

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
St. Philip Office - 508-839-3325
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Mass Schedule
St. Philip Sunday 9:00 AM

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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

Oct 28– Deceased members of the Polselli family requested parish, Helen LaPan requested by Al LaPan

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

Oct 29– St. Philip Parish Council 7pm @St Philip

Nov 3 & 4– Youth Ministry Luminaries Sale after all masses, both parishes

Nov 4– Teen Safe Environment Training @ St. Philip 6pm

Nov 11– Coffee Social @ St Philip

Nov 11– Gathering day grades 9 & 10 @ St Philip 11:30 -4:30

Dec 1– Christmas Fair St Philip 9-3

Sunday Collection 10-21-2018

\$1495.00

Thank you for your continued support

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

St. Philip Parish Christmas Fair

Saturday, December 1, 2018, 9 am – 3 pm

Contact: Patti Hart, 508-887-9922



The Christmas Fair is coming! The quilt patch to the left show the tables we will have at the Fair – we are doing our best to make this a home-made Christmas! In the coming weeks, we will feature two tables per week, letting you know what we have and what we need. Everyone is welcome! This week, we are featuring

the Craft & White Elephant Tables: Craft (Peg Atchue) Our table will have artisan crafts, including some new items. In addition to our usual craft items, we now have Pet Gifts, Snow Yardsticks, and a variety of Tote Bags in addition to our usual craft items. We need: 2 volunteers to relieve our Craft Table workers for the lunch period. White Elephant (Evelyn Gillette) – Our table has a great variety of curated items that will be plentiful at the Fair. We Need: Help in transporting items from Evelyn’s home



St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

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

Saturday: 4:00pm -10th anniversary Francoise Bauer requested by family, 30th anniversary for David Feeley requested by family

Sunday: 7:30am -Deceased members of St. Mary parish 10:30am - Margaret Sonnenberg requested by family, Parishioners of St. Mary’s

Monday: 7:45am - Morning Prayer

8:00am - Morning Mass

Tuesday: 7:45am - Morning Prayer

8:00am - Morning Mass

Wednesday: 7:45am - Morning Prayer

8:00am - Morning Mass

Thursday: 7:45am - Morning Prayer

8:00am - Morning Mass -

Next Saturday: 4:00pm-7th anniversary Fr. John Burke requested by a friend ,deceased Members of St. Mary

Next Sunday: 7:30am -Mary Haugh & Jean Mansfield requested by Joan Brown, deceased Members of St. Mary 10:30am -Parishioners of St. Mary

3:00pm -Mass Of Remembrance “All Souls Day”

Sunday Collection 10-21-2018

\$5647.75

Thank you for your continued support

Annual St. James Harvest Fair

Sat. Nov. 3rd 9 AM-3 PM.

We will feature unique homemade crafts, household plants, fun raffles, large silent baked goods, themed baskets to purchase, and a large white elephant area for your treasure shopping. For the kids we have face painting & tattoos, crafts to make, and games to try with prizes. Please join us-come browse, buy auction section, delicious and enjoy a delicious lunch from 11 AM .Breakfast pastries will be served from 9-11 AM



Veterans Ministry Thank You

The Veterans Ministry would like to thank all the parishioners who supplied lasagnas, brownies, and ice cream for our Lasagna Night held on October 15th. The Catholic Youth kids served the meal and did a great job! Everyone had a nice time and the veterans appreciated the lasagna. Thank you so much for all your help in making Lasagna Night a huge success for our homeless veterans!

All Saints Day

Thursday, November 1st

All Saints Day is a **Holy Day of Obligation.**

There will be special Masses at 8:00am and 7:00pm at St. Mary’s. Please come join us!



Reflection

by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Ever tried to tune in to your favorite TV show only to find out that it has been cancelled? Most likely that was due to the show's low ratings. That measure has been around "for more than 90 years", according to the website of the Nielson data and analytics company. Of course, each of us has our own rating system for a host of other things, even if our choice is unpopular.

Reading the Bartimaeus story about his cure from blindness, especially in this context, leads me to offer my rating of this one handicap as the most difficult to endure. Put another way, I believe our eyesight is the most exquisite of the five senses. It gifts us with so much! Without it, our window on the world is closed. Light and color are impossible. And the sight of human faces, especially of those we love, would have to be left to our imagination. This list of the impossible only scratches the surface.

