

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

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Mass Schedule

St. Philip Sunday 9:00 AM

*Parish Secretary St. Mary: x10

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*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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*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

Sept 2– Helen LaPan requested by parish
Sept 9– Lois Richard requested by a friend, Fred Holland requested by family
Sept 16–Edith Whiteley requested by Dorothy Nacimiento Charles, Mary Diana & Charles J 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,

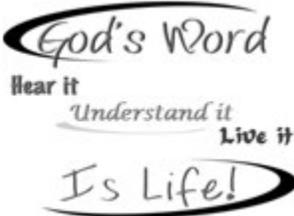
Sunday Collection 8-19-2018
\$1,808.00

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Be doers of the word and not hearers only...” (JAMES 1:22) It’s easy to understand the definition of stewardship. The hard part is living it! What do you do to live God’s word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?



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@stmarysgrafon.org



The Church Offices will be closed on Monday Sept 3rd in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Enjoy the weekend :)

St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

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

Saturday -4pm Birthday Marge Spence by the family
 1st Anniversary Jasen Morin by family
 15th Anniversary Adrien Desmarais by family
Sunday- 7:30 am Memorial Phyllis & Frank Dorr by family
 Memorial Peter Dorr by family
 10:30 am Memorial Philip Malone by St. Mary Parish

Monday 7:45 am Morning Prayer
 8:00 am Open Intention
Tuesday 7:45 am Morning Prayer
 8:00 am Open Intention
Wednesday 7:45 am Morning Prayer
 8:00 am 3rd Anniversary Joan Louise Matte by a friend

Thursday 7:45 am Morning Prayer
 8:00 am 10th Anniversary Jessica Ann Jackman by family

Saturday 4 pm Deceased members of St. Mary Parish
Sunday 7:30 am Memorial Reed Honozinski by Bob & Thelma Guerin

Sunday Collection- 8-19-2018
\$5603.00

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Eucharistic Adoration Returns
Wed., 9/5, 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 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."

Use whatever gift you have received to serve others....



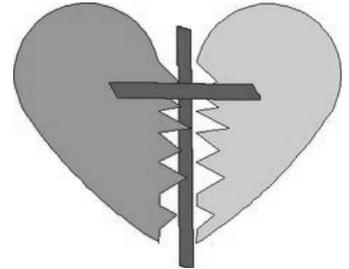


WHY CONFESSION IS THE BEST REMEDY FOR THE SOUL

We go to the doctors primarily for remedies to address what ails us. **So why is the best remedy Christ has given us so unused?** This question is at the heart of today's Gospel. Jesus gets very upset with the scribes and Pharisees not because he hates them, but because they refuse to see the log in their own eye when they're trying to take the speck from other people's eyes.

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Christ speaks the truth plainly: We're all a bunch of sinners. That's why at some liturgies I like to greet people with these words: "Welcome all you bunch of sinners!" (And I include myself in that number.) For Jesus is primarily interested in one thing: **The quality of our hearts.** But if we live on the premise that we are okay with God because we obey the commandments except for a few minor infractions, we believe that we are earning our salvation. If so, we deceive ourselves and are living an illusion. In fact, our culture is very much engrossed with "looking good" rather than being good.



I oftentimes have to sigh these days in regards to confession. Many do not come because in their eyes they haven't done anything really bad. And yet the greatest saints were very aware that they sinned seven times a day and went to confession at least once a week. Before the Second Vatican Council many came to confession regularly. And now it seems that most towns and cities no longer have any sinners. In fact I am amazed as pastor that the Graftons have so few sinners. Does that mean we are all a bunch of already-made saints? Should I say: "Welcome all you bunch of saints" and then add: "Sinners you are excused, you may leave?"

If we do what Jesus asks, to really have a close look at our hearts, we will see that our hearts still judge others; and we sometimes gossip about others; our hearts still makes excuses for why we do this and do that, and why we excuse ourselves from going to Mass every Sunday etc.



If we sincerely ask God to reveal to us our own heart, we will have to confess that we are a sinner. Jesus is very concerned about our hearts and the defilement that comes out of them. Jesus knows that evil doesn't begin outside us but inside our hearts. Every great saint took seriously the injunction: **KNOW THYSELF.** When Christ exposes our hearts to us, as He did the scribes and Pharisees, it is not to condemn us but to invite on the road to true and ongoing conversion.

The sacrament of Reconciliation, like a weigh station of grace, awaits us to refresh and strengthen us on our journey to God. If you haven't been to confession lately, or if you have been postponing it for years, now is a good time to come back. The priest is there to help you, not to judge you, that you may receive the rich graces of this sacrament which Christ gives us by the Holy Spirit who accomplishes for us our total conversion.

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"

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.

***Young Adult Theology on Tap**

Join us for the next Theology on Tap on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at Compass Tavern in Worcester! Our speaker will be Dr. Marc Tumeinski and the topic will be "Sowing Good Seeds: The Church as the Creative Minority". Compass Tavern is located at 90 Harding St. in Worcester. Doors open for food and drinks at 6:30. The speaker will begin around 7:15. Open to all young adults ages 18-39.

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.



Amplify- Join us for Amplify, a FREE evening of food, games, community, prayer and worship for high school youth! Our next Amplify will be at Holy Family of Nazareth and Leominster on Sunday, Sept. 30 from 6:30-8:45 pm. To register a group or to get more info, go to www.neworchester.org/amplify-nights. Deadline to register is Sept. 21.

A Voice for the Voiceless: Inspirational Pro-Life Music

Join us for an evening of inspirational original Pro-Life Music by Musicians for Life with their NEW CD release entitled: "It's a Life". This free concert event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15, 5:30 - 7 pm at St. Ann Parish, 652 Main St. North Oxford. All are welcome to join us for 4 pm Mass, 5 pm Coffee and sandwiches, 5:30 - 7 pm Main Event.

Thank you to all who donated assorted items from our religious education wish list. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are deeply appreciated and your contribution helps our catechists and students with the supplies they will need for classes.

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!



New Music Feature on our website.

The Music Ministry at St. Mary’s has an exciting music feature that has recently been updated on our website (stmarysgrafton.org). If you have a computer, tablet or smartphone, and want to be able to listen to Christian music, with playlists of songs created by our Music Director, then this is for you! St. Mary’s has set up a free web-based Spotify account for our parishioners, offering you the free opportunity to be able to listen to inspiring and uplifting faith based music, whenever you like! Simply go to our website, select Ministries (seen at the top of the screen), choose and click on Music Ministry and scroll down that screen to the bottom right. There you’ll find Links to various playlists, such as Contemporary Songs, Peaceful Piano, Children’s Music, Healing, and more. Just click on the link and it will open up in your Spotify account if you have one, or invite you to join for free, so you can listen to the songs. New links will be posted as the year goes by. Email Pam Cross at p.cross@shoplegacy.com if you have any questions.



Percussionist wanted for the 10:30 Mass

Do you play percussion and would enjoy volunteering to play with our band at the 10:30 mass? We rehearse at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday nights and play each Sunday at the 10:30 mass. Share some of your own great talent and energy with our music ministry!



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