

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
Email - stphilipsgrafton@gmail.com
Mass Schedule
St. Philip Sunday 9:00 AM

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* Business Manager: Lisa Stewart x11 lstewart@stmarysgrafton.org
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* Organist/Dir. Music : Brittany Dyer St Philip
* 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

Mar 3rd– Mary O’Hara requested by Bereavement Ministry
Mar 10– Tim Winslow requested by family
Mar 17– Helen Stone requested by parish
Mar24– Helen LaPan requested by parish

Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary

Rosary cited Sunday mornings after Mass @ St Philip
March 2– IHN “An Evening of Hope” fundraiser
March 6– Ash Wednesday– see St Mary Mass schedule
March 9, 10, 11– Religious Education Registration
March 13– Eucharist Parent meeting @ St Mary 7pm
March 16– Prayer Shawl Ministry 10am St Mary
March 22– Fish Dinner Fundraiser @ St Mary 6pm
 March 27– Lenten Penance Service St Marks Sutton 7pm
April 28– Fr Leo 40th Anniversary of his Ordination

Sunday Collections St Philip

2-24-2019 \$1549.00

Thank you for your continued support



Sunday April 28, 2019 will be a special day for St. Mary and St. Philip Parishes . We will celebrate with Father Leo the Fortieth Anniversary of his Ordination to the priesthood. Father Leo was ordained on April 21, 1979.

There will be more news to follow in the bulletin and announcements from the Altar. Please save the date and plan to celebrate this parish family occasion.

Visiting Eucharistic Ministry

With Lent starting on Wednesday March 6th we want to make you aware that if you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass due to age, illness, mobility issues or post hospital recovery, the Visiting Eucharistic Ministry is available to visit and bring the Eucharist to you at home. Please call the church office 508-839-3993, or 508-839-1330 to request a visit.

Deanery Wide Penance Service

Please join us in this special Lenten Penance Service on Wednesday, March 27th at 7:00pm, at St. Mark’s Church, 356 Boston Road, Sutton. Six priests will be present to hear confessions that evening.



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 – 12th Anniversary Elizabeth Flynn Barry by Family, Memorial Sr. Yvonne Millman by Friends
 Monday: 7:45am – Morning Prayer
 8:00am – Morning Mass Memorial Frances Murray by Friends
 Tuesday: 7:45am – Morning Prayer
 8:00am – Morning Mass
Ash Wednesday
 7:45am - Morning Prayer
 8:00am – Morning Mass
 12:00pm – Mass with Ashes at St. Philip
 7:00pm - Mass with Ashes at St. Mary
 Thursday: 7:45am Morning Prayer
 8:00am – Morning Mass –
 Friday - 7:00pm - Stations of the Cross
 Next Saturday: 4:00pm – 1st Anniversary Shawn Contois by Friend
 Next Sunday: 7:30am – Deceased Members of St. Mary
 10:30am – Memorial Margaret Brosnan by Family

Sunday Collections St Mary

2-24-2019 \$4,874.65

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Meeting for the St. Mary’s Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held on Saturday March 16th 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.

Holy Hour for Priests

On Friday, March 8 from 7 to 8 pm a holy hour to pray for priests will take place at Immaculate Conception Church on 353 Grove St., Worcester. This holy hour will consist of adoration, a short reflection, the rosary, silent prayer and benediction, and will be repeated on the second Friday of each month.



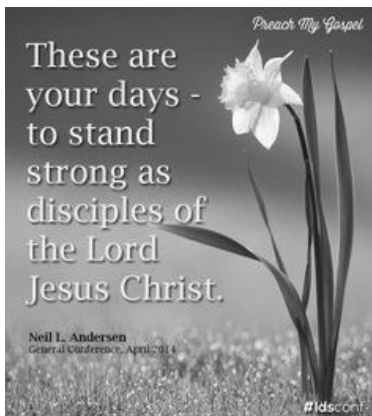
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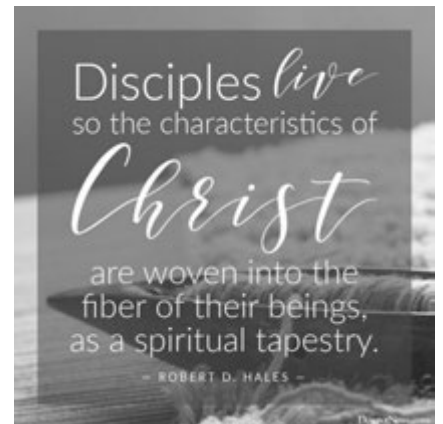
If your spiritual eyes have not been opened, you must find someone whose eyes are open. If you spiritually squint, you must find someone whose eyes are open wide. To find someone who supports you blindness with his or her own blindness, only makes you both blind. This is what Jesus is trying to teach his disciples in today's Gospel. We all have our own blind spots. But the Pharisees refused to admit their blindness. "You are not calling us blind, are you?" To which Jesus replies, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt, but you see, you say, therefore your guilt remains." (John 9: 40-41)

