

Parish Communities

St. Mary & St. Philip



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Website - www.stmarysgrafton.org

Mass Schedule:

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 7:30 & 10:30 AM

Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM

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Sunday 9:00 AM

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Office Hours:

Monday - Wednesday 9:00 AM - 12:00 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

June 11- Helen LaPan requested by parishioners, parishioners of St. Philip

June 18- Carol LaPointe requested by parishioners, parishioners of St. Philip

June 25- Thomas Morin requested by Carole, parishioners of St. Philip

Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary

June 25- Reception for Fr. Ken at St. Philip following 9am

Mass, reception at St. Mary following 11am Mass

Sept 11- Enrollment Mass for Confirmation Candidates

Sunday Collection

May 28, 2017

\$2,567.05* vs. weekly budgeted amount = \$1,975.00

* Includes weekly, fuel and maintenance collections.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

P.O.P.E

Projects Our Parish Envisions

As of 04/05/17

Pope Project -> Renovating Lower Level Classroom

Pope Project Cost: \$19,364.00

Pope Envelope Donations to Date: \$5103.00

Estate Donation: \$10,000.00

Balance to Raise: \$ 4,261.00



Reception for Father Ken

Sunday, June 25

Father Ken's last Mass at St. Philip will be Sunday, June 25, at 9am. To express our appreciation for his work in leading our parish for the past six years, the parish will hold a reception in his honor following the Mass in the upstairs classroom area.

Everyone is welcome to come and wish Father Ken well on his new assignment.

Also, for those who have been asking how they can help -- The Hospitality Committee is in need of food for the event. Those who would like to bring something for the table -- coffee cake, pastries, donuts, juices, cookies, a favorite finger food, small water bottles, juice boxes or fruit salad -- are asked to sign the sheet at the end of the table in the foyer. Those needing more information should contact Janet Krause at krausejan@yahoo.com.

Note that the last Mass at St. Mary on June 25 is a half-hour later, at 11am.

St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

"Get to know two things about a man - how he earns his money and how he spends it - and you have the clue to his character. You will know all you need to know about his standards, his motives, his driving desires and his real religion." - Robert J. McCracken (1904-1973)

Saturday

4:00 p.m. - 37th anniversary for Leopold LaMarche requested by the family, for the Well Being for Phyllis Dorr requested by her son

Sunday The Most Holy Trinity

7:30 a.m.-Parishioners of St Mary

10:30 a.m.-Special intention

Monday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Special intention

Thursday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Next Saturday

4:00 pm 1st anniversary for parishioners Joseph O'Connor, Lawrence Tebo, 50th anniversary for George Moroney requested by the family, memorial for Thomas Killoran requested by his daughter

Next Sunday The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

7:30 a.m.- Memorial for Dennis Flynn requested by his family, memorial for Michael Rizzo requested by his family

10:30 a.m.- 7th anniversary for Niceas Barcinas requested by his family, memorial for James J Gallagher & Daniel O'Reilly requested by his family, 1st anniversary for Lawrence Tebo requested by his family, 14th anniversary for Stanley Karpowicz requested by his family

Sunday collections

May 27 & 28 \$3,700.25 & June 3 & 4 \$5,344.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Partners in Charity Update

St. Mary

Goal: \$67,800

Donated or pledged: \$37,336.00

Percentage raised: 55%

Amount left to raise: \$30,464.00

St. Philip

Goal: \$33,200

Donated or pledged: \$16,630.00

Percentage raised: 51%

Amount left to raised: \$16,570.00

Thank you for your generosity.

June 11, 2017

The Most Holy Trinity



Dear friends,

As most of you know, and as I announced at all the Masses last weekend, I will be leaving Grafton at the end of the month. I will cease being the pastor of St. Mary and St. Philip parishes, and take over as pastor of St. John Paul II parish in Southbridge. I write this column to explain again how and why this came about because there is a fair amount of confusion and grief at my leaving. I say this knowing it's not because I have been so extraordinary, but because any priest who tries sincerely to serve and love helps people connect to God (the priest's job), and anything which upsets that connection is unsettling.

(If you want to hear my homily, go to the parish website listed on the front of the bulletin.)

Early this year, I received a letter from the Bishop which I fully expected because I received one just like it after serving six years as pastor in West Boylston. The Bishop reminded me that my six year term in Grafton was ending in June. He wanted me to write him back, telling him whether I wanted to be assigned for another six years in Grafton or wanted to move. I prayed and agonized over how best to respond. I was torn between my desire to stay and the need I felt to be open to my promise to the Bishop. That promise is to be available to fill needs in the diocese which he, as high priest who sees the big picture, knows uniquely. My response basically explained what I just wrote. I also remembered that, when I had responded in West Boylston that I wanted to stay for another six years, he asked me to move anyway: to Grafton in 2011.

