

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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Sunday 9:00 AM

Mailing Address
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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

Oct 22– Deceased members of the Corey family requested by the family.

Oct 29– Art, Jimmy & Danny Stone requested by Helen Stone

Rosary will be said every Sunday after the Mass

Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary

- Oct. 22 Sunday, 9:30am Gr. 1-5 Rosary at St. Mary
- Oct 23 Pastoral Council 7to 8pm St. Philip both parishes
- Oct. 23, Monday, 4:45pm Gr. 1-5 Rosary at St. Mary
- Oct 24 Religious Ed. Board at St. Mary 7pm
- Oct. 27, Father Daughter Dance at St. James 7pm
- Nov. 4, Roasted Pork Dinner 5pm St. Philip Confirmation Class
- Nov. 5, – Retreat for First Reconciliation at St. Mary
- Nov. 8, Preschool Day 10:00 to 11:30am St. Mary
- Nov 12– Patriotic Rosary, St Philip 1-2pm

Sunday Collection

10/15/2017
\$1,698.44

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



Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017 9-3

St. Philip's Christmas Fair

- Handmade Crafts . Bake table . Silent Auction .
 - White Elephant Table Kids Room . Chance Baskets .
 - Luncheon \$500 cash raffle . Quilt, throw and art raffles .
 - \$500 Lottery Tree ...plus much more!!
- Come join us for a fun filled day It's Not Too Late to Join the Team! Contact Patti Hart at 508-887-9933 or pehart@aol.com, or Karen Jordan at kjordanfamily3@gmail.com



St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

Few things are harder to put up with than a good example." - Mark Twain (1835-1910)

Saturday

4:00 pm- 1st anniversary for parishioners Michael Kelly & James Kneeland, anniversary for John & Mary Hebert requested by the family, memorial for Mary Blanchard requested by the family, 14th anniversary for Msgr James McMurtrie requested by a friend

Sunday Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Memorial for Dennis Flynn requested by the family
10:30 a.m. Memorial for the Pradella Family -Isabella, Guido, Dario & Josephina requested by the Pradella 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. 9th anniversary for Francoise Bauer requested by the family, 17th anniversary for Joe Connaughton requested by the family

Next Sunday The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. 1st anniversary for James F Kneeland Jr requested by the family, memorial for Nancy & Francis McClure requested by Paul & Ellen Cuddy
10:30 a.m. Special Intention

Sunday Collection

October 14 & 15 \$6,879.00

Thank you for your continued support

IHN Thanksgiving Week 2017 Coverage:

The Soup Kitchen Ministry needs your help! Every few years, IHN rotates through it charter organizations to help cover Thanksgiving week. It's our turn this year. We are committed to cover from Sunday evening 11/19 with Dinner Host through Thursday morning 11/23 with Overnight Chaperone. Please sign up in the gathering space if you can help cover one of the shifts.

Thank you for your support!



As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, You did it for me.

October 22 ,2017

29th Sunday in Ordinary



The Patriotic Rosary is coming up on Sunday, November 12th from 1-2 at St. Philip. Please mark your calendars and join us for this special event.

Join the Children's Choir!

Children: All children are invited to join the St. Mary's Children's Choir. We have lots of fun singing and playing our instruments like the Djembe drum and rain stick! Rehearsals are from 8:45-9:15 a.m. each Sunday morning by the piano in the church. Children can sing at mass every week, or just join us the first Sunday of the month from October-May. At 9:15 Mrs. Cross will walk the children to the hall to meet for religious education class. Come and join the fun! Questions? Just see Mrs. Cross after mass or email her at: p.cross@shoplegacy.com



Grafton Catholic Youth Group is attending Reboot by Catholic Youth Speaker Chris Stefanick.

Don't miss this opportunity to set your faith on fire!, WED April 25th 7-9:30 pm St. Michael's Parish, Bedford, MA \$22 per person. Depart Grafton around 5pm and return right after it ends.

Contact Katie Hanna to RSVP and pay for tickets by 11/20 at katiebhanna@gmail.com or (580) 583-6485. Tickets will sell out fast!

Roasted Pork Dinner Tickets are now on sale.

Saturday Nov 4, serving begins at 5 pm. Tickets are \$10 adult, \$8 seniors, kids 10 and under \$6. Tickets will be sold after the 9am Mass at St. Philip , during Re ED hours and all day Monday and Tuesday at the office. Please call Carole if you have any questions 508-839-3325

This year the confirmation class has decided to help the new Youth Ministry, so please come and support our youth . We will have a 50/50 drawing and a raffle drawing as well.

