

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
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Mass Schedule
St. Philip Sunday 9:00 AM

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* 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

Feb 3- Helen Stone , deceased members of the Polselli family requested by the parish

Feb 10- Jean Drago requested by parish

Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary

Rosary cited Sunday mornings after Mass @ St Philip

Eucharist Adoration Wednesdays St Mary

Jan 27th Grade 1-5 - 9:15-10:15am St. Mary

Grade 4 Level Mass 10:30am St. Mary

Grade 7 - 4:00-5:00 pm St Philip Mrs. LeBlanc

class only

Grade 6-10 6:00-7:00pm St. Philip

Jan- 28th Grade 1-5 4:30-5:30pm St. Mary

Jan-30th First Communion Parent Informational Meeting 7:00pm St. Mary Parish Hall. Parents are asked to bring their child's book with them to this meeting.

Feb 3- Souper Bowl Sunday collections

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

1-20-2019—Mass Canceled because of

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Thank you for your continued support

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.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." (Nehemiah 8:10) Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need without expecting anything in return.

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 – 34th Anniversary Joseph Dumas requested by Family

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 – Birthday and 21st Anniversary

Ella LaMarche requested by Family

Next Sunday: -7:30am – 8th Anniversary Myrtle Dennis requested by Family

10:30am – Deceased Members of St. Mary

Sunday Collections St Mary

1-13-2019 \$6430.00

1-20-2019 due to the storm, amount is not available

Thank you for your continued support

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>.

Souper Bowl Sunday!



The Grafton Catholic Youth Group will be helping to TACKLE HUNGER by collecting monetary donations after each Mass at St. Mary's and St. Philip's Parishes during Super Bowl weekend, February 2nd and 3rd. All contributions collected will help support Market Sunday. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

The Blessing of Throats

In honor of St. Blase , blessing of the throats will take place the weekend of Feb. 2-3, after all Masses.

Diocesan collection in regards to Home Missions Appeal will take place Feb 3, please read the letter from the bishop on following page.>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>

TO BE A CHILD OF GOD: A CALL TO TRANSFORMATIVE ACTION



Are you deeply aware of what your life is really all about? After His baptism, Jesus entered that deeper awareness once He had been driven into the desert by the Holy Spirit to be tempted in His humanity as we all are in this world. In the desert Satan had suggested that to be Son of God meant that He would always be physically full, socially powerful and religiously safe. But Jesus refused this self-centered understanding of "Son of God." Being totally obedient to the will of His Father, He now returns to Galilee filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. When He comes to the synagogue in Nazareth, he reads from Isaiah the words: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to bring good news to the poor... and to proclaim the year of favor from the Lord."

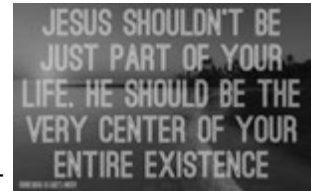
We have been baptized in Christ, and so we are challenged to enter a deeper awareness of things and with Jesus to hear the words: "You are my beloved in whom I am well pleased." We are filled with the Holy Spirit and led into our own desert, to face our human condition, and to learn from Jesus how to respond and to live this new life in a very broken world.

Our baptism in Christ changes the meaning of our lives and gives us a Holy Purpose to our existence. For now we live a Christ-centered life. Like Him we go to Church, "as is our custom," and the Word of God is given to us that the Spirit of the Lord is upon us to proclaim The Good News (that Christ is alive, and that each of us is a beloved child of God). In the year 2019, we hear that these words are NOW fulfilled (not only in Him, but in us as well.)

The Good News is that our lives are no longer grounded in what the world without God wants us to believe. In Christ, Who is our Jubilee (our Year of Favor), we proclaim this year of 2019, a year of grace and mercy to all we meet. We can proclaim this, however, only if we believe we are a child of God, and strive to live accordingly. And we proclaim mercy by showing mercy. (For "almsgiving" in Holy Scripture is primarily doing deeds of mercy.)

