

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

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Sunday 9:00 AM

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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: 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: 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 30– Mr. & Mrs. Albert LaPan Sr. remembering their 81 wedding anniversary, requested by family, Eleanor Conway 2nd anniversary requested by Bill Conway and family. Parishioners of St. Philip

Aug 6- Jean Drago requested by parishioners, Parishioners of St. Philip

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

07/16/17

\$1858.00 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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." (ROMANS 8:28) Do you really trust God? Do you believe that all things work for good? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, means that God's plan for our lives may be different than our plan. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.



St. Mary Parish-is \$16,539 away from reaching goal.
St. Philip Parish-is \$9,620 away from reaching goal.



St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

"People fail to understand that unless they are themselves willing to give, they will never receive."

-Norman Vincent Peale (1889-1995)

Saturday- 4:00 pm 14th anniversary for Adrien Desmarais requested by the family, 6th anniversary for Frank Gemelli requested by the family, Memorial for Ann Wasiuk requested by Paul Casavant, 13th anniversary for Mary Lavin requested by the family

Sunday Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St Mary

10:30 a.m.- 6th anniversary for Edward Doane requested by the family, 17th anniversary for Louis Gentile requested by his daughter

Monday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Open Intention

Tuesday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Open Intention

Wednesday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Open Intention

Thursday

No Morning Mass

Next Saturday

4:00 p.m. 19th anniversary for Ted Wyrzykowski requested by the Family, 1st anniversary for Pat Szczur requested by the Prayer Shawl Ministry

Next Sunday The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:30 a.m. 66th anniversary for Daniel Fleming requested by the family

10:30 a.m.-For the parishioners of St Mary

Sunday Collections

July 22 & 23 \$5,282.50

Thank you for your continued support

Fr. Leo will be on vacation from August 3rd thru the 10th. There will be no morning Mass Aug 3rd thru 9th, Mass will celebrated on Aug 10th.



WEDNESDAY



Can you Drink THIS CUP?

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Last Tuesday was the feast of St. James, the first apostle to be martyred. In the Gospel for this feast, Jesus asks James and John, "Can you drink this cup?" That is, can you live your life to the full whatever it will bring? Drinking from Jesus' cup involves three steps: holding, lifting and drinking.

We need to understand, for example, that drinking wine is more than drinking. Fr. Henri Nouwen says that you have to know what you're drinking, and you have to be able to

talk about it, that is, we have to know what we are living. For half of living is reflecting on what is being lived. The greatest joy and pain come not only from what we live but even more from how we think and feel about what we are living. Reflection is essential in the art of being human. Yet holding the cup is a hard discipline. "What am I given to drink?"

Holding also means taking responsibility for our lives and the gifts we have been given. It is to live our lives with AWARENESS. (Too often people live life like "zombies.") "Can you drink this cup?" Jesus asks. James and John said yes. But they had no idea what they were saying "yes" to. Jesus' sorrow was not just his own but that of all humanity. Yet Jesus could say yes because He was one with His Father. That is why, paradoxically, the cup of sorrow is also the cup of joy. To be one with suffering humanity is also to be one with Jesus and one with the Father. Therein lies our joy.

The next step is lifting. Lifting is about community. We lift up our cup in a fearless gesture. It is an act of courage. It is to affirm and celebrate life together. It is to live life for others. It is to let others know us. It is about relationships. Being inclusive and being part of a family or community is to live a richer life.

Then we drink. In the Jewish culture of Jesus' day, refusing to drink was to avoid intimacy. Drinking the cup was fully accepting and owning and internalizing our own uniqueness, with all its joys and sorrows. It also means accepting our own reality. We learn to drink slowly, deliberately but fully. It is a gesture filled with hope, courage and self-confidence. It is to accept life as it is. And for us, as St. Paul says, "To live is Christ!" And so at the Eucharist we eat His Body and drink His Precious Blood. Amen.

Marist Missions Around the World

Rev Walter Gaudreau S. M. will be here celebrating Mass next weekend while Fr. Leo is on vacation. Please welcome him.

