

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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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

Mar24- Helen LaPan requested by parish
Mar 31- Mary O'Hara requested by parish
April 7- 3rd anniversary Robert Cournoyer & 1st anniversary Ashley Cournoyer requested by family

Calendar of Events St Philip & St Mary Parish

March 25- St. Mary Parish council meeting at 6:30 - all are welcome to attend
March 27- Lenten Penance Service St Marks Sutton 7pm
April 28- Fr Leo 40th Anniversary of his Ordination

Sunday Collections St Philip

3- 17-2019 \$2289.00

Thank you for your continued support

For Fr. Leo

A Parish Family Celebration

The parish family of Saint Mary and Saint Philip will be celebrating with Father Leo on Sunday, April 28, 2019 the Fortieth Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. The day will begin with the celebration of Mass at three o'clock in the afternoon at Saint



*Mary with a reception to follow at Saint James Parish Hall in South Grafton. Invitations are available in baskets decorated with purple bows (Father Likes purple). Please return the response in the collection basket or to Saint Mary Parish Office by **April 1st**.*

The planning and preparation for our celebration continues. On Saturday, April 27th from noon until 3pm we will be organizing at St. James Parish Hall for the reception.

On Sunday, April 28th we will need volunteers to help clean up after the event. Sign-up sheets are available (mounted on purple paper). If you are able to work with us, please leave your name and number. Thank you in advance for your time. We look forward to this day with joy and thanksgiving for Father Leo and his Ministry.

**Grafton Boy Scout Troop 106
 Family Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**

Saturday, March 30th, 2019
 5:30-7:30pm at St. James Parish Center
 89 Main Street, S. Grafton, MA 01560
 Full Pasta Dinner + Cake Auction + Bake Sale
 Tickets: \$10.00 cash/check (made out to Troop 106)



St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

Saturday: 4:00pm - Birthday Leopold LaMarche requested by family, 22nd anniversary John Sheridan II by family, 1st anniversary Susan Dussault, 1st anniversary Mary Ann Smith by requested by Ushers Ministry

Sunday: 7:30am - Deceased Members of St. Mary 10:30am - 15th anniversary Miriam Cofsky requested by family

Monday: 7:45am - Morning Prayer
 8:00am - Morning Mass - Months Mind Audrey O'Toole requested by friend

Tuesday: No 8:00am Morning Mass during Lent
 7:00pm - Mass / Adoration / Penance
 Wednesday: 7:45am - Morning Prayer

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

8:00am - Morning Mass -
 Friday - 7:00pm - Stations of the Cross

Next Saturday: 4:00pm - Birthday John Hebert requested by Family

Next Sunday:
 7:30am - 28th anniversary Anthony "Spitz" Stolulonis requested by Family

10:30am - Deceased Members of St. Mary

Sunday Collections St Mary

3-17-2019 - \$4,689.60

Thank you for your continued support

2nd Collection this Weekend & Next

March 23 & 24th Partners in Charity Kick -Off
 March 30th & 31st 2nd Collection for Haiti Twinning



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.





LENT: FACING THE CRITICAL MOMENT

The Greek word “krisis” or the English word “crisis” means facing a difficult or dangerous time in which a solution is needed quickly. The meaning of the Greek word “KRISIS” is TURNING POINT (which is the name that Dr. Allen Hunt gives to his DVD series on the Gospel of John- the topic of our small faith sharing groups.) Jesus in today’s Gospel sees the two recent tragedies of his day as critical moments that will either make you or break you.

Jesus asks his audience, “Do you think that those Galileans whose blood Pilate mingled with their sacrifices were worse sinners than all other Galileans?” He replies, “No I tell you, but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.” He goes on to the second example, “Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them- do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you, but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

These are crisis moment examples that Jesus seizes to drive home to all of us that we need to REPENT NOW! We may not get a second chance. He is telling us and them that we all face a dangerous time. The disease of sin can be remedied or bring us to eternal death. He is offering to see THIS CRISIS as a CRITICAL TURNING POINT. What will it be? We must decide.

When tragedy hits, many people have a tendency to wonder about the fate of others. (Indirectly they are saying, “Thank God it’s not me.”) Jesus, however, wants to set the record straight. The fate of others is not due to their being in the wrong place at the right time.

