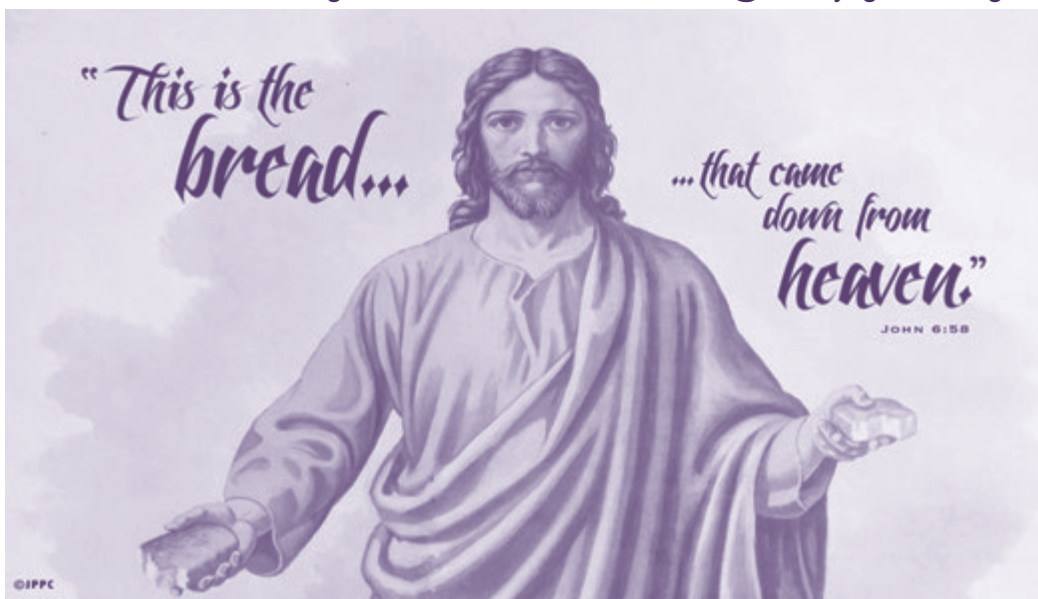


Parish Communities

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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Religious Education - 508-839-9130

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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

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 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
Sept 2- Helen LaPan requested by parish
Sept 9- Lois Richard requested by a friend

Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary
Please register for Religious Ed
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

Sunday Collection 8-12-2018
\$2212.00

Thank you for your continued support

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise...” (EPHESIANS 5:15) A wise person recognizes that all we have and all we are comes from God. A



wise person thanks God continually throughout the day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and that He

wants us to help Him build His kingdom of earth..

TODAY

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.



St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

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

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.

Monday 7:45 am Morning Prayer
 8:00 am Morning Mass -open intention

Tuesday 7:45 am Morning Prayer
 8:00 am Morning Mass- open intention

Wednesday 7:45 am Morning Prayer
 8:00 am Morning Mass -open intention

Thursday 7:45 am Morning Prayer
 8:00 am Morning Mass -open intention

Saturday-4pm- Henry Gibson by Janet LaMarche

Sunday- 7:30 am 29th anniversary Richard Fleming by family
 10:30 am Memorial Joseph and Alice MacDonough by family

Sunday Collection- 8-12-2018
\$4222.00

Thank you for your continued support

Deacon Fred

Deacon Fred will be taking a 6 months leave of absence for our parishes. Please keep him in your prayers as God guides him on his journey.



See you in 6 months :)

AN INVITATION INTO THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF CHRIST

Jesus in today's Gospel makes it clear that the Eucharist is very much an invitation into the consciousness of Christ. He says that unless we eat His flesh and drink His blood, we can have no life within us. As usual His audience misunderstands His words because they take His words literally and because their thinking is still stuck in a worldly way of looking at it. Jesus invites them and us into a spiritual way of understanding.

