

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

* Deacon: Rev. Mr. Frederick Coggins x29 fcoggins@stmarysgrafton.org
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* 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 : Jill Sullivan x10
* Safe Environment Coordinator St. Philip: Carole LeBlanc cleb1329@aol.com
* 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@stmarysgrafton.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

Jan 13– Deceased members of St Philip
Jan 20– Helen LaPan and John Chartier requested by the parish

Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary
Rosary cited Sunday mornings after Mass @ St Philip
Eucharist Adoration Wednesdays St Mary

Jan 13– Re classes resume St Mary & St Philip
 *Meeting for H.S. catechists/aides at St. Philip at 5:15 today
 *RE classes Gr. 6-10 600 -700pm St. Philip

Jan 13– First Penance Service , St Mary @1pm, reception in hall

Jan 14- Gr.1-5 RE classes 430-530pm

Jan 17- Adult Ed. Class 630-800pm St. Mary Conference Room.

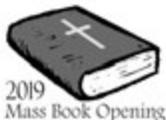
Jan 20th and 21st– No classes- MLK Jr. Holiday

Sunday Collections St Philip

Sunday Collection 12-23-2018—\$1297.52
 Christmas Collection-\$1994.00
 Sunday Collection– 12-30-18 \$966.00
 Sunday Collection– 1-6-19—\$2521.00

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Mass Book



Please consider having a Mass requested for a deceased loved one. Masses can be scheduled by either stopping in the church office or by calling Carole for St Philip and Jill for St Mary.

Thank you to all who have donated to the parishes Christmas Flower Fund and to those who assisted in the liturgical enhancement of the sanctuaries. We are so very blessed to have such caring, giving parishioners who go above and beyond to make our parishes “flourish” with beauty .

Thank you for your dedication.



St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

Saturday: 4:00pm - Deceased Members of St. Mary

Sunday: 7:30am - Deceased Members of St. Mary
 10:30am - Deceased Members of St. Mary

Monday: 7:45am – Morning Prayer
 8:00am – Morning Mass

Tuesday: 7:45am – Morning Prayer
 8:00am – Morning Mass
 7:00pm – St. James – Adoration & Confession

Wednesday: 7:45am - Morning Prayer
 8:00am – Morning Mass –

Thursday: 7:45am Morning Prayer
 8:00am – Morning Mass –

Next Saturday: 4:00pm - Deceased Members of St. Mary

Next Sunday: 7:30am – Memorial Dennis Flynn by Family
 10:30am – Deceased Members of St. Mary

Sunday Collections St Mary

Sunday Collection 12-23-2018—\$5947.00
 Sunday Collection 12-30-2018—\$4465.00
 Sunday Collection 1-6-2019 —\$7067.34
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“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit... ’” (Luke 3:16) The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.



January 13, 2019

Baptism Of The Lord



January 2018

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

January 22, 2018 marks the 45th anniversary of the tragic Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision which, with its companion case Doe v. Bolton, legalized abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy in every state in the nation. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (n. 373), designates Monday, January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children". All the faithful in dioceses throughout the United States of America are called to observe this day in a spirit of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

Forty-five years of legalized abortion in this country has left an incomprehensible aftermath. With close to 60 million lives lost, and countless women and men, mothers and fathers, grandparents, siblings, and friends who have been deeply wounded physically, emotionally, and spiritually by this tragedy, we need now more than ever to re-commit ourselves to defending life. I encourage our diocesan parishes and institutions, and all the faithful, to observe reverently the Day of Prayer and Penance on January 22nd both personally and within your communities. Let us unite our hearts and minds through special acts of prayer, fasting, and sacrifice on this day, to uphold the inherent dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.

As we reflect on this unspeakable tragedy, we also recall how the Church for many years has continued to reach out to those who have been so sadly affected by the culture of death, particularly through ministries providing aid to women and families in crisis pregnancies, offering the healing love and mercy of Christ to those wounded by abortion through the ministry of Project Rachel, and by continuing to teach and preach the truth and beauty about love and life that bring authentic freedom and happiness. It is through these charitable works, along with our fervent prayers and sacrifices, that the culture can be transformed and the great goods of life, marriage, and religious liberty can be protected and upheld.

Let us take this opportunity of the January 22nd Day of Prayer and Penance to renew our resolve to live and proclaim the Gospel of Life. May we respond generously to the challenge Saint Pope John Paul II put forth in *Evangelium vitae*: "A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. May an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and Lover of life, from the heart of every believer." Our active participation in the shared commitment to the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person will with God's grace, truly work toward the building up of a Culture of Life and a Civilization of Love.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Worcester



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Thursday Jan 17th Adult Ed. Class 630-800pm St. Mary Conference Room.

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Thursdays, January 17th, 24th, 31st, February 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th 6:30-8:00pm St. Mary's Conference Room Registration \$20.00 includes Study Guide Please contact Darleen Farland (dfarland@stmarysgraffon.org) by January 3rd to register so that materials may be ordered prior to first class session.

