

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

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* 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 16– 9 am Edith Whiteley requested by Dorothy Nacimiento, Charles, Mary Diana & Charles J requested by family
Sept 16 -4pm– deceased parishioners of St Philip Parish
Sept 23– Jean Drago requested by parish
Sept 30-John LaPointe requested by parish

Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary
Eucharist Adoration Wednesdays St Mary
Sept 16– Confirmation Retreat St. Philip
Sept 16– Mass 4pm St Philip
Sept 27– Fair Chairperson meeting 7pm St. Philip

Sunday Collection 9-9-2018
1925.00

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (MARK 8:34) When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well.



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

Consider joining a Fall 4-week Small Group session to discuss the Pope Francis' exhortation, "Rejoice and Be Glad".



Join in a discussion of our call to holiness in today's world. Group dates, times, and sign-ups will be available in the Gathering Spaces the weekends of September 8-

23. Sign-ups are also available on website. The Small Group session will begin the week of September 23rd.

Our next after Mass **Coffee Social** will be held on October 7th. Please check the cards on the table in the church entrance. Your assistance is always greatly appreciated. Call Janet Krause at 508-839-9131 if you have questions.

St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

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

Saturday 4:00 pm Deceased members of the LaMarche family
Sunday 7:30– 24 anniversary for Adele Moroney, 28th anniversary for Russell Dickinson, Memorial for Dennis Flynn 10:30– Edward Doane requested by a friend, David and Helen Coggins requested by family.
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 Open Intention
Thursday 7:45 am Morning Prayer
8:00 am Open Intention
Next Saturday 4 :00 pm 10th Anniversary Gary Lindblad by family
Next Sunday 7:30 am 5th Anniversary Harry Dennis by family, Memorial Frank & Phyllis Dorr by family 10:30 a m Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday Collection 9-9-2018
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Meeting for the St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry

will be held on Saturday September 22nd from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. downstairs in room #5 of the church. All are welcome to attend, adult knitters, beginner adult knitters and crocheters. The ministry is looking for knitters or crocheters to assist in making shawls, blankets, hats, mittens and scarves for those in need. Easy patterns are available. We would like to extend an invitation to parishioners of St. Philip's Church to join us in our ministry. For more information contact Pat Morse at 508 839-6070. Please join us in a rewarding ministry. We meet every third Saturday of the month. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets September through May.

PART-TIME COOK

Seeking a part-time cook and weekly grocery shopper at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies in Worcester. 14.5 hours per week. Weekday evening meals for 34 weeks of the academic year and 5 weeks in July and August. \$14.65/ hour. Contact Fr. Jim Mazzone at jmazzone@charter.net or at 508-340-5788 for more information.

ARE WE PREPARED TO LIVE BY THE WISDOM OF JESUS?

Proclaiming Christ to be the Messiah, as St. Peter, is only the first step. Jesus immediately warns them not to tell anyone about him. Why? It is because He does not want to spread misunderstanding about who He is and what really the Good News is that He came to bring.



The inner meaning of “Messiah” is “Son of Man”. The Son of Man is the one who lives in solidarity with God and with others. The reality is that this is our true name as well, that is, we are also sons and daughters of Man, true to God and true to others. Jesus is announcing a new humanity. And He so much wants us to get and get it right. He immediately perceives that Peter and the other disciples still misunderstood Him, as they will demonstrate it again and again later in Mark’s Gospel.

“Messiah” is a concept with many meanings. Most of them have to do with glory and triumph as Peter immediately demonstrates. Jesus tells the disciples how as ‘the Christ’ He must suffer and die and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and the scribes, and then rise on the third day. That is why Peter takes Jesus aside and rebukes Him. What Jesus had just said did not coincide with what He believed the Messiah should be. Jesus turns and looks at the disciples, and rebukes Peter and says those stinging words: “Get behind me, you Satan! You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.”

Peter’s problem is most often ours as well. In our dreams we still want a Messiah who will rescue us from the predicaments we find ourselves in. We want Him to find a quick solution to our financial woes by winning big. We want an instant cure to our ailments. We want Him to help us ace an exam that we haven’t studied for, and on and on. But Jesus is the One who must suffer and die and then rise. We don’t want to hear it.