Since its official recognition by the Church in 1836, the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers and Brothers) has committed itself to the missions in the southwester Pacific. Since that time, the Marists have expanded into areas in Africa, Asia, and South America. Today there are nearly 230 priest and brothers working in "bush stations", teaching schools and seminaries, ministering in training institutions, providing direct service to the poor, oppressed and marginalized, and contributing to the development of people for a better society and a strong local Church. Contributions to the Marists will help them in their mission of witness to the Gospel, service the needy and helping the local Church to build a strong base for its promising future. Thank you for whatever you can do to help them in their life-long commitment and work.



the bulletin

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 @ 508-839-3325 or email bulletin item to cleb1329@aol.com.Fr. Leo is not a part of the bulletin as Fr. Ken was, so please don't send items to him, that goes for everyone, no exceptions please. Thank you for understanding.

“Thank You” for Donations

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to take this opportunity to say “Thank You” to the parishioners of St. Philip for their generous donation of \$300.00 to help the families in need that we serve within our parish community. **SVDP** would also like to extend its appreciation and Thanks to an anonymous cash donation of \$250.00. Through your generous support Vincentians continue to make a difference in individuals lives by providing assistance for individual and families in need. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

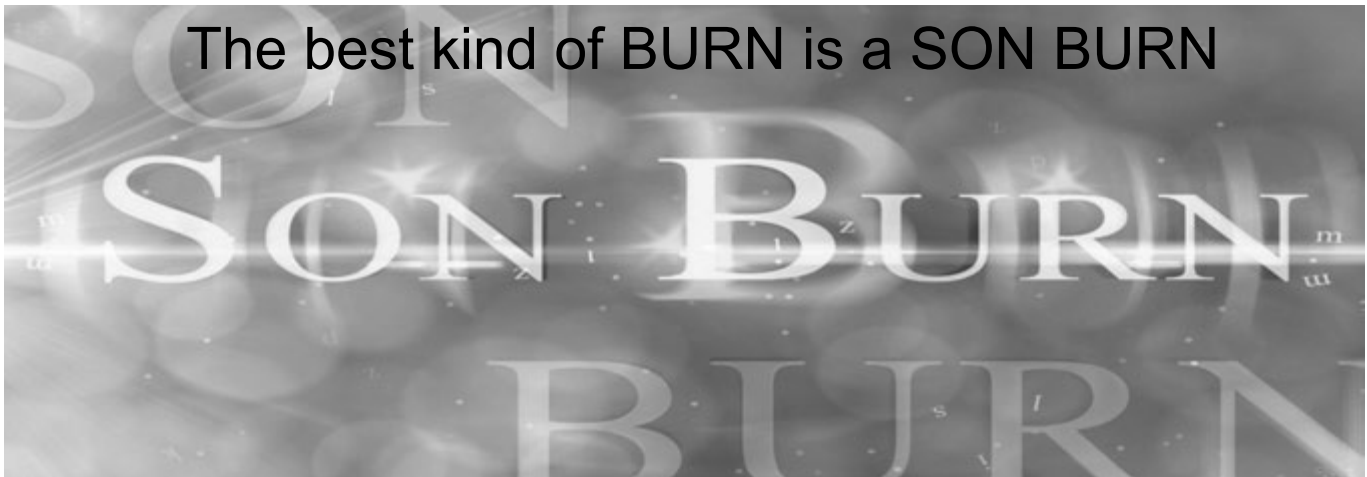
Annual Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) Summer Coverage Outreach:

Every Summer, St. Mary and St. Philip host the homeless families that the Interfaith Hospitality Network sponsors. As you may know, these families used to travel from church to church, town to town. Since 2011, IHN has been supporting a residence on June St. in Worcester so these families have a place to call home.

This year, we are covering Sunday evening August 6th to Sunday morning August 13th with Dinner Hosts 5:30-8:30pm and Overnight Chaperones 8:30pm - 6:00am Monday-Friday and until 8:00am Saturday/Sunday. Hosting dinner means helping prepare and enjoy a meal with the families. It is a great chance to play with the kids and get to know the people who live there. Overnight Chaperones are on hand in case of an emergency or to give access to the office when needed.

We will have a special collection the weekend of July 29 & 30 to help the families get basic necessities and help prepare for back to school.

A current CORI form is required, and you must have taken the Safe Environment Training course as well. Please contact the Soup Kitchen Ministry at SoupKitchenMinistry@stmarysgraffton.org for more information or call Ed Romeo at 508-839-1318. Please look on our table for sign up sheets. Further details can be found on our website at stmarysgraffton.org/ihn. We thank you for your support!



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