

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

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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: 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

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

Aug 13- Roger Corey 1st anniversary requested by the parish

Aug 20- Craig Kellahar requested by Dorothy Nacimient

Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary

Aug 13- Fr. Henault 9am Mass St. Philip

Sept 10- Enrollment Mass for Confirmation Candidates

Sept 10- Religious Education starts new year

Sunday Collection

0730/17

\$1327.00

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

The Transfiguration of the Lord

"And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." (MATTHEW 17:2) Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, we should reflect Christ's light to the world. When we receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus, we are called to be supernatural to reflect His love, mercy and forgiveness to others. When we are grateful for all that God has given us, generosity flows through us because we are made in God's image.



How do you reflect the light of Christ?

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

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

Monday

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday

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Wednesday

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Thursday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. For the Souls in Purgatory

Next Saturday

4:00 pm -Wedding anniversary for Leopold & Ella LaMarche requested by the family, 33rd anniversary for Teresita Barcinas requested by the family, memorial Pat Tighe, birthday memorial for Malvina Killoran, 28th anniversary Thomas Killoran requested by daughter.

Next Sunday Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30 a.m.-Memorial for Coelito Family requested by the family

Sunday Collections

July 29 & 30 \$3,944.25

Thank you for your continues 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. Keep him in your prayers while is away.



August 6, 2017

The Transfiguration of the Lord

BEHOLD AND SEE WHAT YOU ARE



Jesus now takes the three disciples He is most intimate with, and takes them up Mount Tabor where He is transfigured before them, that is, He takes them upward in the direction of God's heavenly dwelling where Christ constantly dwells. Christ desires the same for each of us. The mountain is a symbol of spiritual awakening. He wants to lead us to a place of silence and solitude. And there He invites us into the mystery of Himself, which is the mystery of God. But we can only penetrate this awesome mystery with the eyes of faith.

St. Augustine puts it so well: "See what you are!" For life in Christ is about the fullness of life even now. The Transfiguration is the experience of the fullness of the divine Presence, action, communication, and glory now in our very midst, in this passing world of many disappointments. Jesus is not an object reflecting light from another source; rather light is flowing directly from Him and out of Him. What the three disciples realize is that God's glory habitually resides in Jesus, and therefore He divinizes all that He touches including us.

Here on Mount Tabor and for us in our Transfiguration moments, we see before us the living and perfect icon of human nature divinized by being taken up into divine life. Contrary to an idol which is a false image of the Living God, an icon is a true image of the Living God. And Jesus is the perfect Icon of our humanity becoming divinized. This experience is not only words that hold a promise, but is actually demonstrated by the concrete experience of the disciples in their flesh.

Then a voice is heard: "This is my Beloved Son in whom I delight; listen to him." With these words it is certain that God dwells personally within Him. We hear the only thing that the Father is ever recorded to say in the New Testament. For Jesus is the only thing the Father ever has to say to us. To listen to Him and to follow Him is to participate fully in His Life. (We do this through baptism.) In this fashion our own lives are transfigured or transformed.

As Jesus is revealed to us as the true icon of God, we in turn are called to be true icons of Christ. For Christ is our true identity and He shows us and teaches us what it is to be fully human. Anything less is a counterfeit. Let us strive to be true icons of Christ each day.

Marist Missions Around the World

Rev Walter Gaudreau S. M. will be here celebrating Mass this 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 southwest 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.



Fr. Henault will be at St. Philip next weekend, August 13

Annual Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) Summer Coverage Outreach:

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.

EWTN'S FREE FAMILY CELEBRATION

You are invited to the first ever EWTN Family Celebration in New England on Saturday, September 9th and Sunday, September 10th at the DCU Center in Worcester! Be renewed in your faith with inspirational talks by your favorite EWTN hosts as well as opportunities for Holy Mass, Confession & Adoration. It's a weekend that you will never forget and, best of all, it's FREE! For more information, go to www.ewtn.com/familycelebration.

Fall Retreat Oct 16-18—As summer is quickly moving on I write to you on behalf of Fr. Ken and myself, inviting you for a retreat beginning Monday, October 16 with lunch at 12 Noon and ending Wednesday, October 18 with Mass at 11 AM (lunch on Wednesday is not included in the efforts of keeping the cost down). Anyone who wants to arrive a day early or stay later would have to call Sr. Kate at 1-207-284-5671 and make their own personal arrangements.

The theme of this retreat is the role of joy and laughter in the spiritual life of the Christian. The Saint who so wonderfully exemplifies these qualities is St. Philip Neri, known as the joyful saint of Rome. He founded the religious community known as the Oratorians. Other than St. Philip Neri himself, perhaps the next most well known Oratorian is Blessed John Henry Newman.

Given the short time we have to send in our deposits, I am asking that you would send your deposit check of \$20 to me at my new address: Fr. Leo LeBlanc, St. Mary's Parish, 17 Waterville Street, N. Grafton, MA 01536 by August 15, 2017. (Please make check out to me: Fr. Leo LeBlanc, since I pay the retreat center all at once and keep track of things for them.) Some of you have already sent in your deposit.

Please feel welcomed to invite friends or relatives or fellow parishioners if you wish. A person who comes on this retreat should be self-sufficient and comfortable with some silence and not having major mental health issues. And although they do not have to attend everything that is organized they must be willing to become part of the group as becoming a spiritual family is a special ingredient of the retreat. If you are not sure whether to invite a person along, please consult with either Fr. Ken or myself. (Fr. Ken and I will make ourselves available for confessions on Tuesday afternoon. The DVD we are showing is on St. Philip Neri.

Enjoy the rest of this summer as gift from the Father. Remember if it rains, it makes the flowers, and the farmers, and those who like the sound of the rain, very happy. And also do not whine, unless you plan to have a little cheese with your wine.

So far the book we are looking at is a tiny book called: The Maxims of St. Philip Neri You can purchase it on amazon.com. If you do not have access to amazon.com, I can order it for you and you can reimburse me. (But you would need to provide me your mailing address.)

As with St. Philip Neri, knowing that prayer is a great source of Christian joy, let us pray for the gift of joy and laughter everyday, and that God bless each one of us with the same. As one maxim says: "There is nothing sadder than a sad Christian."

Much peace and joy, Fr. Leo

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