

# Parish Communities

## St. Mary & St. Philip Benizi



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**Weekend Mass Schedule St. Mary-**

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 7:30 & 10:30 AM Mass-time  
nursery'

Morning Prayer Mon-Thurs 7:45 AM

Daily Mass Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM

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**Mass Schedule**

**St. Philip Sunday 9:00 AM**

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**BULLETIN NOTICES:** To Carole by 6:00 PM Mondays. Email [cleb1329@aol.com](mailto:cleb1329@aol.com)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 3-3:30 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:** The Visiting Eucharistic Ministers of St Mary/St Philip Benizi Parishes are available to bring the Eucharist to you at home or your rehab facility. Please call the church office at 508-839-3993 or call Noreen McConville (VEM coordinator) at 508-839-5313 to schedule home visits.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please introduce yourself to Fr. LeBlanc, Deacon Coggins or a greeter after Mass. Visit the office or log into the website . We want to know and serve you. We hope that you will become members of our parish community.

**R.C.I.A.- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

RCIA is the process of welcoming adults into full membership in the Church. It is for you, or someone you know:

v who has never been baptized

v who was baptized in another Christian tradition

v who was baptized Catholic, but has never celebrated the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation

Contact Darleen at 508-839-3993 X 12 for more info. Share this notice with someone you know who may be interested.



**St. Philip**



*Mass Intentions*

**St Philip Parish**

**Nov 4-** Deceased members of the Chartier family requested the parish, Helen Stone requested by the Wednesday Morning Group

**Nov 11-** Helen Stone, William Broadbent, Genevieve Grocchia, Alfred and Marilyn Farrell requested by parish

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

- Eucharist Adoration Wednesdays St Mary
- Nov 3 & 4-** Youth Ministry Luminaries Sale St Mary
- Nov 4-** Teen Safe Environment Training @ St. Philip 6pm
- Nov 4- Annual Minister of Communion and Minister of Care meeting @ St Mary 12 to 4 pm
- Nov 11-** Coffee Social @ St Philip
- Nov 11-** Gathering day grades 9 & 10 @ St Philip 11:30-4:30
- Dec 1-** Christmas Fair St Philip 9-3

**Sunday Collection 10-21-2018**

\$1315.00

Thank you for your continued support

**Rosary-**After Sunday morning 9am Mass, the Rosary will be recited in the Chapel, please join us.

**2018 St. Philip Parish Christmas Fair**

**St. Philip Church, 12 West Street, Grafton, MA**

**Saturday, December 1, 2018**

**9 am – 3 pm**



Features of the week: Quilt Raffle, Grand Raffle, and Basket Raffles tables. Update on White Elephant Table – please contact Evelyn Guillette 508-839-2890, if you have items to donate to the Fair.

Quilt Raffle, Grand Raffle (Janet Krause - krausejan@yahoo.com) – The Quilt Raffle features a lovely, blue & white motif, queen-sized quilt,

handmade by Peg Atchue. The Grand Raffle table includes Hanover Theater tickets, Frederico original painting, handmade fleece throw, 2 gift certificates to restaurants/stores, plus a Mystery Basket & Truro Vineyard Basket. Please drop off your raffle tickets with payment at St. Philip (office or the collection basket).

Basket Raffles (Nancy Atchue) – The Basket Raffles table has baskets of all types. We have baskets for Kids, as well as Kids @Heart, Christmas, Pets, Kitchen, Bath, Beauty, Boston Sports Teams...and more! There are over 50 baskets waiting to be taken home – what wonderful Christmas gifts these would make!

Save the date, Saturday, Dec. 1st, from 9 am – 3 pm!!

