

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

- Jan 29– 9am-** Parishioners of St. Philip
- Jan 29– 5pm** Parishioners of St. Philip
- Feb 5–** Louise Butterworth requested by Helen Stone
- Feb 5–** Stasia Wasiuk 3rd anniversary requested by the family

Calendar of Events

- Jan 24– Religious Ed board– 7pm St. Mary
- Jan 25– 1st Eucharist parent meeting 7pm St. Mary parish hall
- Jan 29– Sunday Night Mass, 5pm St. Philip
- Jan 30– Famine Information meeting 6pm St. Philip
- Jan 30– St. Philip parish council 6:30 pm
- Feb 3– Mother/son Game Night 7pm St. Mary parish hall
- Feb 4– Pasta dinner @ St. Philip, snow date Feb 11
- Feb 12– Bake Sale– St. Philip
- Feb 19– Coffee Social
- March 17– 24-hour Famine

Sunday Collection

January 22-\$1700.00

Thank you for your continued support

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:3) This one confuses even Stewards. Replace the word “humble” for “poor” and it makes more sense. People that are humble recognize their dependence on God and trust that He will provide all that they need. Unfortunately, for many of us, pride and ego enters our lives and we think we can live without God. Remember – God first in all circumstances

Put God first.

Interested In Becoming A Deacon?

Find out everything you wanted to know about the Diaconate program for the Diocese of Worcester. If you are a male, college graduate (or have an equivalent to a degree) and are between the ages of 31 and 60 and have an interest, now is your opportunity to get some answers. Spouses are welcome and urged to attend with you. Saturday, February 11 at 10 am at St. Anne Parish Center, 130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury. For more information, contact Diaconate office: 508-929-4335 or visit worcesterdiocese.org.



St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

Serving God's purpose in the world is a cause of celebration. Giving is an expression of our daily lives.

Saturday

4:00 pm-32nd anniversary for Joseph Dumas requested by the family
For the parishioners of St Mary

Sunday Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Special Intention
10:30 a.m.-Memorial for Pat Szczur requested by a friend

Monday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. For the Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. For the Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. For the Souls in Purgatory

Thursday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. For the Souls in Purgatory

Next Saturday

4:00 pm Boy Scout Sunday
Birthday/19th anniversary for Ella LaMarche requested by the family

Next Sunday Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. - 6th anniversary for Myrtle Dennis requested by the family
14th anniversary for Richard Glispin requested by the family
10:30 a.m.-For the parishioners of St Mary

Sunday Collection

January 22 \$

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Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Interested in assisting in the Spiritual Care of resident at Notre Dame Long Term Care? If you are a commissioned Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in your parish and are interested in assisting at either the Daily Mass or directly to residents' rooms at Notre Dame Long Term Care, please ask your pastor to submit a letter with your name and contact information to Erin McCarthy, BCC, Director of Pastoral Care, Notre Dame Long Term Care, 559 Plantation St., Worcester, MA 01605. Notre Dame will then submit a list to Bishop McManus with the names to be commissioned to serve at that facility. Thank you.

St. Mary and St. Philip Religious Education



Inclement Weather: Sundays and Mondays: watch WCVB Channel 5 on TV for class cancellation. If Grafton Public Schools are closed on Monday, we are, too. Phoning the RE Office may not help; if the weather warrants school cancellation, then reason dictates that we should stay home, too.

Class Schedule: Classes will resume to the usual times this weekend, 9:15 am on Sundays and 4:30 pm on Mondays.

We've been doing the "Famine" since 2006 and so far have raised \$23,087.00. !!!!!!!

Make it Your Fight: 24-hour Famine With complete determination to help the fight against hunger, our teens have picked the date and are ready to go. Please pray for them as they go without food for 24 hours starting Friday, March 17th, and ending Saturday, March 18th with Eucharist. They will collect donations, every \$35 will feed one hungry child for a month, can you help? They will be having a free will offering bake sale here at St. Philip on February 12th, just in time to buy something for Valentines Day!

Please support our young people as they fight hunger; if you would like to make a donation, please place in it an envelope marked 24-hour Famine, attention Carole. These kids are our future Church; thank you for your generous support.

We are holding our parent/student information meeting on Monday Jan 30th at 6pm at St. Philip Church all interested age 14 and older are invited to attend.

