

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

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Mass Schedule
Sunday 9:00 AM

Mailing Address
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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. LeBlanc after Mass to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Contact Fr. LeBlanc 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. LeBlanc, 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

July 16– David Coggins requested by Al LaPan, Madeleine Zaleski requested by Jackie & George Stratton, Helen LaPan, mother of Al LaPan-15 year anniversary, Helen LaPan, wife of Al LaPan, 3 year anniversary requested by Al LaPan, Thomas Zastawny requested by Al LaPan. Parishioners of St. Philip

July 23– Louis Kuchinsky 8th anniversary by Fran Kuchinsky

Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary

Aug 6– Fr. Henault 9am Mass St. Philip

Sept 10– Enrollment Mass for Confirmation Candidates

Sunday Collection

07/09/17

\$2,775.44 vs. weekly budgeted amount \$1,310.00

07/02/17

\$1,675.05 vs. weekly budgeted amount = \$1,310.00

* Includes weekly, fuel and maintenance collections

Thank you for your continued support

P.O.P.E

Projects Our Parish Envisions

As of 07/16/17

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



"At the end of our lives, we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made or how many great things we have done. We will be judged by 'I was hungry and you gave me to eat. I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless and you took me in.'"

Mother Teresa

***It's what we DO that matters
Not what we have***

***WHAT DO YOU DO TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONES LIFE?***

St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

"But just as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us - see that you also excel in this grace of giving." - II Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)

Saturday

4:00 pm 1st anniversary for parishioners Peter Joncas, Walter Pielecki, 11th anniversary for Daniel Naff requested by the family requested by the family

Sunday Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m.

47th anniversary for Mary E. Fleming requested by the family, memorial for Dennis Flynn requested by the family

2nd anniversary for Shane McClure requested by the family 10:30 a.m.

"Month's Mind" for Leonard A Sparrow Sr. requested by "Your Small Group"., month's mind for Joan Kirejczk requested by Helen and Cindy Milewski

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 p.m. 5th anniversary for Dorothy Cardinale requested by Barbara Sease, Walter Burnham 3rd anniversary requested by family

Next Sunday The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Memorial for Leo Parent requested by the family 10:30 a.m., Nancy McClure requested by family, for the parishioners of St Mary

Sunday Collection

July 8 & 9 \$5,264.00

Thank you for your continued support

Partners in Charity

St. Mary– Raised \$48, 324.00

Goal \$67,800.00

Amount needed- \$19,476.00

St. Philip– Raised \$23,530.00

Goal \$33,200.00

Amount needed- \$9,670.00

Please give what you can to help us meet our goals

July 16, 2017

15th Sunday in Ordinary

FR. LEO'S RECEPTIONS – THANK YOU!

A heartfelt "Thank You" to all who helped make this weekend's welcome receptions for Fr. Leo a huge success! Thanks to all who donated food, beverages and time with set up and clean up. It was a wonderful display of generosity and fellowship! Everyone helped Fr. Leo feel at home in his "new home"! Thanks Again!!

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

Children are one of the most precious gifts which any community, parish, or church has. The Catholic Church in the United States continues to make every effort to protect the children in its care since the tragic revelations of its failure to do so in the past. The procedures for reporting suspected or actual abuse are: If anyone suspects that a child is being abused, immediately call the Department of Social Services (DSS) area serving the child's residence and ask for the Protective Screening Unit. Area offices are Leominster (978-466-1500), Whitinsville (508-234-1000), and Worcester (508-929-2000). Offices are staffed on weekdays between 9:00am and 5:00pm. To report any other time, call the Child at Risk Hotline (800-792-5200). If you suspect that any employee or volunteer of the parish or the diocese is involved, you should also call the diocese's Office for Healing and Prevention, at 508-929-4363. If a person wants to make an initial complaint about past sexual abuse inflicted on a minor who is now an adult, the procedure is also to call the Office for Healing and Prevention at 508-929-4363. More information about the diocese's policies and procedures for the protection of minors is available online. Go to the diocesan website www.worcesterdiocese.org. Click on Office for Healing and Prevention, then click on Policies and Procedures. For those who want hardcopies, you can call the Office for Healing and Prevention at the above number or the rectory.



WEEKDAY MASS/FUNERAL POLICY

Whenever there is a funeral at St. Mary or St. Philip Church Monday through Thursday, then the 8:00am Mass at St. Mary will be canceled. We will make every effort to inform you as far in advance as possible through announcements at Mass and messages in the bulletin, but please be aware of this new policy.

St. Mary and St. Philip

Remembering the Parish in Your Will

Have you considered remembering your parish in your will? Making the parish a beneficiary of your estate is a wonderful way to remember and help your faith family after the Lord has called you home. You can specify a specific need, such as funds for air-conditioning the church, or, more generally, improvements to church property; or you can leave a completely unrestricted gift, which means that it could be used in any way the parish discerns that God is asking us to be stewards of your generosity. For more information, please talk to Fr. Leo.