If you are a disciple, you apprentice yourself to someone who is above you, that is, Jesus. The goal of training as a disciple is to become like your Teacher. The criterion for choosing a teacher is: Do you see in this person the person you want to become? In today's Gospel Jesus tells his disciples the type of person they will become if they hear, understand and put His words into action. But first they need to be aware of the beam in their own eyes. He asks them, "How can you say to your neighbor, 'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye." (Ouch!)



Jesus points out the sins in the disciples, which includes us, calling us "you hypocrites". Perhaps the more damning word is "Friend." Calling the person we want to correct "friend" is patronizing and insincere. Why is it that we purportedly can see the slightest faults in our neighbor, but fail to see our own sins and imperfections? It is a matter of untrained consciousness. Our attention is focused outward on others and we do not miss the tiniest of moral flaws. Jesus, however, "kindly" points out that as apprentices we are not trained in self-observation. Without this self-knowledge we tend to paint perfect or innocent pictures of ourselves. We look at the imperfect world around us as if we were not part of it. We then live in disdain rather than compassion.

When Gandhi was asked why he keeps putting up with people's bad behaviors, his immediate response was: "I am very mindful that we are all scoundrels." The difficulty is that in any failure, fault or personal error, our ego instinctively tries to excuse itself. It is the tactic of pride- which is not willing to admit mistakes and schemes. But Jesus realizes that no genuine change, no true conversion of mind and heart can take place until we face the whole truth about ourselves head on, with all our warts and blemishes.



When we try to be faithful with injunctions from Jesus, such as "be compassionate as your heavenly Father is compassionate," we find that we are not capable of carrying out these injunctions. The spiritual wisdom on this failure is: behavior is intimately tied to a sense of identity. If we do not know we are good people, we will not be able to do good deeds. Moral change is dependent on identity change. **YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD. THAT IS YOUR TRUE IDENTITY.** You are not, I repeat, you are not a child of the world. **JESUS IS YOUR TRUE IDENTITY.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Steubenville-East July 12-15, 2019

REGISTRATION OPENS ON JANUARY 15, 2019. Although July may seem a long time away, spaces for the conference tend to go quickly, so please reserve your spaces as soon as possible! See the Worcester Diocesan Announcement here. If you are interested in joining a Grafton group, please email Darleen Farland at dfarland@stmarysgrafton.org ASAP!

This year's theme is "BELONG" and has an inspiring YouTube video. More details are on their website!

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES for next year will be held the weekend of March 9th and 10th and 11th .

At St. Mary: Registration will be held after all weekend Masses and forms will be available in the Gathering Space during class time on Sunday from 9:15-10:15am and Monday from 4:30-5:30pm. **At St. Philip** forms will be available all day on Sunday March 11th.

First Eucharist Parent Meeting

Due to the weather cancellation of our First Eucharist Parent meeting in January, we will be adding information from that meeting to our upcoming Cluster Parent Meeting on Wednesday March 13th at 7pm in St. Mary parish hall. Mr. Kevin Dowd will be our speaker for this evening. After his presentation St. Mary & St. Philip parents will be asked to remain for additional information pertaining to those parishes. Please contact Darleen at dfarland@stmarysgrafton.org with any questions.

Middle School Gathering Days

All will start with 9am Mass with families attending with child at St Philips. We will go until 3pm. Please send a lunch, snacks appreciated.