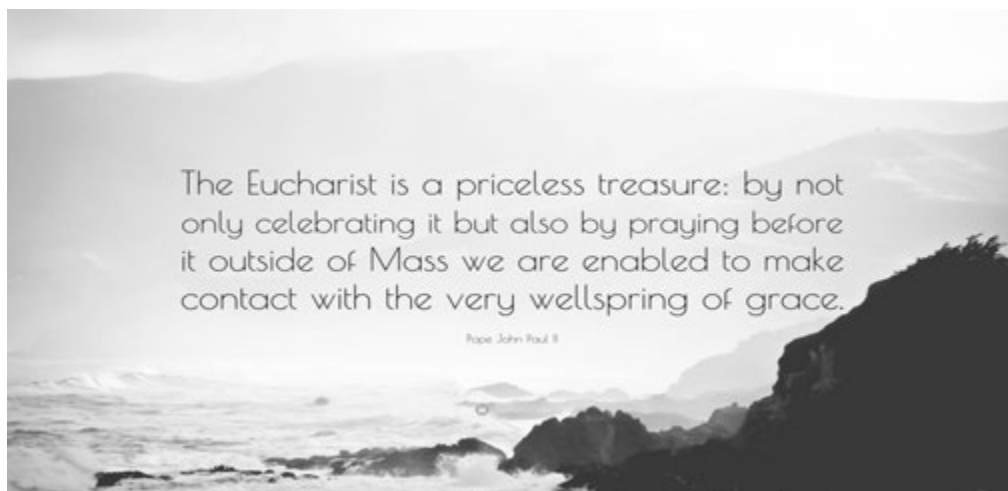
Just as the bread we eat must be assimilated and then integrated as part of us, so we must integrate the consciousness of Jesus. Put simply: we eat material food, it becomes us. We eat spiritual food, we become it. Jesus communicates His consciousness to us through His death and Resurrection. For Him it is not the loss of his earthly life but a transformative process through which He will become more available to us as the Risen Lord.

In receiving Jesus as the Bread of Life we also undergo a transformative process. Through Holy Communion we receive the embodied consciousness of Jesus, and the abiding awareness of Divine Love transforming death into new life. Yet although material food and drink can be assimilated without our awareness, Jesus' consciousness cannot be transferred without our awareness. That is why our faith is essential for our spiritual transformation.



Fr. John Shea, a Jesuit priest tells us that when he was growing up, he remembers that many people, including himself, would stay after Mass to focus on the presence of Christ, that is, they continued that interior activity of meditation which they had begun at the time of receiving Jesus in the Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ. This was for him the most meaningful part of Mass. He described it as "guaranteed intimacy with Christ when God was immediately accessible to an inward glance into one's heart."

This presence of Christ, however, was transcendent or elusive. It was not something that one could grasp. The Divine Presence dissolved and went beyond. He talked about a priest out on the battlefield of World War I who carried communion in a pyx (a small round container for the host) next to his heart. The priest exclaims: "I suddenly realized just how extraordinary and how disappointing it was to be holding so close to oneself the wealth of the world, and the very source of life without being able to possess it inwardly, without being able to penetrate it or assimilate it." Indeed the Eucharist is our priceless treasure.



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.

Glue Sticks
 Non-Permanent Student Markers
 Small bottles of Glue
 Dry Erase Markers
 Scotch Tape
 2 pocket folders

tissues
 Lysol wipes
 colored pencils
 magic markers
 crayons

Our Religious Ed schedule is posted on the website, please check it out. Classes Start Sept 9-10 for all students. Confirmation Class Mass of Enrollment is Sept 9th , 9am Mass at St. Philip. Please have your sponsor attend with you, if they can't, a parent may step in . Class will follow Mass for students only.

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."**



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. @dfarland@stmarysgrafton.org This is includes St. Philip, St. James and St Mary.

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

.RETREAT BY THE OCEAN IN MAINE

Come rest a while and be refreshed! Fr. Leo and Fr. Ken are giving a retreat by the ocean at Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford Pools, Maine starting Monday with lunch on October 22 and concluding on Wednesday, October 24 with Mass at 11 AM. The topic will be on Pope Francis' exhortation to holiness which is entitled Rejoice and Be Glad . In this exhortation Pope Francis states that "the Lord calls each of us without exception to holiness." He explains that the Beatitudes of Jesus are the way to holiness by which we acquire the mind and heart of Christ.

