

Parish Communities

St. Mary & St. Philip Benizi



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Website - www.stmarysgraffton.org
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

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*Safe Environment Coordinator St. Mary : Joan Shanley jfs34@msn.com
*Safe Environment Coordinator St. Philip: Carole LeBlanc cleb1329@aol.com
*St Vincent de Paul Society of St Philip/St Mary at 508 839-3993 x 35. All information is kept strictly confidential .
* Youth Group Ministry-youthgroup@stmarysgraffton.org

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 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 Welsh, 3rd anniversary requested by family
Sept 2– Helen LaPan requested by parish
Sept 9– Lois Richard requested by a friend, Fred Holland requested by family

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

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,

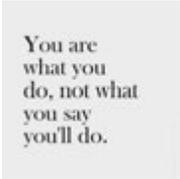
Sunday Collection 8-19-2018
\$1,359.00

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (JOSHUA 24:15) When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!



Organist, Pianist or Guitarist

St. Philip Parish is seeking a music coordinator for a weekly 9am Sunday Mass, this individual must be proficient, in organ, piano or guitar, select appropriate music, work with cantors and have a working knowledge and respect for Catholic Liturgy. Please send a cover letter and resume to Lisa Stewart @lstewart@stmarysgraffon.org



St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

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

Saturday-4pm- Henry Gibson by Janet LaMarche
Sunday- 7:30 am 29th anniversary Richard Fleming by family, Carla Coggins for her birthday requested by family
 10:30 am Memorial Joseph and Alice MacDonough by family

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

Next Sunday 7:30 am -Memorial Phyllis &Frank Dorr by family ,Peter Dorr by family

Next Sunday 10:30 am Deceased parishioners of St. Mary

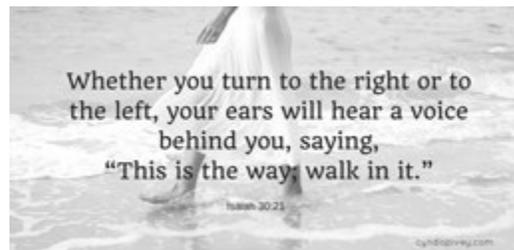
Sunday Collection- 8-19-2018
\$3,652.50

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Eucharistic Adoration Returns
Wed., 9/3, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



"To be loved by God, to be united to God, to live in the Presence of God, to live for God! Oh! how wonderful life is!" (The Cure of Ars). Eucharistic Adoration helps us to grow in this spirit by giving us the opportunity to spend quiet time in the presence of Our Lord. It is a wonderful way to restore the peace that we may lose in the busyness of daily life! Eucharistic Adoration will be available each Wed. from the end of Mass to 1:00 p.m. **"Our Lord invites more of his friends to spend this time with him, either regularly or as an alternate.** If interested , please call Betty Kelly at (508) 839-6018."





“DO YOU ALSO WISH TO GO AWAY?”

Jesus asks the disciples a most poignant question: “Do you also wish to go away?” We hear in today’s Gospel that many disciples left Him because they found His saying about the bread too hard. It would be one thing to accept Jesus as a human being who somehow became divine. But that He is God become flesh, that He is THE Living Word of God, that is, the Father made flesh for us, this is too much of a leap of faith. But that is who Jesus is. That is why He said earlier that “no one can come to me unless the Father draw him (or her).

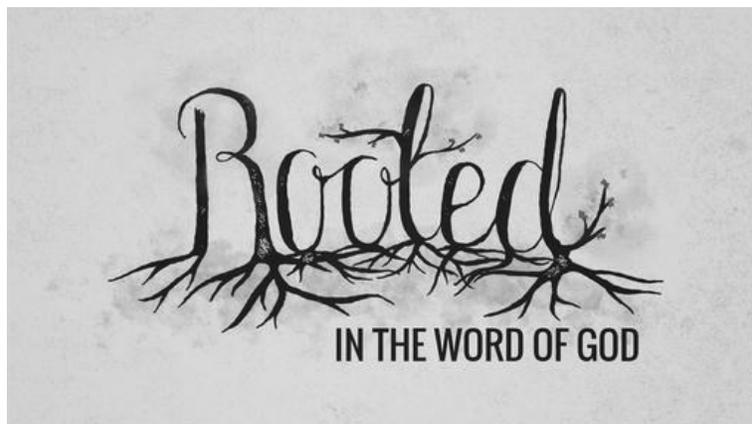
To say that God the Creator of all that is, condescended and became a helpless human being, and in His very humanity reveals to us the fullness of who God is, this for many is way too much. The implications are staggering. You either accept it completely or you reject it totally. Only grace allows us to accept Christ as He is, and not as we figure Him out to be.