Grade 6– March 10

Grade 7– March 17

Grade 8– March 24

If your child attended the previous gathering day, they do not need to attend but are always welcomed. Please RSVP Carole at cleb1329@aol.com with any questions



Grafton Catholic Youth Group will be hosting a **Fish Dinner fundraiser** on Friday, March 22, 2019 at 6 pm in St. Mary's Hall. Once again, Bushel and Peck will be providing delicious food for the meal. The cost is \$20 for baked fish and rice pilaf and \$12 for macaroni and cheese. Ticket price includes bread, salad, vegetable, beverage and dessert. Proceeds will benefit the Grafton Catholic Youth Group. Tickets will be sold after Masses the weekends of March 9th and March 16th. If you have questions, contact Tim Rodrique 774-545-6689 or TRodrique@aol.com. Tickets, plus a small handling fee, can also be purchased online at: <https://stmarysgrafton.org/youth-group> through March 17th.



Lenten Fish Dinners in Leominster

Sponsored by the ladies of the St. Ana Society, Lenten Fish dinners will be served on Fridays from March 8 through April 12 from 4 – 7 pm or until sold out!. Adults \$11; Child's half portion for \$6. Includes Baked haddock cole slaw potato, vegetable, Ma & Cheese or Pastsa with Marinara, Desset and beverage. (Alt: meal without Fish for \$5; chowder for \$4.) St. Anna Church hall is located at 199 Lancaster St., Leominster. All are welcome!

Lenten Fish Dinners in Dudley

St. Andrew Bobola Lenten Fish Dinners: St. Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main St., Dudley, MA will serve Lenten Fish Dinners starting on Ash Wednesday, March 6 and every Friday during Lent through April 12. Baked or Fried fish is available, served with potato or French fries, cole slaw, and a roll. Meals are available for lunch/dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. You can eat in or take out. Dinner includes a beverage. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for a child's portion. So join us for a great meal, and let us do the cooking for you! For more info, please visit the rectory of St. Andrew Bobola Church, 54 W. Main St. Dudley or call 508-943-5633.



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.

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 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.

19th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference at Assumption College

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled for Assumption College on Saturday, April 6. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Kevin Dunn, Francesco Cesareo, Trent Horn, Father Warren Savage, Mike Aquilina and Eric Mahl. Bishops and priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass. For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, call Sara Smillie at 508-929-4345. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 25, afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.

How about making a Cursillo weekend?

Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. Cursillo was brought from Spain to the United States in 1962. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. What the presenters add to the talks is the witness of their own lives, their struggles and triumphs in Christ. The weekend is full of laughter, prayer, great music, wonderful meals and so much more. Our 2019 dates are: Men's - March 21-24 & October 10-13; Women's - May 2-5 & November 14-17. All weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information, please contact Sue Leighton at 508-278-3155 or sleighton1958@gmail.com OR Joan Laracy at 774-239-2474 or joanlaracy@yahoo.com.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For over 50 years, the Collection for the Church in Latin America has been a sign of the solidarity of the Church in the United States with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. The distance in rural areas and deteriorated roads make it difficult for some communities to have Mass regularly. Language barriers and lack of resources make catechetical materials difficult to produce. We are called to share our faith with all, and this collection is a prophetic and bold way to do so.



Last year, when Pope Francis opened registrations for World Youth Day in Panama, he said, "WYD is for the courageous! Not for young people who are searching only for comfort and who withdraw whenever difficulties arise. Do you accept the challenge?" (Message for the Thirty-Third World Youth Day, February 11, 2018). Pope Francis echoed Jesus' call for young people to encounter one another and to experience the beauty of the Church. We have a responsibility to support them as they grow in faith.

You have helped young people accept the challenge to grow in faith by your ongoing support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America. You have given them the opportunity to grow as leaders and to develop missionary hearts.

The Collection for the Church in Latin America empowers the faithful of Latin America and the Caribbean to deepen their faith and share it with each other and the world. A significant portion of this collection is also used to assist in the ongoing efforts of our own Diocesan Hispanic Ministry, which serves the large number of Hispanic and Latino Catholics who are now in the Diocese of Worcester. It is gratifying to see the life of faith flourishing in these parish communities as their faith life enriches us all.

I encourage you to respond to the theme to "Share your Faith" by supporting the special Collection for the Church in Latin America when your parish takes up the collection. Please be assured of my appreciation for your generous response.

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

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