

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 Mass-time
nursery'

Morning Prayer Mon-Thurs 7:45 AM

Daily Mass Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM

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Mass Schedule

St. Philip Sunday 9:00 AM

*Parish Secretary St. Mary: Jill Sullivan x10

*Parish Secretary St. Philip: Carole LeBlanc—cleb1329@aol.com

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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 .

* 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

Oct 14—Month mind, Helen Stone requested by Eva & Francis Bolack, Deceased members of the Corey family requested by family
Oct 21— Helen LaPan requested by a friend
Oct 28— Deceased members of the Polselli family requested parish
Nov 4— Deceased members of the Chartier family requested the parish, Helen Stone requested by the Wednesday Morning Group

Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary

Eucharist Adoration Wednesdays St Mary
Oct 27— Parish Dinner at St. Philip details in bulletin
Nov 4— Teen Safe Environment Training @ St. Philip 6pm

Sunday Collection 9-30-2018
\$2256.00

Thank you for your continued support

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

Christmas Fair Update:

Volunteers Needed
Quilt & Raffle Tickets On Sale
White Elephant Donations Needed
The 2018 Christmas Fair is only 7 weeks away!

The Fair Committee members are working very hard to make this annual event one of the best ever but are in need of your help.

The tickets for the Quilt and Grand Raffles have been mailed to all parishioners. If you have not received them, please contact Carole LeBlanc at the parish office or Patti Hart at 508-887-9933 and we will deliver them to you either by mail or personally. We ask that all parishioners return the filled out ticket forms either by mail or in the weekly Sunday collection basket. If you have any unused tickets, please return them in the envelope provided in the mailing.

Also, Evelyn Guillette, who is chairperson for the White Elephant Table this year, is asking for donations for the bargain table. Donations should be in good to excellent condition. No clothes, TVs or electronics, although small electrical appliances are welcome. To arrange for drop off or pick up, please call Evelyn at 508-839-2890. And, once again, the team is in need of volunteers to assist on the day of the fair.

Please contact Patti Hart at 508-887-9933 to lend a hand. Thank you all for your support of this fun holiday event which will be held Saturday, December 1 from 9am to 3pm.

ONLY 7 WEEKS TO GO!!!

St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

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

Saturday- 4:00pm Nancy Spyker requested by Denise Spence & Janet LaMarche
Sunday-7:30am – Parishioners of St. Mary Parish
10:30am – Deceased parishioners of St. Mary Parish
Monday– 7:45 Morning Prayer

8:00 Morning Mass– open intention

Tuesday -7:45 Morning Prayer

8:00 Morning Mass– open intention

Wednesday– 7:45 Morning Prayer

8:00 Morning Mass– open intention

Thursday– 7:45 Morning Prayer

8:00 Morning Mass– open intention

Next Saturday-4:00pm- Anniversary for John & Mary Hebert requested by the family, 5th anniversary Msgr. James McMurtrie requested by a friend, 18th anniversary Joe Connaughton requested by the family

Next Sunday:7:30am – Memorial Mass for Dennis Flynn requested by the family

10:30am – Memorial Mass for Lawrence Crowley requested by the family

Sunday Collection 9-28-2018
\$ \$6,486.00

Thank you for your continued support

Meeting for the St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held on Saturday October 20th 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.

St. Mary Parish Office

We are happy to announce that Jill Sullivan is our new parish secretary here at St Mary and she will continue to serve in religious education as well. In an effort to be more accessible to parishioners, our secretary will be available Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 12:30. We hope that you will use these services to have your needs met. Please welcome her as she continues to serve her parish family in her new role.

Hurricane Flo Relief Collection requested by the Bishop

Next weekend we will join the other parishes in our diocese with a 2nd collection to help the victims of hurricane Flo. Please be as generous as you can. We continue to pray for those in need of relief from this storm.

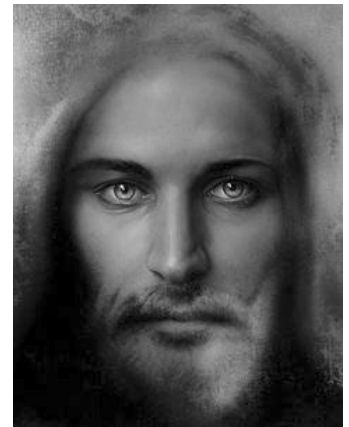
WEALTH, THE FALSE SECURITY! CHRIST, THE HIDDEN TREASURE



What is the use of owning a great deal of things but not have the inner peace and capacity to truly enjoy them? In today's Gospel, Jesus is approached by this wealthy man who wishes to inherit eternal life. Jesus in turn replies by naming the commandments. The man replies that he has observed these commandments since he was a youth. Mark tells us that "Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, 'You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.'" But at this the rich man's face fell and went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus is saying that obeying the commandments is not enough. That's having a mentality of doing