What Our Lord gave that man who shouted out to Him from the roadside that day was not only a priceless gift but also a clear example of Jesus' divine compassion and mercy. It is almost no wonder that Bartimaeus made the life-changing decision to follow Jesus "along the way." Note that in those early days of nascent Christianity, "the way" was the name for discipleship.

Before dwelling on what this decision must have meant for Bartimaeus' future, I think it worthwhile to note the man's initial courage. He cried out loud for Jesus. He didn't let the shushing of the crowd hold him back from making what was tantamount to an act of faith. In these dark days for the Church in the wake of the clergy abuse scandal, one might be tempted to be quiet about being a Catholic. Or to yield to the shushing of the secularists among us who detest Christianity in general. Or worse, to forget that the Church is all about Christ and not about wayward priests and bishops.

That faith of the blind man highlights the spiritual blindness of all the other people around him, who most likely only took to Jesus for His wonder working and not His teaching. We can only speculate what Bartimaeus did in his new life as a disciple of Jesus. Did he become a preacher, using his riveting personal story to attract others to Christ? Did he later marry and raise sons and daughters "in the way" also? And what did they do in return?

We could well take the Mass as a kind of spiritual eye exam. Christ the Divine Physician looks into our lives to see how well we are doing with living His way as we listen with Him to the Readings from Scripture. Then, by Holy Communion on any given Sunday He comes to us with the best medicine for our condition as we tackle another week of life. Yes, "there are none so blind as those who will not see." But we are graced to view the world with eyes wide open and to have trust in the God who sees us for the potential saints we are.

Meanwhile, there is a growing suspicion that what the world needs now is a religion that will cover the other six days of the week. No doubt the Catholic Church has the highest rating on that as long as we live its vision.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

A new exodus from Assyria causes joy in the heart of Jacob and other nations. The marchers are only a "remnant" of the people. They include the many weak people, a sign that the event is miraculous.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

The author portrays the "Day of Atonement" as one in which sacrifices are offered for personal sins and not just the generic kind. Jesus, our high priest can "deal patiently" with us because He understands our weakness.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Bartimaeus' courageous reaction to Jesus' arrival is a model for us. After his cure, he makes a decision to follow Jesus "on the way" (an early name for the new Church). All of this contrasts with the disciples' spiritual blindness.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Come Learn About Our Newest Saints

On October 14th, during the Synod of Bishops on the Youth, Pope Francis will officially recognize the sainthood of Pope Paul VI and Oscar Romero through canonization. Pope Paul VI was a pope of dialogue, who succeeded Saint Pope John XXIII and continued the Second Vatican Council and subsequently implemented many of its reforms. Oscar Romero who was gunned down during Mass in 1980 in El Salvador will become the first Salvadoran saint. Come learn more about these new saints at free Movie Nights. We will even throw in free popcorn and drinks. *Pope Paul VI will be shown on Wednesday, October 24th at 6:30pm at St. Mary's Hall. Oscar Romero will be shown on Wednesday Nov 7th at 6:30pm at St. Mary's Hall. Please contact Darleen at darland@stmarysgraffton.org to RSVP for either/both nights.*

Grade 5 Level Mass November 11th 10:30am Mass

The fifth grade Mass is scheduled for November 11rd at 10:30. Please make every effort to attend with your child, as this is an important event for our church community. The children will be participating in the liturgy and sitting together with their classmates and teachers. If you know that you cannot make it and your child has volunteered in class to have a role in the liturgy, for example, as a reader, please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible so that we can plan appropriately and so that another child can fulfill the responsibility. Please contact us with any questions. Thank you!

The Grade 5 Catechists,

Karen Jordan -Monday—Denise Bagloe -Sunday——Josephine DeRamos — Sunday

. **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 training session 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

Grade Level Gathering Days at St. Philip

November 11– Grade 9 & 10- We will gather at St Philip from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm. Students are to bring lunch.

December 16– Grade 7 & 8– We will be starting with Mass at 9 and ending our day at 2pm. Students are to bring lunch.

January 6– Grade 6– We will be starting with Mass at 9 and ending our day at 2pm. Students are to bring lunch.

These gathering days are part of the curriculum and count as class time, we expect your child to be in attendance.

Any questions? Please contact Carole at cleb1329@aol.com

Father Daughter Dance

Many thanks to all those who helped to make the Father Daughter Dance such a wonderful success. For those who helped with decorating and setting up, especially our high school students, for those who donated water, or delicious baked goods, fruit trays, and cheese and cracker trays, for our efficient clean- up crew including Fr. Hanlon, our photographer and dj, and our hospitality volunteers and to those who helped us advertise, we are truly grateful for everyone who contributed to make this a memorable evening for our young ladies and their dads, uncles, grandfathers, etc. We had a total of 43 families/dads and 52 young ladies from 4 different parishes who danced the night away. For those who ordered photos, we will send them home with students through our religious education classes once they are ready.and children's coats. Bins for your donations will be in the St. Mary and St. Philip Gathering Space.