**St. Mary**



*Mass Intentions*

**St. Mary Parish**

*“Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure.” Saint John Paul II*

**Saturday:** 4:00 pm -7th Anniversary Fr. John Burke requested by a friend, Alfred Cardin requested by a friend

**Sunday:** 7:30 am – Mary Haugh & Jean Mansfield requested by family, 23rd anniversary Richard Bergin requested by family

**10:30 am** – 17th anniversary Gene Hogan requested by family

**3:00pm** – Mass of Remembrance

**Monday:** 7:45am - Morning Prayer

8:00am - Morning Mass -Margaret Reardon requested by family

**Tuesday:** 7:45am - Morning Prayer

8:00am - Morning Mass – Ellen Grace Reardon requested by family

**Wednesday:** 7:45am - Morning Prayer

8:00am - Morning Mass – Gladys Mohler requested by family

**Thursday:** 7:45am - Morning Prayer

8:00am - Morning Mass – Deceased members of St. Mary Parish

**Next Saturday:** 4:00pm – Anniversary Armand & Florence Alix, William & Alice Sheldon, Jeannette, Lee & Sr. Marcella Sabourine requested by family, 7th anniversary Filomena Flynn requested by family, 1st Anniversary Vincent P. Flynn requested by family

**Next Sunday:** 7:30am – 69th Anniversary Dennis P. Flynn requested by family

10:30am – 18th Anniversary Sophie Capezzuto requested by family

**Sunday Collection 10-28-2018**

**\$4,948.20**

Thank you for your continued support

**St Philip Parish Council Nomination**

Nomination forms have been placed in the pews of St Philip Parish for parishioners to nominate those parishioners that they feel will represent the parish best by serving on the Parish Council Ministry, Completed forms can be placed in the collection basket at Mass this weekend and next. We need more members in order for us to help our parish community thrive. Thank you for taking the time to pray and to consider who you would like to see on our Council.



## DID YOU KNOW YOU ARE ONE WITH GOD?

In Jesus' time on earth there were over 600 prescriptions of the Law. All of them tried to foresee every circumstance of the human experience which embodied the Ten Commandments. The scribe in today's Gospel wanted to know which one was the most important. Is there one that contains all the others? Jesus' response is to quote the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4): "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is One; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength." This commandment concerns the One God. And His Divine Oneness is absolute. Therefore creatures should imitate this oneness by bringing themselves into complete coordination with the One God who makes all people one. Hence Jesus tacks on the "And you shall love your neighbor as yourself" as an outflow of the first. Although these two are distinct, Jesus is saying they are inseparable.

This twofold commandment is engaged by one interior act of love which flows from the inside of the person to the outside, that is, it flows from a "unitive consciousness" to "unitive acts." Our problem for most of us is that our consciousness is outside and so the emphasis is on obedient behavior. We act as if the law was not written on our hearts as promised in Jeremiah 31:33. Jesus is proclaiming that this promise in Jeremiah is now fulfilled in Him and in us as well.

With an "outside mentality" the law can be kept with a hard heart, a dark mind, a sick soul, and only a minimum strength. But this only fuels the conflict between the spirit and the letter of the law which Jesus attacks. Since God is One and there is no other, there is no competition for the complete devotion of the creature. That is why we are commanded to love God with our whole heart, mind and soul, and with all the strength of our being. But how can weak creatures do this? St. Therese of Lisieux says: Since this is humanly impossible, I will borrow Jesus' Love and accomplish it in this way.

Jesus is speaking about the priority of the love of God and neighbor as superseding rubrics and cultic obligations. This love comes from the inward presence of God's own love deep within us, which seeks oneness with God and oneness with neighbor simultaneously. This oneness of love moves us beyond questions of the law toward the experience of the Kingdom of God.

Our inner consciousness of love of God and neighbor has priority because there are not enough laws to cover the territory of the human life because of the endless situations and nuances that each person encounters. Yet people who are equipped with a steady, loving interior will find a way to embody that love in the unforeseeable situations of life. This "loving interior" gives us "inspiration" (that is, in the Spirit moments), which can only occur if we place a premium on our spiritual well-being and on our ability to be receptive to the movement of the Spirit in using us in sometimes unforeseen ways as agents of change and healing. It is a consciousness in tune with the Oneness of God and neighbor.



