

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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Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM - 3:30 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

Sept 17– Nelson Carlson, 1st anniversary requested by the parish, Isabelle Franson requested by Al LaPan, Charles V, Mary, Charles J requested by the family.

Sept 24– Al LaPan Sr. 25th anniversary requested by Al LaPan

Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary

Sept 17– Commissioning Mass with Bishop McManus, 10:30 @ St. Mary

Sept 25– Confirmation Class

Oct 8th– Morality Class for Confirmation Students

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 Sat. Philip

09/10/17 Sunday collection * = \$3,467.43 vs. weekly budgeted amount = TBD **

09/05/17 Sunday collection * = \$1,723.05 vs. weekly budgeted amount = TBD **

* Includes weekly, fuel and maintenance collections

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: \$5243.00

Estate Donation: \$10,000.00

Balance to Raise: \$ 4757.00

Thank you to all for your generous donation to the Harvey Fund that was taken up last weekend.

Our parishes raised \$2450.00



Thank you for your generosity

St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

"Church members have changed from stewards into consumers. People are not returning a portion of their incomes to God...they are paying for services rendered by the church." - John and Sylvia Ronsvalle

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Anniversary for the deceased members of the Hebert, Alix, Sabourin, and the Sheldon families requested by the family, 1st anniversary for Parishioners Janet Mulcahy & Andrew Mahoney

Sunday The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m.- 23rd anniversary for Adele Moroney & 27th anniversary Russell Dickinson requested by the family, memorial for Dennis Flynn requested by the family, 1st anniversary Lorraine Gabaree requested by the family

10:30 a.m.- Memorial for Stanley Karpowicz requested by the family, 8th anniversary Mary Sparrow & 13th anniversary Mary Kennedy requested by John and Maryanne Kennedy

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

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Open Intention

Next Saturday

4:00 pm- 5th anniversary for Ernie Peters requested by the family, 18th anniversary for Everett Coonan requested by the family, -9th anniversary for Carl Dahlstrom requested by the family, Memorial for Ernestina Calderon requested by Janet LaMarche

Next Sunday Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. 4th anniversary for Harry Dennis requested by the family

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

Sunday Collection St. Mary

09/10/17 = \$5,446.00

09/05/17 = \$6,631.45

Thank you for your continued generosity



September 17, 2017

22th Sunday in Ordinary

ARE WE STEWARDS OR OWNERS OF OUR LIVES?



The truth of the matter in today's Gospel is that we are, to the very core of our being, only tenants when it comes to God and all that He created, including us as His creation. The dilemma is that we want to be owners. Yet St. Paul puts it very succinctly in his letter to the Romans: "None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So then whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." (Rom. 14: 7-12)

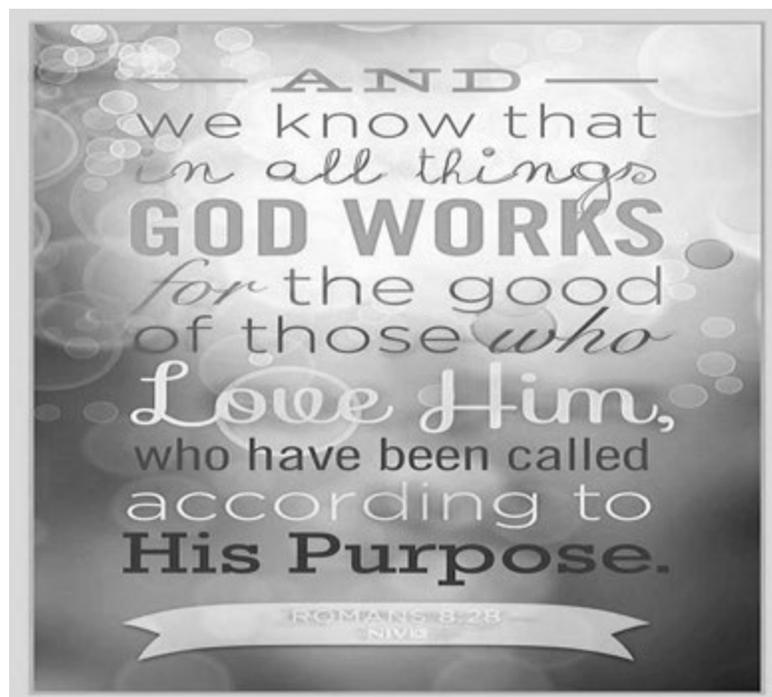
Once we become Christian we shed the illusion that we own anything. We belong to God. We came from God, and we are going back to God. You and I are put on this earth for a short time, even if we live to be a hundred years old. And we will be held accountable for what kind of stewards we have been.

When we appear before God, He will ask us: "Did you do good with what you had in terms of your time, talents and treasure?" What kind of steward have I become? Am I generous with what I have, trusting that God always blesses me for the good I have done?