Honoring Our Blessed Mother in October

Many Thanks to Lori Dewar, for leading our Gr 1-5 students in praying the rosary. Parents, your children have brought home rosary beads along with an instructive "How To" pamphlet. We encourage you to continue praying with them at home.



Holiday Bazaar in Northbridge

St. Peter Parish in Northbridge will be holding its Annual Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 3 from 9 am-3 pm in the Parish Hall, 39 Church Avenue. Come out to enjoy the day! Make sure to bring the little ones... Santa Claus will be making a special appearance starting at 10am for pictures! We will have all of your favorites: Delicious home-made baked goods, white elephant table, craft tables with beautiful handmade items, knitted items & handmade quilts. There will also be tables filled with raffles (you never know what will be there!) & the famous silent auction. Stay and enjoy a bite to eat with all of our "Old-Time" favorite foods being served. for more information please call the rectory at 508-234-2156.



Parish Bazaar in Southbridge

Saint John Paul II Parish in Southbridge is holding their annual parish Bazaar on Sunday, Nov. 4 from 8:30 am to 4 pm in the gym of Trinity Catholic Academy, 11 Pine St. in Southbridge. The Bazaar features a variety of tables to visit: Children's Games, Village Bake Shop, Theme Baskets, Jewelry, Community Raffle (over 150 items plus 2 special raffles), Silent Auction, Craft Table, Jar Deal, Religious Items, Entertainment, and Food Court which is open for breakfast at 8:30 am. Free admission and ample parking. Handicap accessible.

Christmas Fair in Leominster

St. Cecilia's "Christmas In Acadia" Fair will take place on Friday Nov. 9 from 5-9 pm and Saturday Nov. 10 from 11 am-7:30 pm. In the Parish Hall, 188 Mechanic St. Leominster. Traditional French-Canadian foods featuring Poutines, Rapee, Fricot and meat pies - or choose from our extensive kitchen menu and end your meal at the pie booth or at the baked goods table. Chinese Auction, \$3000 Major Raffle, Theme Baskets, variety of handmade Craft items and a large Flea Market available for your enjoyment. Come on by and have your picture taken with Santa for "free" on Friday between 6 & 7:30pm and on Saturday between 11:30am & 1pm. There will be face painting and a variety of game booths for children of all ages! Live entertainment on Saturday afternoon and the "Twin City Fiddlers" will perform from 5:30 -7:30pm. Take the weekend off from cooking. Come enjoy the food and festivities!

Harvest Bazaar in Worcester

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel at Our Lady of Loreto Parish will hold its Harvest Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9 am – 3 pm. Come and shop the Country Store, look for Christmas decorations, jewelry booth old and new, handbags and knitted goods. There will be a them basket raffle as well as a Grand Money Raffle. And, of course, lots of Italian food and cookies!. Come and join us for a day of fun at 37 Massasoit Road, Worcester.

Christmas Bazaar in Dudley

St. Andrew Bobola Holy Rosary Sodality will hold its Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 11, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the church hall, 54 W. Main St. The Bake table will feature homemade pastries, babka & paczki. Tables include Thanksgiving dinner, Attic Treasures and Christmas shop, money raffle, gifts and lottery tree.

Holiday Fair in Uxbridge

Our Lady of the Valley Regional School will hold its annual Holiday Fair, 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 photo-ops with Santa.

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,

Are you curious about the Small Group experience? Have you been in a group that didn't offer what you expected? Has your group experience been enriching or repetitive? Do you have suggestions for other groups, times, formats, topics? Are you interested in Bible Study? Catechesis? Would you consider leading a moms group, young adult group, other group? Join Fr. Leo and others to discuss the possibilities on Sunday, October 28th, following the 10:30 mass at St. Mary's, in Rm 4-downstairs.

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.

Annual Minister of Communion and Minister of Care meeting, Sunday, Nov. 4th-12:00pm St. Mary Church:

St. Mary and St. Philip Ministers of Communion and Care are asked to attend the annual meeting hosted by Father Leo.

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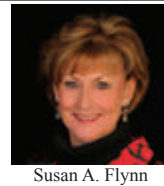
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