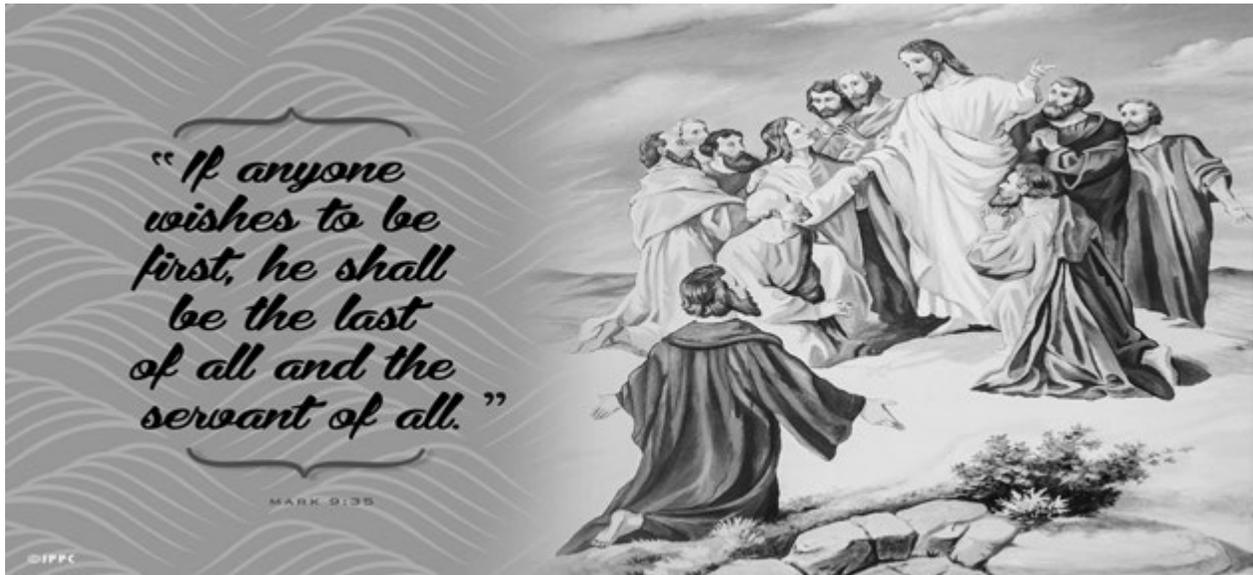


Parish Communities

St. Mary & St. Philip Benizi



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 Fax - 508-839-1330
 Website - www.stmarysgrafton.org
Weekend Mass Schedule St. Mary-
 Saturday 4:00 PM
 Sunday 7:30 & 10:30 AM Mass-time nursery'
 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
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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 .
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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

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 27– Fair Chairperson meeting 7pm St. Philip
Oct 7– Coffee Social after morning Mass, St Philip
Oct 27– Parish Dinner at St. Philip details coming....

Sunday Collection 9-9-2018
 2671.00

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

25TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” (MARK 9:35) Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another.

Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is “to make holy,” from the words “sacer” = sacred and “facere” = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.



 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.

Helen Stone
 1925-2018



May God hold you in the palm of His hand....

St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

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

Saturday 4 :00 pm 10th Anniversary Gary Lindblad by family

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

NO MORNING PRAYER OR MORNING MASS THIS WEEK

No Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday

Next Saturday: 4:00pm – 27th Anniversary John Burnham by family, 19th Anniversary Everett Coonan by family, 10th Anniversary Carl Dahlstrom by family

Next Sunday: 7:30am - 4th Anniversary Garry Neal by family
 10:30am – Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday Collection 9-16-2018
 \$ 5365.00

Thank you for your continued support

St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry



Please join us in a rewarding ministry. We meet every third Saturday of the month. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets September through May. For more information contact Pat Morse at 508 839-6070.



We are asking that every child please bring in a non perishable food item to religious education class every week. This can be and should be something that your **child wants to give to help feed our friends in need. There is no right or wrong item to bring**, the point is for the children to see that **being nice matters**, to share something they like with those who have less, to think about others. So please, have your children be a part of this so that they can be a true disciple of Jesus and give to those in need by living the Beatitudes. Any questions should be directed to Carole LeBlanc, 508-9839-3325

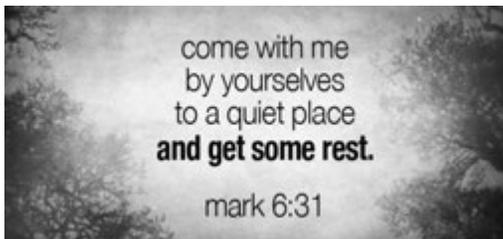
Be Nice because being Nice Matters

A SAINT IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



Who is that saint in your neighborhood, if not you? We're not talking about being instantly perfect and spotless. The apostles were certainly far from perfect, even up to Christ's crucifixion. In today's Gospel, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that "the Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." Not only did they not have a clue, but they were arguing about who was the greatest among them. They just didn't get it. (Or maybe, they didn't want to get it.)