Bake Sale to Benefit 24 hr Famine- As part of the fundraising for the 24 hr. famine, the teens will be holding a free will offering bake sale at St. Philip Parish on Sunday Feb 12 after Mass. These young adults are working very hard to help fight hunger by raising money to help support children in need. Please show your support and be as generous as always.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

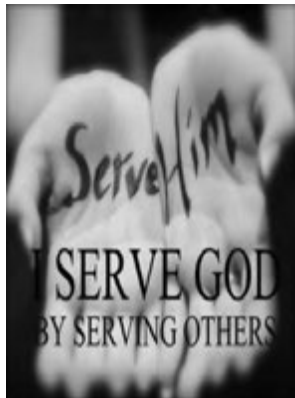
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Mathew 5:3-12

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 RE classes continue to bring in food weekly for our Sunday Market, as they continue to support and care for our friends in need because Nice Matters.

Our 10th graders will be hosting a Parish Pasta Dinner on Saturday Feb 4th with a snow date of Feb 11th.

TICKETS AVAILABLE adults \$10.00

Children 10 and under \$8.00

50/50 raffle.

Serving starts at 5pm.

Catered by The Buggy Whip

Come and show your support to our young adults. Tickets available at St. Philip after Mass or in the office Sunday- Tuesday.

St. Mary—tickets can be bought after the 4:00 Mass or during the week from the office. Thank you for your continued support of our young parishioners.





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: Ramen Noodles, soap (bar, soft), toothpaste, tooth brushes (single), non-sugared cereal, cookies that adults would prefer (Fig Newton's, Ginger Snaps, etc.), canned coffee, tea, hot chocolate, rice, rice pilaf, rice mixes, Hamburger Helper, mayonnaise (small jars), pancake



mix and syrup. 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.

2nd Sunday Evening Mass at St. Philip — On Sunday, 29 January, 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. That's why we're trying this experiment: to offer a 5:00pm Mass once a month on a Sunday night. We invite everyone 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 the contemporary praise and worship music ensemble "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.

—Father Ken

Open House in Webster

St. Joseph School in Webster cordially invites you to attend one of our Open House events to learn about the difference that Catholic Education could make in your child's or grandchild's educational and spiritual growth. At St. Joseph School we educate for a happy and successful life – challenging the minds and forming the hearts of the students who are respected and valued by the teachers and peers. We support the education with technology so that each child's learning is effective and joyful. Our Open House events will be on Sunday, Jan. 29, from 11:00am-1:00pm; and on Wed., Feb. 1 from 5pm to 7 pm. On Sunday, you are invited to participate in our "Tour of Countries" and experience food and entertainment from around the world. On Wednesday, the St. Joseph School Home and School Association will be sponsoring a Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner. For more information visit www.sjs-webster.com or call 508-943-0378 for a tour or to schedule a free shadowing.

Open House at St. Stephen School

St. Stephen School will hold its Open House on Sunday, January 29 from 1-3 p.m.; the snow date will be Saturday, February 4 from 1-3 p.m. We look forward to welcoming students for grades Pre-K3 through grade 7 and their families. St. Stephen School is located at 355 Grafton Street in Worcester. For more information, please contact the school at 508-755-3209 or visit our website at www.st-stephen.net.

St. Mary's Schools, Worcester Open House

St. Mary's Schools (Grades PreK-12) 50 Richland St., Worcester will be holding a Winter Open House on Wednesday, Feb. 1 from 9 - 11 am. Come experience the spirit-filled community of St. Mary's Schools. Tours of the schools and informational packets will be provided. For more information please call 508-753-1170 or visit our website at www.stmarysworcester.org. Come and be part of our 100 year tradition.

January Stewardship Ministry Intention January is a month in which traditionally we pray for Christian unity. It is Jesus', the Good Shepherd's, desire that there be "one Shepherd, one flock". (John 10:16) We are brothers and sisters through God the Father's desire to reconcile the world to His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. We recall that Jesus died for all people: past, present and future. Through His death and resurrection we are invited to live united in His love and compassion, and so we pray:

God our Father, we pray as one, just as the Lord Jesus prayed we may be one, in Him. Through His love and compassion He compels us to be reconciled to each other, to Him and to you. Grant that our spirits be joined to your Holy Spirit, that we may witness to the visible unity of your Church. May we all recognize that we are truly one with you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and grow together in peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever, Amen.

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

St. Philip meets the 4th Monday of each month

St. Mary meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month

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