We also have live entertainment!!! Come and enjoy "Just Us" with Paul Verdolino So mark the date, buy a ticket, support our kids !!!!!!! Donations are accepted if you can't attend.



PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

Children are one of the most precious gifts which any community, parish, or church has. The Catholic Church in the United States continues to make every effort to protect the children in its care since the tragic revelations of its failure to do so in the past. The procedures for reporting suspected or actual abuse are: If anyone suspects that a child is being abused, immediately call the Department of Social Services (DSS) area serving the child's residence and ask for the Protective Screening Unit. Area offices are Leominster (978-466-1500), Whitinsville (508-234-1000), and Worcester (508-929-2000). Offices are staffed on weekdays between 9:00am and 5:00pm. To report any other time, call the Child at Risk Hotline (800-792-5200). If you suspect that any employee or volunteer of the parish or the diocese is involved, you should also call the director of the diocese's Office for Healing and Prevention, at 508-929-4363. If a person wants to make an initial complaint about past sexual abuse inflicted on a minor who is now an adult, the procedure is also to call the Office for Healing and Prevention at 508-929-4363. More information about the diocese's policies and procedures for the protection of minors is available online. Go to the diocesan website www.worcesterdiocese.org <<http://www.worcesterdiocese.org>>. Click on Office for Healing and Prevention, then click on Policies and Procedures. For those who want hardcopies, you can call the Office for Healing and Prevention at the above number or the rectory.



Religious Education



October is the Month dedicated to our blessed mother Mary, our patron saint
Grades 1-5 will be praying the rosary upstairs in the church on Sunday, October 22, at 9:30am and on Monday, October 23, at 4:45pm. Parents are welcome to attend and if your child has rosary beads, please send them in with them on that date.

Father Daughter Dance: The DJ is ready and Invitations are out! This dance is for Girls in Grades 1-5 and a significant male in their lives; be it their Dad, Grampa, an Uncle,...someone they enjoy spending time with. The date is October 27, Friday, at 7:00pm at St. James Parish Center. Please send your RSVP back as soon as possible. The deadline for response is Tuesday, Oct. 24. We are also in need of help with set-up, clean-up, and refreshments; baked goods, fruit, and beverages. Contact jsullivan@stmarysgrifton.org. Thank you!

First Reconciliation Retreat: On Sunday, November 5, from 1:30 to 4:00pm, in St. Mary Parish Hall, a Retreat is planned for Parents and their children preparing for the celebration of their first Reconciliation. Please mark your calendar for this important event in your child's preparation to celebrate this sacrament.

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.

Preschool Program

Younger children along with an adult companion are invited to explore seasonal faith themes through stories, crafts, and songs here at St. Mary. Sharon Doane, a retired N.G.E.S. Kindergarten teacher, is our Preschool Facilitator. These are fun filled, happy gatherings and occasions for parents to assist their preschoolers in fostering a sense of church and community. Pre-registration is required before each Preschool Day so that adequate materials may be prepared.

Nov 8, Dec 13, Feb 14, March 14, April 14, all sessions 10 to 11:30 am

All sessions this year are held in the morning on Wednesdays. Siblings are welcome, even if they are too young to participate. No babysitters needed! Call Jill at 508-839-3993, Ext. 13 or e-mail jsullivan@stmarysgrifton.org to register. Hope to see you here!

Bring the Children to Church, introduce them to the life and wonders of Jesus



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.

SAINT JAMES HARVEST FAIR —Saturday, November 4th ,9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. It's that time of year again and the Harvest Fair Committee has planned an incredible Fair! Plan to stop by and spend the day! There will be beautiful baskets that make wonderful gifts from our Buy-a-Basket Table. The Craft Table will have beautiful handmade items for sale, as well as our bake table, plants, and the always popular White Elephant tables.

Christmas Bazaar in Worcester

Please join us for our Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 4, 8 am-2 pm to be held at Sacred Heart-St. Catherine of Sweden Parish, 596 Cambridge St. Worcester. We will have raffles, hand-made crafts, knit items, vendors, food, youth table, etc. Everyone is welcome!

Open House at Venerini

Venerini Academy will hold its Fall Open House at Thursday, Nov. 9 from 8:45-11 a.m. Visit our Campus. Enjoy our students at work and at play! New for '17-18: STEM ROBOTICS and Kodable for Kids. Located at 23 Edward St. Worcester....508-753-3210 X7310 or visit www.veneriniacademy.com.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” (MATTHEW 22:21) Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second.



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