

# 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**

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

**Oct 1** - Parishioners of St. Philip

**Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary**

- Oct 8th– Morality Class for Confirmation Students
- 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  
 9/17/2017  
 \$983.00

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: \$5243.00  
 Estate Donation: \$10,000.00  
 Balance to Raise: \$ 4757.00

**Once again, WE ARE CALLED**

**To help our brothers and sisters who have suffered great destruction and lose.**

**A 2nd collection will be taken up at all Masses the weekend on Sept 30/Oct 1.**



**St. Mary**



*Mass Intentions*

**St. Mary Parish**

"Lives based on having are less free than lives based on either doing or being."

- William James (1842-1910)

**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

**Sunday Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**10:30 a.m.**

12th anniversary for Mahlon Brewer requested by his wife, For the Parishioners of St Mary, Rite of enrollment Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist

**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 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

**Next 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

Sunday Collections

September 16 & 17 \$5,175.40

Thank you for your continued generosity



## HAVE YOU BEEN HIRED YET?



In today's Gospel, Jesus says that the Kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. In the English translation, we are told they agreed with Him for the usual daily wage. In Greek, the amount was one "denarius" which was actually quite generous, since common laborers would be paid only a fraction of that. The word "denarius" is based on the number ten because it was the cost of purchasing 10 donkeys. Later on, the owner does not say how much he will give them, but says he will pay them what is right. Desperate to support themselves and their families, they agreed.

Work started at 6 A.M. and ended at 6 P.M. The Landowner even goes out at 5 P.M., the eleventh hour and hires them Himself. When it comes time to pay them, He instructs his foreman to pay first those who were hired at 5 P.M. They were given the generous pay of one denarius. Those who were hired at the first hour (at dawn) were also given the agreed upon pay of one denarius. They were very upset and complained to the Landowner that He had made the last ones hired equal to them who had worked under the hot sun all day long.

Here are some questions and reflections:

1. ***How do I see and feel about God's justice toward me? And toward others?***
2. ***How do I see and feel about God's mercy toward me? And toward others?***

St. Lawrence Brindisi said about this Gospel that "all people, even though they may seem intensely busy, are still very idle in the eyes of God, unless they are busy working to acquire the good works for eternity." Based on this reflection here are some further questions:

3. **What kind of "busy-ness" has my life been? What has preoccupied most of my hours? And though in the world, how imbued with the love of Christ, Our King, have these hours been?**
4. **As the Landowner intensely desires to gather the harvest, so Christ our King intensely desires our conversion. He personally engages us. How does Christ our King engage you? Through his Words? If so, what words have penetrated your heart? Through the sacraments? If so, what sacrament have you allowed to touch your heart? How has the Eucharist, or the sacrament of reconciliation, or marriage touched your heart? How do you renew your baptism? How is Confirmation active in your life? What role does the Holy Spirit play? Have you consciously invited the Holy Spirit to bring a deeper conversion of mind and heart?**
5. **How has your prayer life brought you closer to Christ? Do you enthrone Him in your heart? What is prayer for you? How is your prayer different in the last 10 or 20 years? How much time do you devote to TV, or entertainment or to the work that you do? How does it compare to your time with Christ?**
6. **Am I acquiring the mind and heart of Christ? In what ways? Do I find myself judging others as the laborers who complain in today's Gospel? Or am I mercy-full?**



# 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 Dziena, 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 :** No religious Education class. Classes will resume on Sunday and Monday, October 15 and 16.

**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.

**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

## 8th ANNUAL DISMAS FAMILY FARM HARVEST FAIR

On Saturday, September 30, from 12:00 – 4:00pm, the Dismas Family Farm located at 687 Lincoln Road in Oakham is having their annual festival. Bring your friends and children and enjoy the fresh air and fun –Hayrides, Hay Maze, Barn Slide, Games and Family Activities, Live Music, and Delicious Seasonal Eats (included in your ticket price). Ticket prices are Adults \$10, Kids \$6 and under 4 is Free. Register ahead on-line and save \$1 per ticket. Call 508-882-0000 for more information or visit us on Facebook at Dismas House.

## ST. MARY / ST. PHILIP SOUP KITCHEN NEWS!

Be sure to check out the Community Advocate Thursday, September 14 issue. Your Soup Kitchen Ministry is highlighted in an article in that issue. Thanks to our parishioners for the generous and faithful support of the work of this outreach ministry! <http://www.communityadvocate.com/2017/09/14/feeding-the-hungry-and-nourishing-souls-at-st-marys-and-st-philips/>

## 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.

Those who would like to help make jewelry to sell at the crafts table should not miss next week's bulletin for details on our Jewelry Workshop to be held in October.

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.



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## GREAT NEWS!

***We are forming a Youth Group!! A Social and Information evening will be held at St. Philip's on September 24th at 7:15 pm. Youth in 7th through 10th grades are invited to attend—food will be served! To help guide the development of this group, a survey can be found online on the church website, <https://stmarysgrafon.org/> for youth to complete. Just follow the link on the front page. If you have any questions, please contact Tim or Jennifer Rodrique, (508) 839-7385 or tjrodrique@gmail.com .***



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