

Parish Communities

St. Mary & St. Philip



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Mass Schedule:
Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 7:30 & 10:30 AM
Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM

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Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

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BULLETIN NOTICES: To Parish Secretary by 6:00 PM Mondays.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 3:00 PM on Saturday and by appointment. Monday - Thursday, following the 8:00 AM Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Usually celebrated on the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 PM. Please talk to Fr. Cardinale after Mass to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Contact Fr. Cardinale at least one year prior to the tentative wedding date.

CARE FOR THE SICK: Please contact the church office if you know of anyone who is hospitalized or confined to home because of age or illness.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please introduce yourself to Fr. Cardinale, Deacon Coggins or a greeter after Mass. Visit the office or log into the website (St. Mary only). We want to know and serve you. We hope that you will become members of our parish community.

St. Philip



Mass Intentions

St Philip Parish

Oct 30– For the parishioners of St. Philip
Nov 6– Joseph Morin 3rd anniversary requested by the Cuzzupe family, Betty Corley requested by Helen Stone, Parishioners of St. Philip

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 13– Veterans Day Patriotic Rosary 1pm St. Philip
Nov 13– Mass of Remembrance 2:30 St. Philip
Nov 20– Sunday Night Mass 5pm St. Philip
Dec 9– Confirmation Ceremony 7pm Cathedral of St. Paul

Sunday Collection
 October 23 \$1309.00

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.’” (LUKE 19:8) We are all called to graciously give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn’t called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you?



Pasta Dinner

MARK THE DATE

As requested by so many of you, we have scheduled our next

*Parish Dinner for **Saturday, February 4th** with a snow date of **February 11th.***

So please plan on joining us for a great meal prepared by the Buggy Whip .

Our high school students will be selling tickets after the holiday. This is a class service project, please support our kids :)

St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

Christ's standard for giving is not how much we give, but how much we hold back for ourselves. - T.A. Kantonen

Saturday

4:00 pm 1st anniversary for Marilyn Chard requested by Pat Morse & Barbara Sease, Memorial for Agnes Whitney 9th anniversary for Francoise Bauer requested by the family In remembrance of her birthday Sandra Patriarca requested by the family

Sunday Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Special intention for Pat Szczur
 10:30 a.m. In remembrance of Lloyd Nolan requested by his family

Special healing for Robert Guerin requested by Marsha De-Perro

Monday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
 8:00 a.m. Special Intention
 6:00 p.m. Solemnity of All Saints

Tuesday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
 8:00 a.m. Solemnity of All Saints — Memorial for Robert & Margaret Holt requested by the family

Wednesday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
 8:00 a.m. All Soul's Day

Thursday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
 8:00 a.m. Memorial for Theresa Holt Stull & Jack Stull requested by the family

Next Saturday

4:00 pm
 5th anniversary for Fr. John Burke requested by a friend

Next Sunday Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. For the parishioners of St Mary
 10:30 a.m. Memorial for Guido & Dario Pradella requested by the family
 15th anniversary for Gene Hogan requested by the family
 16th anniversary for Sophie Capezzuto requested by the family

Sunday collection

October 22 & 23 \$4,735.00

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Request from St Vincent de Paul



We are in need of diapers for 2 families that we support: Size 3 Pampers and Size 6 (any brand). Donations can be left in the St Vincent de Paul basket at the entrance to St Philip or on the Market Sunday food cart at St Mary. Thank you for helping us help others

October 30, 2016

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

BISHOP'S LETTER AND MCC STATEMENT AGAINST LEGALIZED MARIJUANA USE (Q4)



October 24, 2016

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Allow me this opportunity to ask for your assistance regarding a matter of great importance for our families, children and our community.

On Election Day, citizens of Massachusetts will be asked to vote on a proposal to legalize the recreational use of marijuana. If this referendum is approved, it will have an extremely damaging impact on our society, particularly on our children and young people. The enclosed Massachusetts Catholic Conference (MCC) statement provides citations from numerous research studies concerning the detrimental effects that follow from the legalization of marijuana.

As our society battles the devastating opioid crisis which each day claims the lives of those who have been snared in the trap of addiction, it is troubling that we would legalize a gateway drug that, in addition to its own damaging effects, has led far too many users to be destroyed by the use of opioids. It is notable that Governor Baker, District Attorney Joseph Early and the School Committee of the City of Worcester all strongly oppose the legalization of marijuana, with particular recognition of the harm such an action would bring to children and young people.