Does that mean there is hope for all of us? To Mark, the evangelist, it is clear: Jesus is guided by the hand of God, but he will be killed by human hands. Those who set their minds on human things will want to do away with those who set their minds on the things of God. **Where is your mind these days?** If we have a divided mind, that is, if we cannot decide, we cannot fulfill the mission Christ wants us to fulfill. This is an essential part of becoming holy. **Like Christ, are we guided by the hand of God in everything we do?**



Like the apostles we are on a learning curve as they were for three years. "Once in the house, he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?'" Mark notes that Jesus was "in the house", and then asks what they argued about "on the way". "On the way" refers to the way of discipleship. "In the house" refers to the place of the heart, the place of rest. This is an important lesson: Jesus teaches us best when we learn

to rest in His Most Sacred Heart. **How can we rest in Jesus' Most Sacred Heart? It is an invitation to prayer and quiet by putting our agendas aside. Are you able to put your agendas aside and just hang out with Jesus? Are you able to let the Spirit develop in you a capacity for silence that will allow you to listen to his words at a deeper level?**

Is Jesus' teaching on his passion, death and Resurrection received by an entrenched mindset or open mind? Jesus places a child in front of them and embraces the child. The path to Jesus Christ and to God is through welcoming those whom no one else will invite, someone with no status, like a child. The apostles were called to a life of service and caring, but they thought themselves perhaps better than those they served. For a child, status, titles and rank means nothing. What is most deeply human is what matters. This is what it means to be holy: that we live as children of Our Father in heaven and treat each other with great respect. **Do we sometimes hold someone in contempt? Do I judge someone because they are not quick in wit like I am? Do I see someone as too fat or ugly? Do I think someone is too worldly or making themselves "holier than thou"? Do I not invite someone because I would be embarrassed by them in front of my friends or family? To become holy is to acquire "Jesus eyes" with a Jesus mind and heart. Amen.**



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@stmarysgrafon.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@stmarysgrafon.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.

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.



St. Mary's LITTLE ANGELS CLUB, mass-time nursery, OPEN HOUSE!...this Sunday, September 23rd, 9:15-10:15! Your 6 month - 4 year old will enjoy Christian videos, music, stories and crafts during the 10:30 Mass. Please visit us in Rm. 4 of the lower level of the church to meet our CORI compliant, Safe Environment trained, CPR certified volunteer staff!

Lasagna Night for Veterans Shelter

Wow! It's almost October again! That means it's time for the Veterans Ministry of St. Mary, St. Philip, and St. James, to sponsor our semi-annual Lasagna Night for the veterans at the shelters in Worcester and Shrewsbury, and the women veterans shelter and their kids in Worcester, on October 15, 2018. We are asking for your help with lasagna, brownies, and ice-cream. If you volunteer to prepare lasagna, please do NOT bake it. A pan with cover will be provided. All donations should be dropped off in the church kitchen by 3:00 PM on Sunday, October 14, 2018. There is a signup sheet on the Soup Kitchen table in the gathering space. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Mini-Retreat for Women

The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester invites you to join us for a Mini-Retreat for Women on Saturday, October 20, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Main St., Shrewsbury. The day will begin with Mass at 8:30 AM, followed by registration and coffee/pastries. Lunch will be included with the \$15 offering, and the program will conclude by 1:30 p.m. Our facilitator will be Jaymie Stuart Wolfe, a featured speaker at numerous spiritual events, conferences and retreats throughout the Archdiocese of Boston and beyond. She combines inspirational music with spoken reflection, and has produced numerous recordings of original music. The program will leave you with a stronger sense of who God is and how He wants to be in your life, and who you are and can be in Him and for each other. The registration fee (checks made payable to Commission of Women) can be mailed to Pamela Ashmankas, 5 Millbury Terrace, Millbury, MA 01527, by October 11th. Further information and registration form may be found at www.worcesterdiocese.org/commission-for-women.

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Fall Harvest Festival – Dismas Family Farm Saturday, October 6, 2-4pm

687 Lincoln Road, Oakham Join us for our 9th Annual Fall Farm Festival! Low admission price includes all-you-can-eat lunch, hayrides, hay maze, fun activities and free mini pumpkin for kids. Register on-line by Oct. 5 at www.dismasisfamily.org and save \$1 per ticket. For more info. visit us on Facebook at 'Dismas House' or call us at (508) 882-0000! Rain Date: October 7th Adults \$10.00 – Kids \$6.00 & under 4 Free! Thanks for your support!





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@stmarysgrafton.org to RSVP or to contact us with questions. You may also call the St. Mary Parish Office at (508)839-3993 x10.

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. Messages can always be left with the parish secretary, Carole LeBlanc.

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TO MAKE IT HAPPEN**



September 20, 2018

Dear friends in Christ,

Why choose a Catholic School given all the choices that are available today? While we take pride in our quality academics, in developing physical and teamwork skills in sports, and in being involved in community service, one thing stands out above all else: children can encounter Christ in all aspects of a Catholic School experience. The Catholic education each child receives is rooted in an understanding of the human person as made in the image and likeness of God who is the true source of human dignity.

The mission of Catholic Schools is an integral part of the mission of the Catholic Church. In the Sacrament of Matrimony, parents vow to raise their children in the Catholic faith. There is no better opportunity to do so than in a Catholic School where teachers, staff and volunteers alike give witness to the faith every day, both in and out of the classroom.

I invite you to review this year's Catholic Schools' Appeal report available online at www.schools.worcesterdiocese.org and in The Catholic Free Press and recognize how Catholic Schools are performing a vital service to the entire Church and how we need the support of everyone to carry on our mission. In order to share the "Good News" story of Catholic schools we rely on those of you who have received a Catholic education first-hand or have witnessed the benefits of a Catholic education in the graduates you have come to know. We owe it to future generations to be able to encounter Christ in the classroom. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can be part of this commitment.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
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