the minimum. Jesus wanted him to enter the Kingdom of God, but his attachment to his wealth was preventing him from being truly free, free enough to not hold on to anything, free enough to accept Jesus' tremendous love for him. **What are you and I holding on to that prevent us from being totally free and unattached? Is it money? Is it my house, car, vacation getaway, the amenities I'm used to? Maybe it's certain TV programs, sports, a certain routine, a certain level of comfortability? Would I be attached to certain ideas, political biases, certain opinions, certain ideological persuasions? Am I attached to a certain persona of myself that I put out there as who I am?**

The world projects that wealth and certain investments buy you and me a level of security and comfortability and that this will allow you to be freer to do what you want to do. Is that true? In the light of today's Gospel Jesus presents us with a paradox: Doing the will of the Father, that is, letting ourselves be totally loved by God, is true freedom. The only real freedom, is the freedom to let ourselves be totally loved and in turn totally free to share that love with others, especially the poor. Anything else is the counterfeit that the world offers. **How do I score on letting myself be totally loved by God? Can I look, or dare I look into Jesus' eyes and allow Him to love me totally? What am I afraid of? Is there anything that scares me about His eyes? Is there anything that scares me or prevents me from following Jesus unreservedly? (Please keep in mind that even Peter and the other apostles did not know what lay ahead of them when they decided to leave everything behind and follow Him.) What is it that I am afraid to leave behind?**



Freedom to be totally loved by God, and to love is at the heart of what it is to be holy. Unless my prayer leads me to love others more deeply, especially to love those who are difficult to love, then my prayer is suspect. **Deep down what am I afraid of letting go? "Blessed are the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God." "Blessed" also means "happy", and it also means "holy". Do you and I believe that Christ is indeed our greatest treasure, albeit, hidden treasure? Am I convinced that worldly wealth is a false security? Am I convinced that attachment to what I have squeezes God's Word out? Do I sincerely believe that unless my heart is totally empty, God cannot fill me?**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Father Daughter Dance

The D.J. is ready and invitations are going out! This dance is for Girls in Grades 1-6 and a significant male in their lives; be it their Dad, Grampa, an Uncle, ...someone they enjoy spending time with. The date is Friday, October 19th at 7:00pm at St. James Parish Center. Please send your RSVP back as soon as possible. The deadline for response is Tuesday, October 9th. We are also in need of help with set-up, clean-up, and refreshments: baked goods, fruit, and beverages. Please contact Celeste Allain (catstjames@aol.com) at St. James Parish or Darleen Farland (dfarland@stmarysgraffton.org) at St. Mary/St. Philip parishes for registration forms.



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.



Please consider volunteering for one or all of the events listed, we welcome teens and adults to help us:) These are great service hours for the teens:)

Oct 18– set-up for the Father Daughter Dance from 6:30-8 at St James

Oct 19th– Father Daughter Dance from 6:30 to 9:30 at St. James

Youth Ministry Veterans Dinner– 3-6:30 contact Ed Romeo at eromeo795@gmail.com

St. Philip Benefit Pork Dinner Saturday October 27, 2018. Serving begins at 5:00 pm. Hosted by the Confirmation Class of 2018— Support the youth of our parish!!!!!! Buy a ticket. Proceeds to benefit the Daigle/Rixham Fire Relief Fund
Come on by and say hi to Norm, Jean, Randy & Debra, 50/50 raffle

Admission \$10.00,,,TICKETS ON SALE , please see Carole LeBlanc St. Philip office, Lisa Stewart St Mary Office and Celeste Allain St. James office. Tickets will be sold after 9am Mass at St. Philip Parish.

.SMALL GROUP-COAT DRIVE-October 27 - November 11th

As we recall the Corporate Work of Mercy 'clothe the naked', please consider donating your gently worn coats and warm outerwear that will be distributed to area charities. Previous year's appeals brought in more than 500 men, women, and children's coats. Bins for your donations will be in the St. Mary and St. Philip Gathering Space.



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!