With the summer months here and that means vacations, please don't forget your weekly envelopes, the parishes depend on your continued generosity all year long :)

ALL Bulletin items must be sent to Carole or Jan by 6 pm Monday night, no exceptions . Carole needs time to put it all together making sure that there is space for everything, late notice will have to wait until the following week. Thank you for understanding that we have deadlines :)

Any questions please call Carole , Fr. Leo is not a part of the bulletin as Fr. Ken, so please don't send items to him, that goes for everyone, no exceptions please. Thank you for understanding.

REMINDER-Please find the craft fair sign ups at the entrance to both churches. Pass them along to people you know who can help us , remember that sometimes the elderly, homebound just need to be asked.

So pick up a slip, fill it out, pass one along and get crafting :) Thank you



Religious Education

Thank you to all who have offered to share their love and faith in God with our children. There is still space for others to share in this awesome ministry. Please check the sign up list in the Gathering Space. We always need substitutes.

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

Confirmation Students should be registered on the online classroom. Codes have been emailed . If you still need to register for the Confirmation class, please do so asap. Please contact Mrs. LeBlanc if you need help.

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 keep us able to help those us to we serve, we need your help with the following: We are desperately low on cereal and soup. We also need: Coffee & tea, peanut butter, jelly, children's snacks, freeze pops, mayonnaise, baked beans, cookies & crackers, 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.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference has a family in need of an electric dryer and a lawn mower. If you are interested in **donating a working used dryer and/or lawn mower** please call the St. Vincent de Paul line at 508-839-3993 ext. 35 and leave your name and number. One of our Vincentians will contact you. We will be happy to pick up the dryer or lawn mower. Thank you very much for your help.



High School students who are looking to volunteer some of their time this summer please contact Mrs. LeBlanc, we could always use some help.



If anyone would like to donate a room sized AC unit to Fr. Leo, it would be deeply appreciated. The second floor is very warm and uncomfortable in these hot muggy days. So lets help Fr. Leo chill this summer :)



The 'ALPHA' Course at Christ the King Begins Sept. 7 ALPHA, a simple international "course" in Christian "basics," will be offered at Worcester's Christ the King Parish on Thursday evenings this fall. Each week the sessions begin with dinner. A DVD presentation and small group discussion follow. All adults are welcome as we explore basic questions about God's existence, the purpose of life, the teachings of Jesus and much more. There is no charge for the course but offerings are gratefully accepted. ALPHA helps all participants deepen their faith. New friendships are born and everyone will have the opportunity to explore life's meaning in a friendly setting. A 'Come and See' Dinner will be held on Sept. 7 from 7-9 pm. The first presentation ~ Is There More to Life Than This? ~ is offered at the dinner and participants can make a commitment for the program. Some themes are: Who Is Jesus?, Why Did Jesus Die?, How Can We Have Faith?, Why and How Do I Pray?, Why and How Should I Read the Bible?, How Does God Guide Us?, How Can I Resist Evil?, Why and How Should We Tell Others?, Does God Heal Today?, and What about the Church? There will also be a one-day "getaway retreat" on Saturday, October 28 at Assumption College, which focuses on the Holy Spirit. To reserve a place for Sept. 7 email Msgr. Thomas Sullivan at tsullivan5@mac.com.

WHAT SHAPE IS YOUR HEART IN?

Our heart is the soil in which the Word of God so much desires to bear fruit. Yes, you heard me! Your heart is the soil for the Word of God. Or did you hear me? This is the crux of the meaning of today's Gospel. There are three ways to improve or purify our hearing: 1) Leave "the crowd" and go to Jesus in the silence of prayer; 2) Let yourself be taken into the intimacy of Jesus' company; 3) In truly hearing His words, let His voice infuse silence into your whole interior dwelling with all of its faculties such as your thoughts, your feelings, your entire will. Jesus is telling us today: "Hear the vital words that I, and no one else, have to say to you. But for you to hear me you must be hungry for the Truth. This is impossible, however, as long as your heart is satisfied with earthly satisfactions.

The parable of the sower and the seeds in today's Gospel is explained only to the disciples for an important reason: Disciples are those who "are ready to learn", and have assumed a "teachable" attitude, having forsaken all wisdom of their own, and are ready to absorb any teaching that the Master has to impart.

At the heart of this Gospel is the mystery of the Incarnation, when the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Saint John Paul II said: The revelation of the Trinitarian Glory in the Incarnation is not simply a stroke of lightning. Rather it is a seed of divine Life forever deposited within the world and in the hearts of men." Our hearts must simultaneously be open to the words of the Lord, but co-mingled with these words, are Christ's tears which stem from His Passion and Death, which alone make the words germinate.

Yet there are those whose hearts are a hardened path. Instead of rich soil, our heart can become a promiscuous thoroughfare, beat down into hardness by every passerby in the world. This heart runs away from the center because it is afraid to experience its own sacred emptiness as the capacity to welcome the Word of God. This heart allows the seed sown upon it to lie there unclaimed, unprotected and vulnerable to any passerby including the devil, to pluck away the word of God in his own hatred. (On the other hand, Mary, our Blessed Mother, sat in the silence of her heart and pondered the Word of God.)

Will your heart be rich soil that will allow the seed, that is the Word of God, to sink deep roots and yield a bountiful harvest? It is our choice. Spend time with God's Word this summer whether on vacation or at home.



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