We may not control outside factors, but where we end up in the end is up to us and the choices we make. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE for our actions.



“Repent!” Jesus says. Clearly, He is telling us that we need a radical change in our stinking thinking, or that we need to WAKE UP from our inertia. Not to repent is to side with letting the disease of sin take its course. Are you going to let yourself be carried by the ways of the world, or are you consciously going to live by THE WORD OF GOD?

Jesus clearly says NO to those of us whose theology is to blame tragedies as punishment for their sin, as if we are better than they are. GOD IS NOT IN THE PUNISHING BUSINESS. Period! If He was in the punishing business, we would all be punished, without exception.

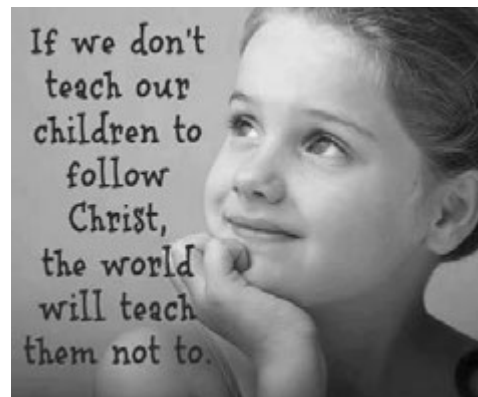
We have a tendency to look outside ourselves at already accomplished events to uncover the action of God. Yet we need to look inside ourselves to be in touch with the will of God. We need to ponder Jesus’ words and let them take root in our hearts, and thereby discern the will of God for us. Once we know His will, we are then to work toward fulfilling His will wherever we are and not postpone one moment. We do this by living as Jesus did; loving with a Jesus heart, seeing others with Jesus eyes, spending much time with our Father in heaven, letting Jesus’ heart speak to our heart.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for Religious Education for Academic Year 2019-2020

Registration for Academic Year 2019-2020 is now occurring. If you haven't yet registered your son/daughter, forms can be found on the Faith Formation tab of our parish website. Please print them out and complete and bring to next scheduled class or drop them off at either St. Mary or St. Philip office. We also are looking for catechists and aides to help with classes for next year. There are sign-up sheets located in the Gathering Space at St. Mary for Grades Kindergarten-5 or you can contact Darleen Farland at dfarland@stmarysgrafton.org. If you are interested in helping with Grades 6-11, please contact Carole LeBlanc at St. Philip (cleb1329@aol.com <<mailto:cleb1329@aol.com>>). Thank you for your attention to this matter.



RE Stations of the Cross

On Sunday, March 24 and Monday Mar 25 Lori Dewar will pray the stations of the cross with students in Grades 1-5. Parents are invited to join our religious education classes upstairs in St. Mary church for these sessions.

Steubenville East

Join the Youth Group this summer at Steubenville East July 12-14 at the Tsongas Center at UMASS Lowell. Come learn more about this exciting opportunity open to incoming Freshman through outgoing Seniors under the age of 18. This year the theme for Steubie East is "Belong". For more information about this conference that can bring young people to a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ, contact Darleen at dfarland@stmarysgrafton.org

The Walking With Jesus Adult Retreat which was postponed due to weather is now re-scheduled for Saturday, May 18th from 8:30am-4:00pm at St. Roch's Parish Oxford, MA. Darleen Farland invites you to join her for this retreat opportunity to deepen our love of Christ as we journey with Him on the path of discipleship. Are you up for the adventure? Registration forms are available in the church gathering spaces and also by contacting Darleen at dfarland@stmarysgrafton.org.



Pray As You Can, a Spirituality for Everyday Living mini-retreat led by Peggy Patenaude of Taking Time Out, will be held at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham on Wednesday, April 10 from 10:00AM to 12:30PM. (Coffee and pastry at 9:30) Pre-registration is required. \$25 fee can be paid on arrival. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net. For more information, visit www.timeoutretreats.com.

Women's Retreat: Bless It All will be held at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center, Wareham, MA April 12-14, 2019. For more information contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or visit her website: www.timeoutretreats.com. The retreat is almost full.