The Office of Healing and Prevention of the Diocese of Worcester has established 3 mandatory requirements for all parishioners in ministry, age 14 and up, who may possibly be in contact with children. These requirements are a CORI check, signing a Code of Conduct acknowledgement form, and completing a short, one-time Safe Environment trainingsession either on-line or in person. If you prefer to attend in person, the following sessions are being offered in Grafton. (Registration is not necessary, but please call Carole at 508-839-3325 or Jill at 508-839-3993 so that we have a general idea of attendance for set-up purposes.)

Adult-focused (teens may attend): St. Mary's Church, 17 Waterville Street, North Grafton - Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 6:30pm to 8pm (follow signs to room)

Teens 14-17 only: St. Philip's Church, 12 West Street, Sunday, November 4, from 6pm to 7pm

October 12, 2018

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,



In his message for World Mission Sunday 2018, our Holy Father reflects on how life itself is a mission. "To live out joyfully our responsibility for the world is a great challenge. . . Each one of us is called to reflect on this fact: 'I am a mission on this Earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world.' (Evangelii Gaudium 273)."

The world's missions include approximately 1,100 dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America. Help is offered for pastoral and evangelizing programs, for catechists and catechetical work, to build churches and chapels, for the work of religious communities in health care and education, and for communication and transportation needs.

All Catholics have the opportunity to share in the "mission of the servants of the Word" through active participation in the efforts of the four Pontifical Mission Societies: The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Holy Childhood Association, the Society of St. Peter Apostle and the Missionary Union of Priests and Religious. All of us can be a part of this effort, especially through prayer and through encouraging others to come to an awareness of their own role in the Church's missionary work by virtue of their Baptism.

I urge all in our diocesan family to share in the work of evangelization, offering your prayers and sacrifices for the Church's missionary efforts and in a special way on this World Mission Sunday on the weekend of October 21. Your generous support for this collection will also be a source of blessing for our own Diocese as we place evangelization at the heart of our Church's life and mission. This year, we are invited as well into a special opportunity to engage with Pope Francis and learn more about his missions. To do so, visit missio.org.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

St. Mary's Schools, Worcester Open House

St. Mary's Schools (Grades PreK-12) 50 Richland St., Worcester will be holding a Fall Open House on Wednesday, Oct. 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. We currently have openings for all grade levels. Come experience the spirit-filled community of St. Mary's Schools, where we have heart. Tours of the schools and informational packets will be provided. For more information please call 508-753-1170 or visit our website at www.stmarysworcester.org. Come and be part of our 100 year tradition.

Open House at St. Bernard Central Catholic High School

Saint Bernard's will hold an Open House on Sunday, Oct. 28 from 1 - 3 pm, Get to know our current students. Take a tour. Meet our teachers & explore our curriculum. And, learn about athletics & clubs! We are located at 45 Harvard St., Fitchburg. We are happy to answer any of your questions! Please email jrichard@stbernardscchs.org.

11th Annual St. Paul Catholic School Consortium Dinner

Bishop Robert J. McManus and the St. Paul Catholic Schools Consortium Board of Directors invite you to attend our Eleventh Annual Consortium Dinner honoring Thomas D. Bingham with the Elizabeth Ann Seton Award for exemplary service in support of youth and Catholic education and Joseph R. Mullaney with the Outstanding Young Alumni Award. The dinner will be held on Thursday, Nov. 8 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Leominster. If you'd like to attend the dinner or sponsor it, please visit www.stpaulconsortium.com or email stpaulcsc@gmail.com.

Holiday Fair-Uxbridge

Our Lady of the Valley Regional School will hold its annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, Nov. 17, 9 a.m. -3 p.m., 75 Mendon St. Features include, raffles and crafts for adults and children, wreaths, baked goods, food and drink, silent auctions and picture opportunities with Santa.

Murder Mystery Dinner Show in Worcester

St. John's Social Activities Committee is sponsoring a Murder Mystery-Italian Dinner Show on Saturday, Nov. 3 at the St. Francis Xavier Center, Temple St., Worcester. Dinner will be served after 4:15 Mass. Tickets are \$25.00 Per Person (tickets include Show with a Dinner of Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Coffee & Dessert) Tickets will be on Sale after the following Masses 4:15, 8:00, 10:15 & 12:15 or by calling Judy 508 478-9813. Get you tickets early, there is a limited number of tickets.

Coffee Social

Congratulations to Marianna Riemer and Alberta Durfee, this month's attendance prize winners. Our next Social will be held after Mass on 11/11. Set-up will take place on 11/8 @ 6pm. Please check the sign-up cards on the table in the church entrance. Your help is needed and always appreciated.

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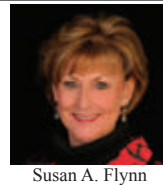
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