This doesn't mean we stop doing what we are doing at work or elsewhere but that we allow that deeper consciousness that comes from the Word of God to penetrate every facet of our daily living. God's word and His will can no longer be relegated to Sunday Mass worship. Each of us is challenged to integrate or weave into the fabric of our every-day life, the golden thread of His Love and Mercy. Christ can no longer be compartmentalized to our morning prayers and weekly worship.

The Spirit of God is upon you and upon me. He intends to transform our hearts and minds in the pattern of Jesus Christ our Lord. Will we resist the Holy Spirit or gladly surrender to Him? "Come Holy Spirit, transform me according to the mind and heart of Jesus, my Lord and Savior. Burn away all useless thoughts and desires. Fashion me according to the will of God. May my life become more and more immersed in the mind and heart of Jesus, ever seeking in Him to be the Child of God that I am. Amen



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

January 24, 2019

Many dioceses here in the United States face challenges due to priest shortages, lack of funds, remote geography, or impoverished parishes. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports these dioceses that struggle to make ends meet and to serve the many needs of their parishioners. Through last year's grants of \$9.75 million, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal supported evangelization, catechesis, ministry formation, and other areas of faith development and pastoral programs in needy dioceses. Over forty percent of all dioceses in the United States are considered home missions. As a result of the generosity of parishioners like you, this appeal impacts the lives of nearly 9 million Catholics.

If you were to cross the Diocese of Colorado Springs, you would see the stunning mountain valleys and peaks of the Continental Divide to the west, and the wide expanses of the Great Plains to the east. However, the Diocese of Colorado Springs is a mission diocese because the terrain poses so many challenges for priests and ministers. Each weekend, priests of the diocese traverse the treacherous mountain routes or drive hundreds of miles across the plains to preside over Sunday Masses. The lack of priests and ministers makes it difficult for the diocese to serve all of the region's Catholics. Without regular pastoral care, people, especially young adults, are susceptible to leaving the Church.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports campus ministry efforts across the diocese. Your support gives young adults the opportunity to make retreats, go on pilgrimages, participate in service projects, and attend vocational discernment events. These ministry centers also offer daily and Sunday Masses, RCIA classes, regular confession times, Eucharistic adoration, Bible studies, and other opportunities to build community.

As Michelle Maher-Lyons, Director of Catechesis, Youth Ministry, and Evangelization, expressed: "Our program is growing larger all the time and we still have large numbers of young people to welcome to what we do. It is with your support we are able to be the light of Christ to the young Church. Thank you for your support."

I encourage you to be generous on the weekend of February 3 to help strengthen the Church at home. Your support will truly make a difference. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

Adult Ed. Class 630-800pm St. Mary classroom 4

Thursdays, 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@stmarysgrafton.org) by January 3rd to register so that materials may be ordered prior to first class session.

Grade 4 Level Mass—The fourth grade Mass is scheduled for Sunday January 27th at 10:30. The children will be participating in the liturgy and sitting together with their classmates and teachers. Please plan on joining us at that mass to support our students.

"AMPLIFY" DIOCESAN YOUTH NIGHTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

As part of our religious education program curriculum for High School students, we will be attending "Amplify" Diocesan Youth Night. The evening includes dinner, games, praise and worship music, Eucharistic Adoration, and Reconciliation.

Open to all youth in grades 9-12. Cost is FREE.

H.S. students are highly encouraged to attend!

Sunday, Feb. 10th 5:30-8:00pm St. Joseph Parish Center in Auburn

Parents are asked to drop off and pick up students directly at event location.

Please let Mrs. LeBlanc or Mrs. Farland know of your selection by February 3rd so we may meet the diocesan registration deadline.

Mom & Son Game Night

You Are invited To the Grafton Cluster

Who: Mom (Grandma, stepmom, favorite aunt or significant woman in the boy's life) and Son/s in Grades 1 through 5

When: Friday, February 8 2019, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Where: St. Mary's Parish Hall

Why: to strengthen family bonds

Admission: \$5 per family

Treat yourself to a special night out with your son/s. There will be a variety of games to play or feel free to bring your favorites with you! It's a fun night out together!

