

Parish Communities St. Mary & St. Philip Benizi

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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 : 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 20– Helen LaPan and John Chartier requested by the parish

Jan 27– Helen Stone , deceased members of the Polselli family 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 17- Adult Ed. Class 630-800pm St. Mary Conference Room.

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

Jan 27 & 28– RE classes St Mary & St Philip

Feb 3– No night classes at St Philip

Feb 10– 6th grade Gathering Day, Mass at 9, gathering day until 3pm

March 2– IHN "An Evening of Hope" fundraiser

Sunday Collections St Philip

1-13-2019 \$1499.00

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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.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 Corinthians 12:7) St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you, feel His love, peace and joy!

Welcome

We welcome Michael Cahill who is a deacon candidate in training until his ordination as a deacon in June. While training he is not yet allowed to preach a homily but will offer reflections. As an acolyte, he will assist Fr. Leo at Mass. Let us keep him in our prayers. Let us also continue to pray that God bless Deacon Fred as he continues his sabbatical and discernment.



St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

Saturday: 4:00pm – 11th Anniversary Dorothy Burnham requested by her son, Anniversary Henry Gibson requested by Janer LaMarche

Sunday: 7:30am – Memorial Dennis Flynn requested by family

10:30am – Memorial Louis Vigliatura requested by family

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 – 34th Anniversary Joseph Dumas requested by family

Next Sunday: 7:30am – Deceased Members of St. Mary

10:30am – Deceased Members of St. Mary

Sunday Collections St Mary

1-13-2019 \$6430.00

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Boy Scout Troop 106 would like to thank all those who supported our annual Christmas Tree collection drive. It was a successful fundraiser! The monies raised will help support our Troop's scouting activities throughout the year. Wishing everyone an awesome 2019!"

SAVE THE DATE: March 2, 2019 IHN will be holding their 2nd Annual "An Evening of Hope" fundraiser. It is a "Food Tasting with Wine Pairings" evening of delectable small plates from a wonderful caterer paired with a selection of wines from Grafton's own Pecorino's. More information is available at <https://stmarysgrafton.org/ihn>.



Mason James Blough, child of Brett & Gina Blough, joined our faith community on Sunday January 13 through the Sacrament of Baptism . It is with great joy that we welcome Mason to our faith family here at St Mary.



CANA: TRUE DESTINATION OF ALL WEDDINGS

Today, it seems that many couples are looking for the perfect wedding. They want to make it count. And Wall Street is only too happy to be a big part of it. They will help you to spend and spend. (The operating assumption is that “there is nothing too extravagant for my beloved.” The sky is the limit!) Another modern infatuation is to find the perfect and most romantic place to get married. But the problem with all of this, is that after the honeymoon is over, it’s back to reality.

In today’s Gospel, Mary and Jesus, are INVITED guests to a wedding in Cana. It is typical that the wedding celebration lasted a whole week. The whole village and nearby relatives were invited. But at this wedding they run out of wine, a most embarrassing situation for the wedding couple. To the casual, worldly observer, it appears to be just a cute story where Jesus performs His first sign (or miracle) at His mother’s bidding. But that’s only a superficial understanding.

In the Gospel of John, most often there is the element of misunderstanding because most people remain at the superficial, human level. But each of the seven signs in this Gospel, including this first one at Cana, are meant to point us to a deeper meaning. Here, it is to express what God desires for all humanity, and how Jesus has come to fulfill God’s desire.

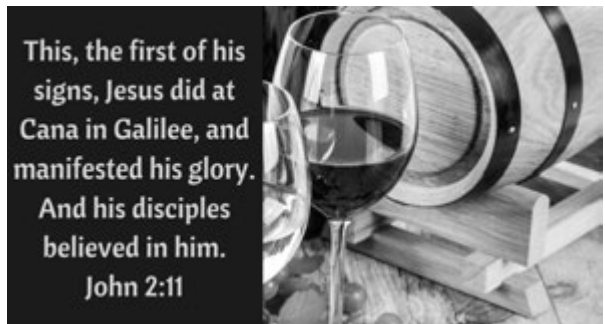


At first it seems to be entirely a human conversation between Mary and her son Jesus. She presents a human need to Jesus. On a deeper spiritual level we see Mary as the first disciple of Christ, who shows us the art of intercessory prayer. We learn much from her. She doesn’t really ask Jesus. She simply presents the need: “They have no wine.” Jesus seems to rebuff her by saying, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” (Huh? Where is Jesus coming from?) Mary simply presents that the bride and groom are in trouble. She hands the matter over to Jesus and leaves it up to Him to decide what to do.