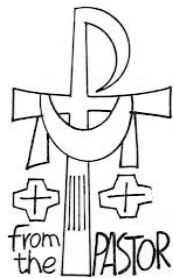
I ask that you read the MCC statement included in this bulletin. We, as responsible and informed citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have an obligation to understand the seriousness of the risks of the legalization of marijuana.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus Bishop of Worcester

Dear friends,



Sunday Evening Mass at St. Philip — This week, I mention for the first time something new we will introduce to the faith community: On **Sunday, 20 November, at 5:00pm at St. Philip Church, we will celebrate a Mass.** In my years as a priest, I have seen how increasingly difficult it is for families with children in grammar school or high school to balance social activities such as sports with their participation in the worship life of their faith communities. I know well that many St. Philip and St. Mary families find themselves, for example, at the 6:30pm Mass on Sunday night at St. Luke parish in Westborough. Today, society pressures families to sacrifice some of what the Lord's Day should be. Some would say that adding more Masses to an already generous schedule is a concession to this. However, we want to offer an option which will help families find a balance.

That's why we're trying this experiment: to offer a 5:00pm Mass once a month on a Sunday night, starting with 20 November. We invite everyone and all families to make Sunday worship easier for them—especially those with children in religious education program at 6:00pm on Sundays at St. Philip.

The Mass will include religious education students serving in liturgical roles such as lecturing. And St. Philip's new Music Director Jonathan Capace is bringing in a contemporary praise and worship music ensemble called "4U". And although they play liturgical music different from the more traditional, they will not be playing the more extreme Christian rock music which, for example, we hear in Life Teen Masses.

Solemnity of All Saints — Holy Day of Obligation — This Tuesday, 1 November, is the Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation. **There will be 2 Masses: a Vigil Mass the night before (31 October, Halloween) at 6:00pm, and an 8:00am Mass on the day itself.**

I hesitate to use the word "obligation" because it may detract from the positive reality that we have the opportunity to gather for Eucharist together on this extraordinary day when we honor all our sisters and brothers in Christ who have preceded us to God's eternal bliss in Heaven. Not only that, we believe that all the Saints are gathered in prayer with us during every celebration of the Mass. What a gift to keep this in mind as we make an extra effort to gather with them on the special day when we honor and thank them for their prayers and their example of how to follow Jesus in every age and place.

Because Jesus invites us to partake of such a wonderful opportunity for our own nourishment, the Church calls some celebrations obligatory because failure to say yes is an offense against Christ our Host. But the question should not be "Why are we obliged to go to Mass?", but, "With all God wants to give us, why would we ever say no?" So please come and let us join with each other and all the Saints!

St. Mary and St. Philip Religious Education



Reconciliation Retreat -will be held on Sunday, November 6 from 1:30 to 4:00pm in the parish hall. All second grade children and a parent are expected to participate.

RE Classes: The Sunday morning group will meet as usual this week. The Monday afternoon group will not meet this Monday, Oct. 31; Grafton Public Schools will be closed. They will make up their class on Monday, Nov. 28.

Faith Fair: To highlight the fact that November is Religious Education Month, the children's class projects will be available for your perusal in the Gather Space. The weeks of Nov. 6 & 13 will feature St. Mary's projects and the weeks of Nov. 20 & 27 they will be at St. Philip. The projects will be changed after Nov. 15. This will allow both faith communities to see what our young people are learning. We hope that you will enjoy and appreciate their work and the faith commitment of their catechists.

Religious Education Calendar is CHANGING- We are changing this years schedule during Holy Week, please watch for details coming soon.



HIGH SCHOOL- Grades 9 and 10 - Service projects that help our community are now back in place as part of the Confirmation requirements. All activities will take place within your church community. Sign up sheets will be available this weekend for upcoming events at St. Mary. All other activities must be approved by Mrs. LeBlanc. All students must complete at least 6 during the 2 year period. Both grades will host a parish dinner this year, starting on Feb 4th with the 10th graders hosting our Pasta Dinner. This is a fun time and gets them involved in the church community. Service is an important part of being a true disciple. Any questions? Feel free to call or email Carole at St. Philip cleb1329@aol.com 508-839-9106.

Thanksgiving Baskets: Flyers have been sent home with the children which explain how you can help to feed the hungry at thanksgiving. Please bring donations to class on Nov. 13th or 14th so dinner baskets can be prepared. Turkey donations will be gladly accepted. Any family wishing to donate a frozen turkey (15 – 20 lbs.) may sign up in the church gathering space or call Erin Flynn Wajer at 508-839-9874. The turkey drop-off is Sunday, Nov. 20th before noon at St. Mary Church (parking lot behind the rectory.) Unfortunately, turkeys cannot be accepted before this date due to limited refrigeration space. Cash donations will be gratefully accepted. The money is used to purchase pies, fresh produce, roasting pans, and other items to compliment the meal.