Blessings,

Darleen Farland (St. Mary/ St. Philip Benizi)

Carole LeBlanc (St. Mary / St. Philip Benizi/ St. James)

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!



Open House at St. Joseph School, Webster

St. Joseph School in Webster cordially invites you to attend one of our Open House events to learn about the difference that a Catholic Education can make in your child's or grandchild's educational and spiritual growth. At St. Joseph School we educate for a happy and successful life by challenging the minds and forming the hearts of the students who are respected and valued by their teachers and peers. We support their education with technology so that each child's learning is effective and challenging. We are also excited to now offer our students a new gymnasium and performing arts center, as well as a new cafeteria opening in Spring 2019. Our Open House events will be on Sunday, Jan. 27 from 11 am-1 pm; and on Wednesday, Jan. 30 from 5 pm to 7 pm. For more information visit www.sjs-webster.com or call 508-943-0378 for a tour or to schedule a free shadowing. We look forward to seeing you!

Open House at St. Bernard C.C.H.S.

Discover St. Bernard Central Catholic High School at their Open House on Tuesday, Feb. 5 from 9 am – 1 pm. Students tours and Classroom visits.

6th Grade Gathering Day- Sunday Feb 10th from Mass until 3 pm. 10-3 pm for those attending Mass at another time.

Child needs to bring lunch. Parents are asked to donate snacks and water for the day. Please let Carole know if your child will be attending this date.



As always, we thank you for your ongoing generosity. 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 or are in a temporary financial challenge, please contact the St Vincent de Paul of St Mary/St Philip at our church line: 508 839-3993 ext 35. All information is kept strictly confidential.

We are very much in need of Size 6 diapers for one of our families. If you are willing to donate any, please leave them in the gathering space at either church.

Adopt-A-Family—*The St. Vincent de Paul Society* would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your generous support of our efforts to help some of our fellow neighbors at Christmas. Because of the generosity of our parishioners at St. Mary and St. Philip we were able to provide 15 families in need with Christmas gifts and dinner. Through our Adopt-a-Family program Christmas gifts for 8 children were provided, but more importantly, a need was filled with your kindness and love. We also want to say thank you to Mark Benoit and Cub Scout Pack 106 for providing the 14 beautiful food baskets each containing a Stop & Shop Gift Card to assist with Christmas Dinner. Thank you also to those who made donations of cash or gift cards to share with our families. We have much to be thankful for - YOU!!



Fatal Flaws showing in Millbury

Fatal Flaws, a movie about the dangers of legalizing assisted suicide, will be shown along with discussion at St. Brigid Parish 59 Main Street, Millbury on Wednesday, Feb. 13 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Free and open to the public. Reserve seats at witnessforlife.com or call the parish at 508-865-6624 .

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.

St. James Harvest Craft Fair Valentine sale & raffle will be on Sat, Feb. 9th after 4:30 Mass and Sun. the 10th after the 7:30 & 10:30 masses==the weekend before Valentines day. This tradition is hosted by the Harvest Fair Committee as an additional fundraiser. Our Raffle items this year are: Lg. stuffed huggable Teddy and candy Box, a mystery box valued \$50++,a Bird Lovers Basket, a no fuss lovely terrarium bowl, and a Cupcake Stand with 12 delicious and professionally decorated cupcakes.

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!

Veteran’s Sock Drive for Local Veterans – February 1st – 28th

We are collecting new socks for men and women, all colors, sizes and styles (no ankle socks please. This sock collection will be on-going from February 1st through February 28th. Collection boxes are located at all 3 parishes; St. Mary, St. Philip, and St. James. Please help us to fill them all so we can be sure everyone has warm feet in this cold weather.

St Anna Golf Tournament

St Anna will host its 17th Annual Tournament on Saturday, May 18 at Townsend Ridge Golf Course. Two Shot Guns 7:30am and 1pm Early Bird Rate of \$99 per golfer if you register and pay by February 19, 2019. To register and for tournament details. visit www.sasgolftournament.com .

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