I sent the letter back right before the deadline in the middle of February. Toward the end of March, the Bishop's secretary called and said he wanted to see me the next morning. When we met, he said he would like to assign me as pastor in Southbridge. I said yes because I believe God's will is made known to us through those whom He gives authority over us.

Several people have noted that I'm being moved after only six years, while other Pastors stay in parishes for very long stretches. A lot of this has to do with who is available, willing and (as the Bishop sees it) able to handle an assignment. The priest I am replacing, Fr. Peter Joyce, is taking over for Fr. Ray Goodwin, my predecessor here, as he retires from St. Mary of the Assumption parish in Milford. Fr. Peter has finished some prodigious work; he has consolidated what was four parishes into one, while building a new parish center and keeping a K-8 school, Trinity Catholic Academy, going. His reward for all this hard work is more work; St. Mary in Milford is the largest parish in the diocese with a school in the area too. And there are English-, Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking communities in the parish. Fr. Peter is uniquely qualified to take over this parish because of his administrative skills and because he speaks English, Spanish and Portuguese.

This leaves an opening in Southbridge. I believe the Bishop asked me to fill it because I am familiar with the community; it is where I started as an associate pastor under Fr. Peter 19 years ago at St. Mary, one of the four parishes which now are combine. I am also the right age with the right amount of experience: at 55, I have 19 years of priesthood and 13 years as a pastor under my belt, so I still have some youth and energy to do a very big job. Please continue to pray for me that I am up to the job.

Your new pastor is (providentially, I believe), Fr. Leo LeBlanc, my dear friend about whom I've told you so much. Fr. Leo and I first met when we were both serving in Southbridge in 1998: he was the associate pastor at Notre Dame parish. Fr. Leo is 68. The reason why he was an associate pastor at the age of 49 is that he was new to the Worcester Diocese and full-time parish priesthood: for 16 years, he was a priest in the La Salette religious order. His experience with them includes some parish work, missionary work with Native Americans in the American South West, and ministry as a licensed social worker, psychotherapist, spiritual director and retreat facilitator. Fr. Leo has continued to bring these gifts to the diocesan priesthood. After four years as associate pastor at Notre Dame, he became the pastor. He later served as pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Winchendon and is completing his service as pastor of St. Anthony of Padua parish in Fitchburg. Fr. Leo's childhood parish was St. Cecelia in Leominster in the same area, where his family moved from Monkton, New Brunswick, in Canada when he was in grammar school.

I had nothing to do with the Bishop naming Fr. Leo your new pastor, although I couldn't be more pleased. Fr. Leo felt that he had finished the work he was sent to do in Fitchburg, and that it's time for him to turn the page and let God begin another chapter in the story of his life, ministry and vocation. The Bishop presented multiple options to him, and Fr. Leo picked Grafton. He has heard me talk about the many wonderful experiences I've had here, and between the Lenten missions he's given here, as well as the retreats he and I have led in Maine for many of you, he is familiar with the St. Mary/St. Philip faith community. I know you will embrace him with the warm, loving welcome you gave me when I arrived six years ago.

But we still have a few weeks before the changing of the guard, and we'll make the most of them, guided by the Lord. I am grateful for all you've given me during our years together, and I always will be.

Religious Education

Your help is needed! Please consider sharing your faith with the young people of our parish. Please call Jill or Sr. Yvonne if you can help.

Sunday am	Monday pm
Catechists:	Catechists:
Grades 3, 4, 5	Grades 1, 3, 3
Aides for Grades 1, 1, 2, 3, 5	

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA is the process of welcoming adults into full membership in the Church. It is for you, or someone you know,



- * who has never been baptized
- * who was baptized in another Christian tradition and is now interested in becoming a Roman Catholic
- * who was baptized Catholic, but has never celebrated the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation

Contact Sr. Yvonne at 508-839-3993 X 12 for more info. Share this info with someone you know.

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. **In order to best prepare for the summer months, we welcome donations of : peanut butter, jelly, children's snacks, mayonnaise, relish, baked beans, non-sugared cereal, cookies, crackers, coffee & tea, cake & brownie mix, Chef Boyardee, applesauce, paper products**



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.

Hi, I'm running a toy drive to collect toys to donate to the **Child Life Program at UMass Memorial**. Child Life works to create a child-friendly, family-centered environment in the hospital and to lessen the anxiety and stress that comes with medical situations. Some specific items they need include:



Playdoh, Crayons, coloring books (kids and the teen/adult kind), infant/toddler toys (all plastic, sound and light toys, rattles, pop up toys, etc.), pretend play figures (people, animals, dinosaurs, must be all plastic), handheld electronic games (Yahtzee, Solitaire, 20 questions, etc.), wooden items for painting (trinket boxes, plaques, cars, birdhouses, etc.), playing cards (regular and Uno). Any donations will help, thank you.

Ryann Molinari

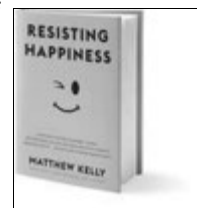
Eucharistic Adoration - a note of gratitude!

