

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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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

Oct 1 - Steve Roney requested by the parish, parishioners of St. Philip

Oct 8– Helen LaPan requested by the parish, parishioners of St. Philip

Oct 15– Parishioners of St. Philip

Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary

- Oct 4– Reconciliation parent meeting 7pm St. James
- Oct 8-9– No RE Classes
- Oct 8– Coffee Social St Philip
- Oct 8th– Morality Class for Confirmation Students following Mass
- Oct 10– Christmas Fair meeting 6:30 St. Philip
- Oct 14– Baby Shower for Visitation House St. Philip 12-2pm
- Oct 15– 6th grade mini retreat with Sue Landry
- Nov. 4—Roasted Pork Dinner 5pm St. Philip Confirmation Class

Sunday Collection

9/24/2017

\$1356.00

Thank you for your continued support

P.O.P.E

Projects Our Parish Envisions

As of 08-20-17

Pope Project -> Renovating Lower Level Classroom

Pope Project Cost: \$19,364.00

Pope Envelope Donations to Date: \$5363.00

Estate Donation: \$10,000.00

Balance to Raise: \$ 4637.00

Stephen Roney

Oct 7, 1948-Sept 24, 2017

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen



St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matthew 6:21

Saturday

4:00 p.m. 9th Anniversary for Gary Lindblad requested by the family, 2nd anniversary for Marilyn Chard and 2nd anniversary for Agnes Whitney requested by Barbara Sease and Pat Morse, 26th anniversary for John Burnham requested by the family, In remembrance of her birthday Corrine Fleming Bellarosa requested by the family

Sunday The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. 3rd anniversary for Gary Neal requested by the family

10:30 a.m.

1st anniversary for Andrew Mahoney requested by the Verdolino Family

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. 1st anniversary for Michael Kelly requested by the family

Thursday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Open Intention

Next Saturday

4:00 pm. In remembrance of her birthday Mary Hebert requested by the family

Next Sunday Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30 a.m. Memorial for Leonard Fasbach requested by the family

Sunday Collection

September 23 & 24 \$5,282.36

Thank you for your continued support



A 2nd collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Thank you

WALKING THE WALK

This week, Jesus our King and teacher, challenges us again. It's not enough to talk the talk of being a Christian. We need to question ourselves:

- ***“Am I just talking the talk or do I also walk the walk?”***
- ***What are the stones that make me stumble on my walk, or that stop me all-together. What pride, what preoccupations in this life, or fears, or weakness prevent me from following my Lord and King with ready steps and due diligence?***
- ***What discipline do I lack that interferes with my doing God's will right away?***

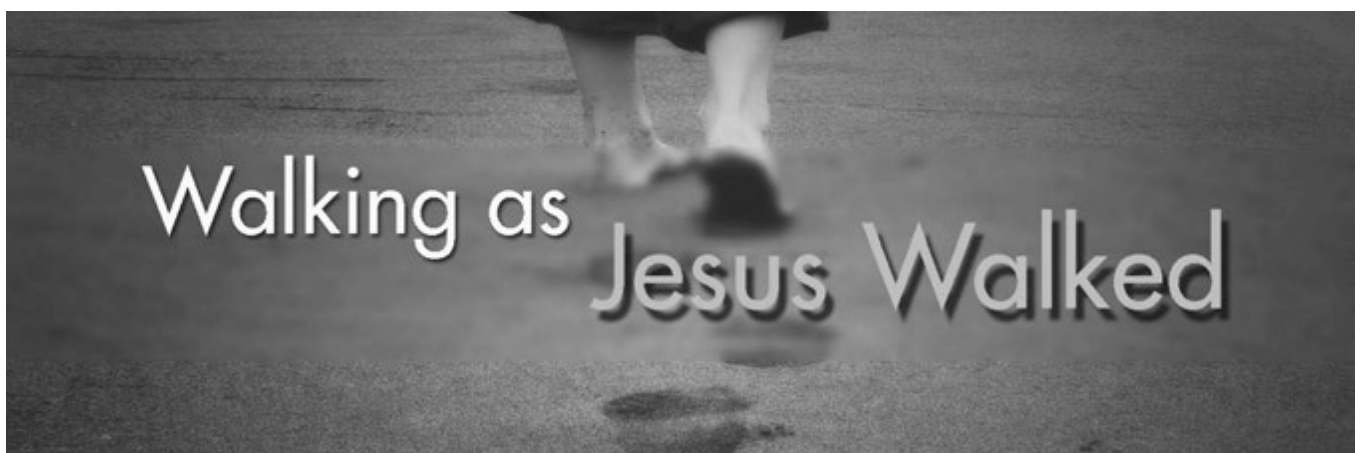
Like the son who says “yes, father,” do I preach one thing but fail to live what I preach? Christ my King says He is the Way and the Truth and the Life. What does this mean in applying it to the parable of today's Gospel?

How am I doing the truth? If at times, I or someone I know lose the way, how do I or that person I know go about searching for Christ, our King who is the Way and the Truth and the Life?

Ways to do the Truth: To do the will of the Father, Jesus spent many a night in prayer, especially when important decisions needed to be made. Jesus, our King, identified Himself with the poorest of the poor: “I was hungry and you gave me food.” I was homeless and you gave me shelter. I was lonely and you spent time with me. St. Vincent de Paul said that if a needy person interrupts our prayer because they need medicine or some other help, we should not feel guilty or get upset. For this is a great prayer in itself. For charity, as St. Benedict said, is the one rule that overrules anything else. (We just need to know that we are not “using charity” to excuse ourselves from prayer.)