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Mary’s attitude teaches us two things: In her heart-felt goodness she sees a need and right away intercedes for them. Secondly, she leaves everything to the Lord’s judgment. She trusts implicitly. She doesn’t assert her own will. But with humility and generosity she accepts God’s will with a confident conviction that whatever God wants is for that person’s true good because only He sees the whole picture.

Jesus calls His mother “woman.” In the book of Genesis, Adam calls his equal “woman” because she shares his life and work. As the new Adam, Christ calls her “woman” because Mary is the mother of “the New Creation” which is the wedding of God with all humanity. Mary comes to Jesus on behalf of human beings who lack fullness of life. From the water jars (baptism) Jesus brings new wine, that is, new life- the Divine Life- to us. The new wine is His very own blood, shed for us. **This is the wedding of all weddings! He is the Groom. The Church is His Bride. Alleluia!**



This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. John 2:11

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

Thursday Jan 17th Adult Ed. Class 630-800pm St. Mary classroom 4

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Thursdays, January 17th, 24th, 31st, February 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th 6:30-8:00pm St. Mary's Classroom 4, Registration \$20.00 includes Study Guide Please contact Darleen Farland (dfarland@stmarysgrafon.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.

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Altar Server Appreciation Pizza Party and training!

The annual Altar Server pizza party and training is scheduled for Sunday, January 27th at 12:00pm for all St. Mary and St. Philip servers. This is an opportunity for the parish to show gratitude to our servers for their reliable and reverent service as well as a mandatory gathering to review procedures for consistency and best practices. We're always grateful to the oldest servers attending the meeting as they continue their valuable role-modeling for the younger servers. The event will begin in the St. Mary Church followed by pizza in the Parish Hall; all lasting a little over an hour. Younger siblings or others interested in becoming servers are welcome to attend!





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 on going 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.

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.



Addiction Support Group Meeting in Webster

The first Calix Society in the Worcester Diocese (A New Hope) will meet on Saturday, Jan. 19, 1:30 - 2:45 pm (every Third Saturday of the month) downstairs in the Emmaus Center across from Sacred Heart Parish, 18 E Main St, Webster, . The Calix Society is a Catholic support group (supplement to AA) for those directly affected



by alcohol/addiction, and for family and friends who also suffer from their effects. It is open to all. Call or text Kyle at 508-887-2225 for more information.



An Evening of One Act Comedies

St. Bernard Central Catholic High School Drama Club presents "An Evening of One Act Comedies" -- Just Desserts and The Scheme of the Driftless Shifters. The performances will be held in the Glenn F. Downer Auditorium, located at 45 Harvard Street, Fitchburg on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 7:30pm General Admissions is \$5 and Students are \$3. Please join us for a great performance!

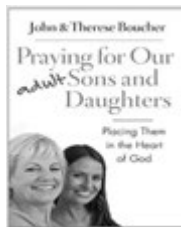
Celebrate St Patrick's Day At St Roch Church

On Sunday, March 17 at 2 pm, join us at St. Roch Parish for a humorous celebration of St. Patrick's Day with with Dave Kane & his "Jokes My Irish Father Told Me." Located at 334 Main St, Oxford, doors open at 1:30 pm. Tickets \$15in advance \$18 at the door. Contact Terry Renaud for tickets at 508-987-2382.



Parade of Soups in Oxford

Come & keep warm at the St. Roch Parade of Soups on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 5:30 pm at St Roch Parish Hall, 334 Main St., Oxford. Features "all you can eat" soups for an \$8 donation. Contact Terry Renaud at 508-987-2382 with questions. All are welcome!



Praying for Our Adult Sons and Daughters

No one ever stops being a mom or a dad. So when our children become adults, we still worry about them—and want to care for them. One way we can still care for them is to lift them up in prayer. When we do so, God's love for them—and for us—is unleashed. John and Therese Boucher, authors and speakers on the New Evangelization will be the presenters. Join us on Saturday, Feb. 9 from 10 am to 2:00 pm, (Snow Date 2/23) at Annunciation Parish, Holy Rosary Church Hall, 135 Nichols St., Gardner. Registration: \$15/person donation includes light lunch, materials and book, **"Praying for Our Adult Sons and Daughters: Placing Them in the Heart of God."**



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