

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

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

Oct 15– Parishioners of St. Philip

Rosary will be said every Sunday after the Mass

Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary

- 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

10/01/2017
\$2640.00

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

Thank you for making a difference

Thank you to all the parishioners of both parishes for your generous donations at our second collection last week for the IRMA Relief
Together we raised \$2534.00
Your generosity is appreciated

Lasagna Night for Veterans Shelter

The Grafton Veterans Ministry of St. Mary, St. Philip, and St. James, is sponsoring our semi-annual Lasagna Night for the veterans at the shelters in Worcester and Shrewsbury, and the women veterans shelter and their kids in Worcester, on October 23, 2017. We are asking for your help with lasagna and brownies. If you volunteer to prepare lasagna, please do NOT bake it. A pan with cover is provided. All donations should be dropped off in the church kitchen by 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 22, 2017. There is a signup sheet on the Soup Kitchen table in the gathering space. Your help is very much appreciated. Thank you!



St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

Give away your life, you'll find life given back, but not merely given back-given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity. Luke: 6:38 from The Message, The Bible in Contemporary Language, Eugene Peterson

Saturday

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

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

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. In remembrance of her birthday Nancy Spyker requested by Janet LaMarche & Denise Spence

Next Sunday The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Memorial for Francis McClure requested by the family
10:30 a.m. For the parishioners of St Mary

Sunday Collection

September 30 & October 1 \$5,862.25
Thank you for your continued support

St Mary's blood drive registered 22 donors and collected 19 pints of blood.

You and your team also registered 1 first time donors. Thank you for your gifts of time and support. We truly appreciate your generosity. The patients who have benefited from the blood collected at your blood drive are beyond grateful.

YOU make a difference!



Morning Mass

There we be no morning Mass Oct 16 thru Oct 19th. Fr. Leo will be giving a retreat in Maine that week.



GOD TRUSTS US! HOW CAN WE HONOR THAT?

This Gospel is about the Father who trusts us. This Kingdom of love and justice has been planted by God and built up by those who've come before us. He has confidence in us that we will act with aptitude, integrity and honor. It is now our turn to take our place at the front row of human history. What will we do in His vineyard, our world? Will we respond to God's call and use the many gracious gifts he has given us and in turn make a difference?

As tenants or stewards, here are some questions for us: Will we be true to the name Christian? What are the distractions that undermine our call: Our modern technology, Our fascination with the lifestyle of the rich and famous? What are the elements that compete for our attention? How trustworthy are we to be put in charge of the vineyard? How knowledgeable and prepared are we to assume control of the property- for example, the property of our own bodies, the property of our own souls, or together the property of our earth? Are we willing and able to block out the many distractions of the world in order to be true to our calling to be Christian?

If we are Christian, then we belong to Christ, who as God's only begotten Son was killed because He was on a collision course with the world, not unlike what is progressively happen today. Through our baptism we now no longer live for ourselves, for we now belong to God. Is that true? Often we still want to drive the bus. Are we willing to leave the driving to God, yet willing to step up to the plate based on faith that God wants us to get out of our comfort zone by taking certain actions or changing the course we've been taking?

Here are some more questions: To what extent am I willing to be counter-cultural for Christ, the King of my heart? Am I afraid to change, or that if I fully surrender to Christ, He might ask too much of me? Am I afraid He may ask me to let go of something that I hold dear? For example, am I afraid to let go of a happy retirement for the sake of His Kingdom? If Jesus takes full possession of my heart, will He ask me to risk too much of what I've worked so hard for? (If this scares me, can I bring all this to prayer? And can I learn to rest in the abundant Love of Jesus' heart?) Am I willing to live simply so that others may simply live? What can I do on my part to not waste the precious resources of the earth? Do I shop and buy things just to make myself feel better and because I have the money to do so?

We all have our ideas, our routines, our expectations, and we all live in the world of which we are part of, though as Christians, we do not belong to the world. If Christ is indeed the King of our hearts, then we need to question: Are we willing to give up our status in the community for the sake of Christ, our crucified King? Am I willing to carry my cross side by side with my King all the way to Calvary? For the sake of Christ would I be willing to give up T.V. altogether if this is what it takes for Him to fully possess my heart? How about the inordinate use of my computer or other electronic devices? How many hours in a week do I devote to prayer as opposed to hours on the computer, or watching T.V., or reading novels that don't nourish my soul? In other words, how am I tending the vineyard of my soul or the souls of others that I love?



Religious Education



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: Â Sugar, tissues & paper towels, kids snacks, juice boxes & jello/pudding, pancake mix & syrup, brownie, cake , muffin mix & frosting, pasta sauce & canned tomatoes, Â rice pilaf & hamburger helper, cookies & crackers, soup, coffee & tea, 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.

Meeting for the St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held on Saturday October 21, 2017 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. downstairs in room #5 of the church. All are welcome to attend including adult non knitters and beginner adult knitters. The ministry is looking for knitters or crocheters to assist us in making hats and mittens for those in need. Easy patterns are available. We would like to extend an invitation to parishioners of St. Philip's Church to join us in our ministry. For more information contact Pat Morse at 508 839-6070. Please join us in a rewarding ministry. We meet every third Saturday of the month. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets September through May.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family and friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should pre-register no later than October 27 so that commemorative certificates may be issued. To register, complete the registration form at www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass, or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 to request a copy by mail.

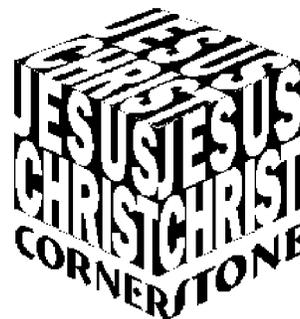
"40 Days for Life" campaign are looking for volunteers to prayerfully vigil outside Planned Parenthood (Pleasant St. Worc.) anytime between 7.00am and 7.00pm. People are asked to commit to at least 1 hour of time. We have committed to vigil every Thursday between 1.00 pm and 7.00 pm.

Signup is on-line at <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/worcester/>

The 40 days ends on Nov.5th Please join us to show your Catholic support for LIFE

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." (MATTHEW 21:42) Jesus was the corner stone and He was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others in today's society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is sign that God is alive and well!



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.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to invite all parishioners to the 100th Anniversary of Fatima Celebration being held Friday, October 13th, 2017 from 2:30 – 6:30 pm at Assumption College, Worcester MA. All are welcome to:



JOIN US FOR

2:30 pm – Procession of Fatima Statue and Recitation of the Rosary

3:00 pm – Mass at Holy Spirit Chapel. Celebrant: Rev. Steven LaBaire, Soloist: Erin Conley

4:00 pm – Fatima Talk by Rev. LeBaire, Children's Fatima Fun, Refreshments

5:00 pm – Movie Presentation – “The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima”

Join Lucia, Jacinta & Francisco on their Spiritual journey with our Blessed Mother for Peace on Earth.



St. Mary Parishioners

Please see the sign up sheet in the gathering space for the Lasagna Dinner, WE STILL NEED LASAGNA.

Not realizing that it was only one parish that had filled the sheet, up with volunteers, the article that was in thanking everyone was meant for St. Philip. Sorry for any confusion.

Baby Shower

Oct 14, from 12 to 2pm the Confirmation class will be gathering to have a baby shower for the young mothers at Visitation House. Please stop by with a wrapped gift and enjoy some refreshments as we support the young mothers who have chosen life .



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