Eucharistic Adoration has been suspended, at the end of June, to accommodate vacations and other changes in participants' schedules during the summer. Our heartfelt thanks to all who have spent time in the company of Our Lord during the past nine months. Eucharistic Adoration has been beloved by popes and by the laity for centuries. St. John Paul II wrote: "For over half a century, every day my eyes have gazed in recollection upon the host...Jesus opens our eyes to the light and our hearts to new hope." It is a powerful way to make reparation for our own sins and for the sins of others. May more parishioners of our cluster of churches, and other friends, discover, in the fall, why participants agree that an hour spent in this way is "the best hour of our week!"

Still Room for Next Men's Cursillo

There is still space for the next men's Cursillo weekend, held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. The dates are June 22-25. For more information, check out www.fourthday.org. The next women's Cursillo will be held October 12-15.

New Message Series on *Resisting Happiness* continues this weekend. As we have a couple of times before, we gave as a gift to folks who came to Mass on Easter one of Matthew Kelly's books. This time it was his latest (and perhaps his best so far), *Resisting Happiness*. Originally from Australia, Kelly is an enormously successful Catholic writer who is a lay person, husband and father of young children. His books are a basic, powerful and inspirational re-presentation of the fundamental truths, traditions, practices and tools of the Catholic faith or, as Kelly puts it, "the genius of Catholicism". He has done so in other recent and popular books as *Rediscover Catholicism*, *Rediscover Jesus* and *Beautiful Mercy*. He is also the founder of The Dynamic Catholic Institute (www.dynamiccatholic.com), whose mission is to re-energize the Catholic Church in America by developing resources which inspire people to rediscover the genius of Catholicism.



In *Resisting Happiness*, Kelly talks about the reality of "resistance", which, in more traditional and obscure theological language, would be called "the effects of Original Sin". Specifically, Kelly defines resistance as "that sluggish feeling of not wanting to do something that you know is good for you, it's the inclination to do something that you unabashedly know is *not* good for you, and it's everything in between". In essence, we all have a tendency to resist the will of God when embracing God's will is the only real path to happiness because God IS happiness. And Kelly presents the fundamental truths, traditions, practices and tools of Catholicism to learn to overcome resistance.

Last Sunday's first installment of the message series on the Feast of Pentecost was called "Thy Will Be Done", and talked about how hard but necessary it is to pray and mean those four words from the Our Father, and how we need to draw on the gifts of the Holy Spirit to know and do God's will. This Sunday's second installment on the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity is called "With a Little Help from Our Friends (and God)", and talks about how we grow in holiness or, as Kelly puts it, "become the best version of ourselves", by living and loving in community, as do the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Next Sunday's third installment on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ is called "How Many More Sundays?", and talks about the importance of the Eucharist in overcoming resistance to be truly happy.

It is still possible to join one of the small faith-sharing groups which meet during the week to continue the discussion the preacher begins with the homily. Meeting times (most at St. Mary church) are on Sunday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings. For more information, or to join a small group, contact Rolande Parent by sending email to rolandeparent@comcast.net or smallgroups@stmarysgrafon.org.

 St. Philip's next **Coffee Social** will be held after Mass on 6/25. Please check the cards on the table in the entrance of the church. All help is greatly appreciated. Coffee Socials will not take place in July and August, but will resume in September.

Mercy & Mary Retreat in Charlton Experience this special time of MERCY with Father Michael Gaitley! Join the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy on November 10 & 11 for an inspiring Mercy & Mary Retreat, featuring best-selling author of *33 Days to Morning Glory* and international speaker Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. Join us for a full immersion experience into Divine Mercy and Mary. Enjoy new talks by Fr. Gaitley along with Mass, Adoration, Chapel of Divine Mercy, Personal testimonies from the Marian Missionaries, and much more! Register now at Events.MarianMissionaries.org. For more information: 413-944-8500 Ext. 10

St. James Summer Program- If you have a child enrolled, please consider volunteering. Please call Patrick O'Donnell at 508-839-6800.

A PRAYER FOR FATHERS *Our Father in Heaven, we thank You for all the fathers on earth who, like St. Joseph, accept the responsibility to care for and love their children. May You strengthen them with the kindness, patience and wisdom they need to encourage and guide their family. Most of all, may they know that You and You alone are the source of all that is good and truly valuable in this world. Amen.*

Once again, the parish Pro-life Ministry will be sponsoring the annual Father's Day Candy Bar Drive. We will have available after all of the Masses on Father's Day weekend, a variety of 2.15 ounce Hebert's Candy Bars. We are asking for a donation of \$2.00 per bar with the proceeds going to give seminarians and priests pro-life materials and resources. Each bar will be labeled "Thank you Dad for giving me the gift of life". This is a great opportunity to show your Father the love and appreciation he deserves while supporting the Catholic Church's teachings on the Gospel of Life. Thank you in advance for your support.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

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