There are two sessions each day given by Fr. Ken and Fr. Leo. There is an opportunity for confessions and Mass. A DVD is shown in the evening which is related to our theme. The total cost including meals is \$235. The first installment of \$135 is due by September 1. If you are interested or want more information, please see Fr. Leo or call him. There are only 26 spaces available. It is on a first come, first serve basis. Is the Lord calling you to spend quality time with Him?



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.

Open House at St. Joseph School

St. Joseph School will be holding an Open House on Tuesday, August 21. We invite you to visit St. Joseph School where everyone is Respected and Valued. Tours are by appointment only. Day and evening times are available. Interested families should call 508-943-0378 to schedule their tour and learn more about the St. Joseph School difference. We are accepting applications for preschool through Grade 8 and offer affordable tuition, financial aid, and scholarships. Please visit us to learn more. We are located at 47 Whitcomb Street, Webster, MA 01570.



You're never too old to have fun.



Check out these fun events for family fun in parishes in our diocese.

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.

St. Andrew Bobola Big Top Polish Festival.

St. Andrew Bobola Church will hold its fourth annual Parish Polish Festival on Friday, Aug. 24 and Saturday, Aug. 25 at 54 West Main St, Dudley. Join us for two days of family fun and entertainment, Polish and American Food, Grand Prize money raffle, Gift basket raffles, hourly 50/50 money raffles, Flea Market, Games of Chance, Pastry Booth, Quilt raffle, Major Prizes raffles and kids' games and prizes/raffles booth! Festivities start Friday at 4:30 pm and music for dancing provided by Maestro's Men will start at 6 pm. Saturday events begin at 11 am with a Chicken Bar-B-Que (advance sale tickets only, available from the rectory) at 12:30 pm. An Outdoor Mass will be held at 4 pm, followed by entertainment and dancing to The Eddie Foreman Orchestra beginning at 5pm. Polish food includes Cheese Pierogi, Cabbage Pierogi, Kielbasa, Kapusta, Golabki, and a Polish Platter (ALL made by the local parishioners)! American Food includes Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers and French Fries, cooked to order. Pierogis, frozen by the half or dozen, will also be available for take out.

Fall Festival in Whitinsville-Family Fun Fest/Fall Festival at St. Patrick's Church, Whitinsville on Sunday, Sept. 23 from 11 am – 4 pm. The festival will include vendor tables, bake sale, toy table, raffles, cup cake decorating, food, games, music and much more! Vendor spaces are available to rent for \$30. Save \$5 with early registration prior to Sept. 1st. If interested in renting a vendor table, please email officesupport@mystpatrick.com or call the rectory at 508-234-5656.

Chicken Barbeque and Family Fair in North Brookfield

The 38th Annual Chicken Barbecue and Family Fair will be held on Saturday, Sept. 8, 4 – 8 pm and Sunday, Sept. 9. 11 am – 4 pm at St. Joseph Parish Rectory Grounds: 28 Mt. Pleasant Street, North Brookfield. Come join us for a delicious chicken dinner (served Sunday from 1-2pm; \$12/adults \$6/children 12 & under) and other food available all weekend (hamburgers, hot dogs, steak grinders, chili, fried dough, French fries, pizza, ice cream sundaes and more!). Entertainment includes The Otters on Saturday night, and DJ Richard "Tabby" LeBlanc on Sunday, our ever popular flea market, games, baked goods, crafts, basket raffles, exciting raffle prizes (including a 2 night off season stay for up to 6 guests at Misty Harbor in Maine), a Large gift card tree and much, much more. It all starts with outdoor Mass under the tent on Saturday at 4 pm. Food, games, raffles and fun available all weekend! For chicken dinner tickets/more info, please call the rectory Monday – Friday from 9AM-1PM at (508)-867-6811.



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