Catholic Girls Club

The Catholic Girls Club meets on the third Saturday of the month from 2-3 pm between October and May. At this club, we discuss a female saint or Marian feast day and then do a corresponding craft or activity. Our location is at the Emmaus Center across from Sacred Heart Church in Webster, (please use Day Street entrance). The club is open to girls ages 6 and up. There are no fees or long-term commitments. On Jan. 19 we will meet to discuss the life of St. Agnes. You can sign up online and ask any questions to Melissa McDonald at kyleandmelissa2004@gmail.com. Please join us and meet some wonderful ladies!

Theology on Tap comes to Gardner

Young adults (college age through their 30s) are invited to join us for a Theology on Tap gathering on Friday, Jan. 25 at 7p.m. at Williams Restaurant, 184 Pearson Blvd in Gardner (Just off of Rt. 2) . Join us for a lively conversation facilitated by Fr. Stephen Lundrigan on Faith and Science: Can they Coexist? Free Appetizers will be provided, and a Cash Bar will be available.

Evangelization Session in Gardner

All are welcome to join us on Saturday, Jan. 26 from 10 am-Noon at, Holy Spirit Chapel of Annunciation Parish on 50 Lovewell St., Gardner for a conversation to discuss the evangelization efforts working in our communities, explore the possibilities for growing evangelization efforts in our area and talk about next steps. This session will be facilitated by John J. Boucher, a Catholic evangelization consultant and member of our diocesan Parish Renewal and Evangelization Committee. Please help us plan to welcome you by preregistering for this free session at www.annunciationgardner.org/evangelization-listening-session.

Catholic Schools Night at the Railers

Please join us on Saturday, January 26 for Catholic Schools Night at the Worcester Railers as Bishop McManus and Superintendent Dr. Perda drop the puck at 7 PM and the following schools will be singing the pre-game songs for that night: Holy Name C.C. Jr. Sr. H.S. Chorus will sing the National Anthem; Holy Family Academy in Gardner will sing America the Beautiful; and Assumption School in Millbury will sing God Bless America. To purchase tickets www.railershc.com/catholicschools. Lower level tickets are \$20 and the first 1,000 tickets will receive a Catholic Schools Night/Worcester Railers T-shirt. Upper level tickets are \$15 including a t-shirt while available. After the T-shirts are gone, \$5 will be donated back to the schools. The top selling schools from each size category (small 100-150 Students), (medium 151-250 students), (large 251+ students), will get a Railers player appearance at their school and will also have each student invited down to the high five line before puck drop. If you have any questions regarding ticket information, please contact Connor Haynes at the Railers at 508-365-1752.



Market Sunday's Outreach Program "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" **As we help our families through the winter months, we very much in need of paper products (tissues, paper towels, toilet paper). We can also always use: coffee, tea & hot chocolate, rice and rice mixes, kids snacks, crackers & cookies, jelly, mayonnaise, pancake mix and syrup.** We thank you for your ongoing support!. If you know of anyone struggling to provide for themselves or their family, please contact the St Vincent de Paul Society of St Mary/St Philip at our church line: 508 839-3993 ext 35. All information is kept strictly confidential. . As always, we thank you for your ongoing generosity. If you know of anyone struggling to provide for their family, do not hesitate to have them contact the St Vincent de Paul Society of St Mary/St Philip at 508 839-3993 x 35. All information is kept strictly confidential.



A family in the parish donated a table and chairs to one of our SVDP families. The family was very happy to receive it the week before Christmas. They considered it a wonderful gift. Thank you to everyone for your response to the needs of others in our community. It is a blessing.

Meeting for the **St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry** will be held on Saturday January 19th 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.



JANUARY 14-22, 2019

9 Days for Life is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of every human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. Visit www.9daysforlife.com to join!

Join the National Novena for Life sponsored by the USCCB

9 Days for Life is a focused period of prayer, penance, and pilgrimage set aside to mark the tragic anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion during all nine months of pregnancy. The novena will take place nationwide from January 14 through 22, 2019. During this time, all are invited to participate by joining together with thousands of Catholics across the

country in prayer for a new intention each of the nine days. Visit www.9daysforlife.com to learn more and to download a free app for your smartphone or to sign up for daily emails or text messages with each day's prayer intention. Your prayers matter! Your sacrifices make a difference!

NOTE to bulletin editors: Web graphics for the 9 Days for Life Novena for use on parish websites and social media can be found at www.9daysforlife.com in the leader resources section. A reproducible flyer for use as a parish bulletin insert is attached.

Mass for Life – Jan. 17

All are invited to attend the annual Mass for Life on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 19 Chatham St., Worcester. Please join us as we remember the 46th tragic anniversary of Roe v. Wade and pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation. We will also pray in a special way for all those who will be travelling to Washington, DC for the March for Life. All are welcome!

January 22 National Day of Prayer

Did you know that in Dioceses throughout the United States, January 22 is designated as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Human Life? As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms, in a way similar to our Lenten practices. Learn more about how you can participate at <https://www.worcesterdiocese.org/jan-22-day-of-prayer>.

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