Peter’s heart and mind is set on human things, not on divine things. The Things of God are faith, courage, losing one’s life for the Good News, being least and being servant, and doing good. The Things of Humans are lack of faith, fear, saving one’s life, being great or popular, finally getting to the top or above those who have had the upper hand, and even at times wanting to get even or making that person pay for all the grief they have given us. Are we really prepared to follow the Son of Man, living our lives according to the ways of love, humility, faith, “serenity to accept what we cannot change, courage to change what we can and the wisdom to know the difference”, that is, the wisdom of Jesus and not of the world?

God GRANT ME THE *serenity*
 TO ACCEPT THINGS I CAN NOT CHANGE,
 THE *courage* TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN,
 AND THE *wisdom* TO KNOW
 THE DIFFERENCE.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Attention All parents of students preparing for First Penance and First Communion. We have to make a change in the date for the Enrollment Mass. The new date for the Rite of Enrollment for Reconciliation and Eucharist will be Sunday, September 30th at the 10:30am Mass. All parents and students in both Sunday and Monday classes preparing to receive these sacraments later this academic year are expected to attend this Mass of Enrollment. Please contact Darleen Farland at dfarland@stmarysgrafton.org with any questions.

******We are still in need of a Grade 5 catechist and aide, as well as a Grade 3 aide for Sunday mornings. If you can help, please contact Darleen Farland at dfarland@stmarysgrafton.org.**

Market Sunday's Outreach Program "Neighbors Helping Neighbors"

As you shop for your family, think of those we help every month. We welcome anything you usually buy for your family. In particular, we could use: 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 so blessed to have such generous parishioners and grateful for your ongoing support. If you know of anyone struggling to provide for their family, please contact the St Vincent de Paul Society of St Mary/St Philip. 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.

***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.

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.

Tom Corcoran Visit to St. Mary, N. Grafton

10/08/18 6pm-8pm

'Meeting them where they're at'...Who are they? Where are they? How do we reach them?

Tom Corcoran, co-author of Rebuilt, will share his Baltimore parish experiences of effectively building a dynamic youth program, developing Small Group fellowship communities that inspire discipleship, and revamping the homily message to appeal to the barely participating, as well as the devout Catholic. All are invited to join us at St. Mary Church, N. Grafton, on Monday, October 8, 2018, 6-8PM. Light refreshments will be available; admission is free. Email smallgroups@stmarysgraffton.org to RSVP or to contact us with questions. You may also call the St. Mary Parish Office at (508) 839-3993 x10.

The Story
of a
Catholic
Parish



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**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 ([stmarysgraffton.org](http://stmarysgraffton.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](mailto:p.cross@shoplegacy.com) if you have any questions.

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**Upcoming Cursillo Weekends**

Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. Our last 2018 date is: Women's – Oct. 25-28; and our 2019 dates are as follows. Men: March 21-24 & Oct. 10-13; Women: May 2-5 & Nov. 14-17. All weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information, please contact Sue Leighton at 508-278-3155 or [sleighton1958@gmail.com](mailto:sleighton1958@gmail.com).

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**WE NEED YOU!**  
**TO MAKE IT HAPPEN**

**Christmas Fair Meeting Thursday, Sept. 27 Come One, Come All!** The 2018 Christmas Fair team will be meeting on Thursday, Sept. 27 at 6pm and all parishioners are invited to join them in the upstairs classroom at St. Philip Church. We are in need of your time and your talent for this event, which is the

parish's main fundraiser. In addition to needing everyone's help in deciding what we will feature this year, the team will need help with preparations (baking, crafts, mailings, etc.) as well as on the day of the fair at each of the tables. Calendar notice for all — **The fair will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9am to 3pm** at the church on 12 West St. in Grafton. Those with questions or suggestions should call or text Patti Hart at 508-245-6981 or email at [PEHart@aol.com](mailto:PEHart@aol.com). Messages can always be left with the parish secretary, Carole LeBlanc.

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