In every age there are some who pick and choose the parameters that fit our idea of who Jesus is. We so much want to make Jesus more palatable for those who live in the modern world. Jesus giving Himself as the true Bread from heaven is no less credible than His Resurrection and Ascension into heaven. For Jesus to say “I am the Bread of Life” is another way of saying “I am the Word of God become flesh.”

Does God love us that much, that He became one of us, so we would believe in the Eternal Life of the Blessed Trinity? Faith is not something we accomplish. It is God’s free gift to the believer. God alone gives life. We, with all our academic intelligence, are impotent. Only the Father has Life in Himself, and has granted the Son to have Life in Himself. That is why all that Jesus says is Spirit and Life.

The world might claim to have this life, and even pretend to give it, but it remains impotent to do so. Oh, some brilliant minds are arrogant enough to “believe” that cracking the code of life is just around the corner. But they delude themselves.

And then there is life that is existence, and there is true Life that is packed with meaning and purpose because we believe in Christ who has made all the difference in the world, and we feed on His words and sacraments which nourish us unto eternity.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Religious Ed schedule is posted on the website, please check it out. Classes Start Sept 9-10 for all students.

Confirmation 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. Please have all your forms ready to turn in that day.

Confirmation Retreat is Sept 16 at St. Philip ending with Mass at 4pm.

Parish Dinner– Saturday October 20th the Confirmation will be sponsoring/ hosting a parish dinner at St. Philip Parish. Please save the date and come support our kids.



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 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?



Please pray for all our children who will be heading back to school very soon.

May our loving God protect and guide our children as they encounter new experiences and new challenges. May He keep them safe in all they do from the moment they leave home until they return.

St. Mary's LITTLE ANGELS CLUB, mass-time nursery, reopens Sunday, September 9th at 10:30 AM. Your 6 month - 4 year old will enjoy Christian videos, music and stories during the 10:30 Mass. Please plan to join us in Rm. 4 for an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, September 23rd!!



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@mystpatricks.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.

Environmental Stewardship Conference

Calling all parish leadership and interested parishioners! On Sunday, Sept. 23 from 1 – 4:30 pm, the Diocese of Worcester’s Environmental Stewardship Initiative will sponsor the Worcester Catholic Environmental Stewardship Conference at the Hogan Center, College of the Holy Cross in Worcester. On this 5th anniversary year for Pope Francis’ encyclical, On the Care of our Common Home (Laudato Si’), hear from speakers including Bishop McManus, Fr. William Campbell, SJ and Dr. Katherine Kiel from Holy Cross, Secretary Matthew Beaton of Massachusetts, and a Panel of Parish leaders involved in environmentally responsible programs. Visit <http://environment.worcesterdiocese.org> today to register (no cost) or for more information. And while you are online check out all the wonderful resources for parishes, schools, families and communities on that website!



Novena to St. Joseph in Worcester

The 7th Annual Novena to St. Joseph will take place at Christ the King Parish in Worcester on Monday evenings this fall beginning on Sept. 10. We pray for the seriously ill, for improvements in palliative care, and to oppose attempts to end human life through physician-assisted suicide or euthanasia. The Novena will be celebrated for nine consecutive Mondays from 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm. This year’s homilists are Bishop Robert J. McManus (Sept. 10); Msgr. Thomas Sullivan (Sept. 17); Rev. Daniel Becker (Sept. 24); Deacon Michael Chase (Oct. 1); Rev. John Gavin, SJ (Oct. 8); Rev. Frederick Fraini (Oct. 15); Rev. Jonathan Slavinkas (Oct. 22); Rev. Dennis O’Brien (Oct. 29); and Msgr. Thomas Sullivan (Nov. 5). All are welcome to participate in this annual Novena. The names of seriously or terminally ill persons can be submitted by calling 508-754-5361 or emailing tsullivan5@mac.com.

Women of Faith: Morning of Prayer

“A Habit of Noticing and Nurturing” with Liz Walz, ASP will take place on Saturday, Sept. 15, 9:30 am – 1 pm at St. Anne’s Convent, 720 Boston Post Road East, Marlborough. In this gentle session we will learn a Prayer of Hospitality to Your Self and practice Noticing and Nurturing your own God-moment-awareness. You will come away with a deeper connection to the movement of Holy Mystery in this Lectio of your life. The presenter, Liz Walz, ASP is an Associate of the Sisters of Providence of Holyoke. The gathering will begin with “coffee and” followed by a brief presentation, prayer, personal reflection, and discussion. A registration fee of \$10.00 is paid at the door. Pre-registration is required by Sept. 7. Visit www.WomenOfFaithSSA.org, or e-mail info@womenoffaithssa.org, or phone Ann Williams at 508-481-8176 or Sr. Yvette Bellerose, SSA at 774-239-3372.



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