the "Office of Religious Education" and mail to same at 49 Elm St., Worcester 01609 or FAX (508) 753-7180. For information, call (508) 929-4303. N.B. Registrations are due one week prior to first session. No refunds will be given after this deadline.

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**Flea Market & Vendor Fair in Oxford**

St. Roch Parish will host a Flea Market and Vendor Fair on Saturday, Aug. 25 and Sunday, Aug. 26 from 7 am - 4 pm in the St. Roch Church Lot next to Oxford Common, 342 Main Street, Rt. 12, Oxford. Lots of Shopping! Vendors still welcome! \$25 for 10' x 20' space – both days! Call 508-820-6878.

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**Being Nice Matters**, it matters to the homeless, to the housebound, to the lonely, to those in need, to the hungry. Please remind your children and maybe yourself that doing good random acts of kindness matters all the time. During this very hot summer encourage them to check in neighbors, bring elderly neighbors a cool drink, visit those who are lonely, donate old toys and used clothing to those in need. Donate to local soup kitchen, maybe even visit them if you can. Send cards to nursing homes, pick flowers and bring to someone you love.

Jesus calls us to help, please do your part to make someone's day a bit brighter.

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