The challenge for each of us in our day and age is that our talk doesn't become cheap. Our talk must be, as they say, “as good as gold.” Words become gold when they truly express who we are: children of Our Father in heaven. We must ever try to bridge the gap between what we say and what we do.

At the end of today's Gospel, Jesus has some harsh words toward the Pharisees who are concerned with the externals of religion but their hearts are far from God. He praises the tax collectors and prostitutes who have listened to God's Word, taken it to heart and left their sins behind to follow Christ, their King. Jesus reminds us that “pseudo-conversions”, where the ego is still intact, and where we are out to convert the world on our terms, rather than on God's terms, is not genuine conversion. Only when like Mary, Our mother and queen, we surrender our entire will, indeed our entire life to God will we find true joy, peace and communion..



Religious Education



Sacrament of Reconciliation Parent Cluster Meeting: On Wednesday, October 4, at St. James Parish in South Grafton, there will be a meeting for parents & guardians of children preparing for this sacrament. Plan to attend this meeting. The speaker that evening is David Dziema, editorial director from Pflaum Publishing Group. **IMPORTANT:** Sign-up sheets will be available at this meeting for Mass selections for First Eucharist Celebrations. There will be 4 Masses to choose from. The 3 Mass selections at St. Mary are Saturday- May 1, Sunday-May 6, Saturday-May 19. The Mass selection at St. Philip is on Sunday-May 20. Some parents have family members traveling to be with them on their child's special day. Advance sign-ups will enable better planning for extended family members. Please come prepared, if possible, to select a date. There is a limit on the number of children for each celebration date.

Columbus Day Weekend there will be no Religious Education Classes. Classes will resume on Sunday and Monday, October 15 and 16.

October is a month Dedicated to Our Blessed Mother Mary; to honor her, the children will be brought into the Church by their catechists at 9:30am on Sunday Oct. 22 and/or at 4:45pm on Monday, October 23. All are invited to join us in praying the Rosary.

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 going for Fall, we welcome donations of the following: tissues & paper towels, kids snacks, juice boxes & Jell-O/pudding, pancake mix & syrup, brownie, cake , muffin mix & frosting, pasta sauce & canned tomatoes, rice pilaf & hamburger helper, cookies & crackers, soup, coffee, jelly, Chef Boyardee, mayonnaise** 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 Fall Small Group session** and Message series will begin on the weekend of September 23th, and will extend through the week of October 15th. Sign-ups will be available online through the website, or in the Gathering Space through the weekends of September 9th and 16th. Consider this opportunity to grow in your relationship with Jesus by participating in discussions with inspiring and faith-filled friends of Christ!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING (Adults) will be held on Tuesday, October 3rd, in the Church Hall at St. Mary church in North Grafton. The training will begin at 6:30pm and will last until 8:00pm.

The Veterans Ministry would like to thank those parishioners who came forward after Mass last Sunday and signed the sheet for the Veterans Lasagna Dinner. As a result the sheet has been completed with all the needed signatures. The dinner will be held on Monday, October 23rd. You will receive a call one week before and be given more information. Without your help it would not be possible for the ministry to do its work. Many Blessings to you all.



St. Mary/St. Philip Altar Server Training and Appreciation Pizza Party

Fr. Leo will host a mandatory training and appreciation pizza party **TODAY** at 12:00PM in the St. Mary's Parish Hall for all altar servers of both parishes. Please plan to attend the hour-long event. If you have a date conflict, please contact Rolande Parent at rolandeparent@comcast.net for an alternate meeting time.



Items and Help Still Needed for Christmas Fair



The Christmas Fair committee needs your help! Please keep the White Elephant Table in mind as you clean out your closets this fall. We need all kinds of gently used donations -- household, craft, holiday or entertainment items such as books, CDs, DVDs, kitchen equipment, etc. No clothes, shoes, exercise equipment, computers, TVs or electronics, please. You may drop off your items in the marked bin under the table in the church foyer or drop off times at the church can be arranged by contacting Mary Pollinger at 774-293-1941 or Evelyn Guillette at evelynreiki@juno.com. The Crafts Table is still in need of items, as well. Among the items most needed are tote bags, aprons, purses and placemats. We can supply the materials, if needed. If you have unopened and unused craft kits, please consider donating them, as well. If you have questions about possible donations or offers of help, please contact Dotty Nacimiento at 508-839-3327 (or gardengoddess15@yahoo.com) or Fran Kuchinsky at fakirish56@gmail.com. Thank you all for your generosity and support to make this an exciting community event. If you have any questions about the fair, please contact Patti Hart at 508-887-9933 (or pehart@aol.com) or Karen Jordan at kjordanfamily3@gmail.com. And, of course, anyone interested in joining the team is invited to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 6:30pm at St. Philip's upstairs classroom.

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. Oct. 7 at 10 a.m. at St. Anne Church, 130 Boston Tpke (Rt. 9), Shrewsbury. Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Church, 77 Mendon St., Uxbridge, and Oct. 21 at 10 a.m. at St. Stephen Church, 357 Grafton St., Worcester. Call 508-929-4335 or visit worcesterdiocese.org/diaconate.



Help for Couples dealing with Chronic Illness

"Couples Teamwork" is a seven-week workshop series for couples dealing with chronic illness. Experts will offer sessions that will help persons with chronic illness and their spouse to work together to navigate various aspects and resources for their situation. Weekly sessions will be held on Oct. 1 to Nov. 19 at 1 – 3 p.m. at Summit Elder Care, 1369 Grafton St., Worcester. For more information contact Deacon Frank and Liz Myska at 508-849-9238.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..." (Philippians 2:3)

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life.



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