Market Sunday's Outreach Program "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" is set up by our St. Vincent de Paul and Market Sunday ministries to communicate with our parishioners on seasonal food items that would help to broaden our food pantry. The items being requested are: Soup (all varieties are welcome, especially meat-based soups), cereal that adults would prefer (Special K, Raisin Bran, etc), cookies that adults would prefer (tea biscuits, ginger snaps, Fig Newtons, etc.), canned coffee, tea, hot chocolate, canned carrots and corn, rice pilaf, rice, rice mixes, Hamburger Helper, Lipton Side Dishes, salad dressing, mayonnaise (small jars), pancake mix and maple syrup, laundry detergent. Please remember this is only a suggested guideline; any and all items are appreciated. Food items can be left in the Gathering Space at St. Mary on the Market Sunday food cart, downstairs on the cart located by the food cabinets, or on the table to the left of the cabinets. At St. Philip, you may leave them in the basket marked SVDP located at the entrance of the church. We are blessed to have the generous parish families of St. Mary and St. Philip and very grateful for all the food you donate.



Please make sure to check our parish sign ups for our Soup Kitchen Ministry. Help is always needed and appreciated. So many people are in need of assistance, and helping to feed our friends is just one way that we answer our call to serve.

Come join us and see what a rewarding experience this is. Sign ups are at both St. Mary and St. Philip parishes. Our Sunday Market and Grafton Food Bank are always in need; please consider bringing one item to Mass a week; what an abundance we will have



Urgent Need for Haitian Children

During the recent hurricane, dead animals, fallen trees, trash and even human bodies were disintegrated in the water. This has caused a significant increase of Cholera in Les Cayes (our diocese's adopted twin) which has killed so many people. The strong wind and rain have devastated gardens, crops, livestock and houses. Our sister diocese is in desperate need. To help, you can send a tax deductible donation to:

**Haitian Apostolate Ministry, Diocese of Worcester
 Worcester, MA 01609**

For more information, call (508)929-4310/4328 or e-mail sdupy@worcesterdiocese.org. THANK YOU.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:

It is that time of year again, and we are gladly accepting turkey donations and cash donations. Any family wishing to donate a frozen turkey (15-20 lbs.) may sign up in the church gathering space or call Erin Flynn Wajer at 508-839-9874. Frozen turkeys will need to be dropped off at Saint Mary's Parish on Sunday, November 20th by noon. Any family wishing to make a cash donation can put it in the basket on the Thanksgiving table in the gathering space. Cash donations are always needed for the items that are purchased to complete the baskets (fresh produce, rolls, roasting pans, etc.) If you know of an individual or family who would appreciate a Thanksgiving dinner, or if your own family could use assistance this year, please contact Father Ken or Deacon Fred. Privacy will be respected. **NOTE to Parents of Religious Education Students:** Please look for a notice going home or emailed explaining the role that students will be asked to fill this year. Donations will need to be brought to class November 13th/14th.



CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY



The St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Grafton Cluster of Catholic Churches is excited to once again offer the opportunity to assist needy families in our community for Christmas through "Christmas Adopt-a-Family". SVDP has identified families in the Grafton area who are in need of Christmas DINNER & GIFTS. We are looking for parishioners (either individuals or families) that would be willing to provide gifts and/

or dinner for a family. SVDP will provide guidance on dinner items and gift selection. Please note that Adopt-a-Family for Christmas does NOT replace the Giving Tree.

If you or your family are interested in sponsoring a Grafton family for Christmas dinner and/or gifts, please call the SVDP phone line (508.839.3993 X35) and leave your name and phone number NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 14, 2016. One of our members will return your call within 24 hours. Because of the confidential nature of this ministry, we are only able to identify individuals by code and age. We would appreciate your consideration of participating! THANK YOU!



Thank you to all those who participated

On October 15, 2016 we were one of 16,323 groups of faithful Catholics in the USA who prayed the Rosary as requested by Our Lady of Fatima 99 years ago for the conversion of the world. For the past 10 years, America Needs Fatima has promoted with growing numbers the Public Square Rosary Crusade on the Saturday closest to the feast of the Miracle of the Sun (Oct. 13th), the 6th and last apparition of Fatima, in 1917. Coming in October 2017 - the centenary celebration.



Looking for opportunities to help your parish community? Feel the desire to give of your talent and time? Both parishes have many wonderful ministries that would love to have you join them. Please reach out to one of the council members listed below or speak with Fr. Ken . Students may also reach out to become junior lectors, altar servers, greeters, nursery helpers, we have something for everyone :) so please answer the call to become involved in your parish community.

Meet Your Leadership Teams for St. Philip and St. Mary Parish Councils

St. Philip meets the 4th Monday of each month

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