There is a novel of a poor French country priest written by Bernanos, who has a hard time making a difference in the lives of his parishioners but in the end makes a startling discovery, a discovery we all need to make: "All is grace! All is gift!" St. Paul says: "For to those who love God, everything works for good." (Rom. 8:32)

When you and I stand before the vast ocean, we realize at that moment how insignificant we all are compared to all that is in this world, indeed the whole universe. God alone is the Creator of it all. He alone is the rightful owner of all that is. The Gospel is abundantly clear- all that I have I do not own. I am but a steward.

God gave us our lives. Are we good stewards of our bodies, our souls, our very lives? God gave us our children. Are we good stewards of their souls and their lives as they are growing up? Does my life and generous heart help others and point to the fact that God is the source of all gifts? For each of us is called to be a good steward of what he/she has been lent.



Religious Education



Baby Shower for Visitation House which is hosted by our high school and confirmation students, will take place on Saturday October 14th from 12-2pm. At St. Philip

Roasted Pork Dinner November 4th, live entertainment hosted by our Confirmation Class at St. Philip

Frosty Stop this year we are a part of the Grafton Celebrates the Holidays with both parishes participating at St. Philip

Christmas Box of Joy– family project

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.



Return of Eucharistic Adoration: A Call to a deeper faith, hope and love, and to a share in the peace of God!
Christ promised to remain with us always, and in His presence in the Holy Eucharist, his promise has been fulfilled. Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary's will again take place each Wednesday, from the Wednesday after Labor Day to the end of May 2018.

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.

For anyone volunteering in ministry at a church within the Diocese of Worcester, Safe Environment training is mandatory. The other two mandatory requirements of Safe Environment are: 1) CORI check and 2) signed acknowledgment of the Code of Conduct.

Pre-registration is required. Please use the form in the Gathering Space or church entrance to sign up or send email to Joan Shanley at jfs34@msn.com

We appreciate your ministry to the people of God!



Grafton Troop 106

Sea Base will be holding a shredding day fundraiser on September 23, 2017 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. The Shredding fundraiser is open to the public. Pellegrino Trucking Company will be on site to securely destroy confidential documents and records; protecting from identity theft. The shred-it event will destroy paper, photographs, blue prints and a variety of other documents. The cost is \$5.00 for each copy-paper sized box or paper grocery bag. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Noel (508) 277-3415

September 2017

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

What is the purpose or goal of a Catholic school? Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI succinctly answered this question when he addressed a gathering of Catholic educators during his pastoral visit to the United States in April 2008. The pontiff said, "First and foremost every Catholic institution is a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth." In a Catholic school, all dimensions of education are understood and presented in light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The purpose of a Catholic school is not primarily to provide a better education than that which is offered in a public school. Everyone wants all students, whether they enroll in Catholic, private or public schools, to receive an excellent education.



The goal of a Catholic school is to offer its students a different kind of education, one rooted in and imbued with perennial wisdom about the human person, a wisdom that derives from the Catholic Church's tradition of faith and morals. A Catholic school education seeks to educate not only the mind with a love for the truth but also to touch the hearts and form the consciences of its students with a desire and commitment to pursue what is good, right and just.

The academic excellence of our Catholic schools relies on several factors. The competence and dedication of our teachers and administrators, the overwhelming majority of whom are lay people, contribute significantly to our schools' successes. Our educators see teaching not only as a profession but as a ministry. Often at great financial sacrifice, these talented women and men commit themselves daily to helping their students grow in knowledge and virtue. The story of the quality and success of our Catholic schools should be told often and to as many people, especially parents, who will listen. At the heart of the story is the commitment of our Catholic schools to teach as Jesus did, that is, to teach with an authority that comes from the truth about the dignity of the human person who is made in the image and likeness of God. What Pope Pius XII stated years ago about Catholic schools is as true today as it was in the past and will be in the future: "Catholic schools in the United States are the pearl of great price. "I am pleased to take this opportunity to express my personal gratitude to the countless numbers of parishioners and benefactors and ask for your continued generous support for the collection to be taken at Masses on the weekend of September 24. It is through this giving that we are able to make the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Worcester true models of Faith, Academics and Service.

With every prayerful wish,
I remain Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, S.T.D.
Bishop of Worcester

2017 Christmas Fair Update

The Christmas Fair committee is in need of donations and manpower for several tables. 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. 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. And, the table would like to hold a **Jewelry Workshop in mid October** to make items to sell. If you are a jewelry crafter and/or can help lead a 2-hour session, please contact Dotty Nacimientto at gardengoddess15@yahoo.com or Fran Kuchinsky at fakirish56@gmail.com. The **Luncheon Team** is looking for 4 or 5 people to make a batch of chili to add to this year's menu. Those who could help with this should call Paul Krause at 508-839-9131. And the team is in need of one or two people to work at supervising the dining room wait team and overseeing the coffee and beverage tables adjacent to the dining room. Those interested should contact Patti Hart at 508-887-9933 (pehart@aol.com) or Karen Jordan at kjordanfamily3@gmail.com. Thank you all for your generosity and support to make this an exciting community event. 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.



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