Parish Mission in Northborough

St. Rose of Lima Church, 244 W. Main St. (Rt. 20), Northborough will offer a Lenten Parish Mission Monday, April 1 – Wednesday, April 3. All are welcome. Marty Kelly and Meg Fox-Kelly will present on the theme: "Taste and See: Pausing to Find God in Our Midst." Meg and Marty are both graduates of Weston Jesuit School of Theology and currently serve as Associate Chaplains at College of the Holy Cross. They have extensive experience facilitating retreats and workshops and have a particular interest in Ignatian Spirituality. All services are 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. except Wednesday which is a closing Family Mass beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday's service includes a Family Penance Service.

Parish Mission in Douglas

St. Denis Parish, Douglas will host a Parish Lenten Mission, "Reignite the Fire" April 1 - 3 at 7:00-8:00 pm led by Fr. James Mazzone, Fr. Peter Joyce and Fr. Michael Broderick. All are welcome for one or all three nights. For more information visit www.saintdenischurch.com/lenten-mission.



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.

Lasagna Night for Veterans Shelter

The Grafton Veterans Ministry of St. Mary, St. Philip, and St. James, is sponsoring our semi-annual Lasagna Night for the veterans at the shelters in Worcester, and Shrewsbury, and the women veterans shelter and their kids also in Worcester, on April 15, 2019. We are asking for your help with lasagna and brownies. If you volunteer to prepare lasagna, please do not bake it. A pan with cover will be provided. All donations should be dropped off in the kitchen by 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 14, 2019. There is a sign up sheet on the Soup Kitchen table in the gathering space. Your help is very much appreciated. Thank you!

Haiti Twinning Website

Our Haiti website tab is open! <https://stmarysgrafton.org/haiti-twinning> Please check it out for more info, a message from Ft. Serge, and photos! We invite all parishioners, children and adults, to make an Easter card to send to our Haiti parish. Cards can be put in the "Haiti bins" in the gathering space at both parishes. Thank you!

Nice Matters....when we do something nice because it matters

We are asking for your help to fill Easter baskets with yummy treats and toys.

Please bring your donation to Carole at St Philip Parish . The office is opened all day Sunday from 8am until 7:30 pm, Monday 9am –1 pm, Tuesday 9am to 4 pm. Donations can be left outside the office. Please help us help our neighbors in need this Easter.



When Someone you Love stops going to Church

We all have friends and relatives who have given up on God, the Church or both. How can we reach out to them with the love of Jesus and invite them to return? Come join us for a workshop to explore new attitudes and skills needed to share our faith in the family, the neighborhood and the workplace. Includes: Why Catholics Become Inactive, Surrendering Friends and Family to God, Alone in the Faith: What Are My Choices? Sunday, March 31 (NEW DATE) from 1 – 4:30 pm. Fee: \$5 per person. It will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church (Phelan Center), 551 Pleasant St., Worcester. Presented by John and Therese Boucher, evangelization authors and trainers with Masters Degrees in Religious Education. Learn more at www.catholicangelizer.com. They are members of the Parish Renewal and Evangelization Committee, Diocese of Worcester.

Job Opportunity at St. John Cemetery

St. John Cemetery is looking to hire one and possibly two full time Cemetery Field Maintenance Staff Workers with over-time. Candidate(s) must be a minimum 18 years of age and have a valid Massachusetts Driver's license and pass a CORI check. Position will perform a multitude of tasks required for use of equipment used in the process of burial, maintenance of the cemeteries with a lifting weight restriction of 20-50 pounds. Candidate(s) will be required within a determined time frame of one year to have a Massachusetts DOT physical, licensure for Hoisting/Hydraulics backhoe operator and a CDL-A license to operate a dump truck with a transport trailer and backhoe for our (14) parish cemeteries. Starting hourly rate is commensurate with experience with a benefits package. If interested, please contact St. John Cemetery Office at 508-757-7415 Monday through Friday 8am - 4pm and Saturday 8am - 12noon to arrange an interview. No walks-ins considered without an appointment.

Senior Fraud Hotline

RSVP's Senior Fraud HelpLine is a toll-free resource for seniors and their families to call when they are concerned that they are being targeted by scammers. If they are in doubt, they should check it out by calling 1-800-297-9760. Confidential. Knowledgeable. Local. Supportive.

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