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



## Thanksgiving Food Drive

A notice is being sent home this week explaining the role that students will be asked to fill in helping with our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Each grade is assigned a different food item. Donations will need to be brought to class next weekend (November 11th/12th)

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## Father/ Daughter Dance Pictures

If you ordered pictures at the Father Daughter Dance, please contact Darleen at 508-839-3993 X12 to arrange for pick up.

## Grade 5 Level Mass

Our Grade 5 students will be sitting together with their classmates and teachers and participating in various ministries at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday November 11th. Please plan on attending to show your support.

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## Come Learn About Our Newest Saints—Grafton Movie Night—Wednesday November 7th 6:30 pm St. Mary's Hall—“Romero”

Romero is a compelling and deeply moving look at the life of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, who made the ultimate sacrifice in a passionate stand against social injustice and oppression in his country. This film chronicles the transformation of Romero from an apolitical, complacent priest to a committed leader of the Salvadoran people. Rated PG 13 105 minutes FREE MOVIE, POPCORN, AND DRINKS

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. **The Office of Healing and Prevention** of the Diocese of Worcester has established 3 mandatory requirements for all parishioners in ministry, age 14 and up, who may possibly be in contact with children. These requirements are a CORI check, signing a Code of Conduct acknowledgement form, and completing a short, one-time Safe Environment training session either on-line or in person. If you prefer to attend in person, the following sessions are being offered in Grafton. (Registration is not necessary, but please call Carole at 508-839-3325 or Jill at 508-839-3993 so that we have a general idea of attendance for set-up purposes.)

**Adult-focused** (teens may attend): St. Mary's Church, 17 Waterville Street, North Grafton - Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 6:30pm to 8pm (follow signs to room)

**Teens 14-17 only:** St. Philip's Church, 12 West Street, Sunday, November 4, from 6pm to 7pm

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## Grade Level Gathering Days at St. Philip

**November 11– Grade 9 & 10-** We will gather at St Philip from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm. Students are to bring lunch.

**December 16– Grade 7 & 8–** We will be starting with Mass at 9 and ending our day at 2pm. Students are to bring lunch.

**January 6– Grade 6–** We will be starting with Mass at 9 and ending our day at 2pm. Students are to bring lunch.

**These gathering days are part of the curriculum and count as class time, we expect your child to be in attendance.**

Any questions? Please contact Carole at cleb1329@aol.com

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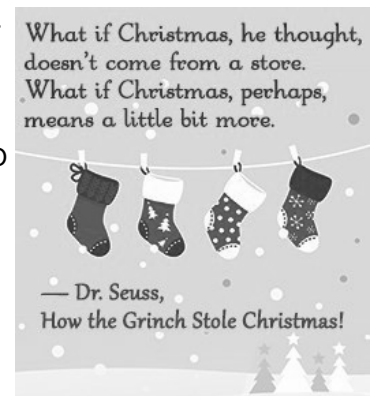
## CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Mary and St. Philip of Grafton is excited to once again offer the opportunity to assist families in need in our community through “Christmas Adopt-a-Family.” As you may know, SVdP works with families in the Grafton area who are in need. We are looking for parishioners (either individuals or families) interested in providing gifts for the children of these families this Christmas. Guidance on gift selection is provided.

Please note that Christmas Adopt-a-Family does NOT replace or serve the same folks as the Giving Tree.

If you are interested in helping, please call the SVdP phone line (508 839-3993 ext 35) NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 14. Leave your name and phone number, and one of our members will return your call within 24 hours. Because of the confidential nature of the work of SVdP, recipients will only be identified by code and age. Thank you for your consideration and support!

Please also note that Troop 106 provides Christmas dinner baskets for all the SVdP families. A special “Thank You” goes to these scouts and their leaders!



**St. Roch Harvest Fair**

St. Roch Church, 332 Main St., Oxford will be holding their Annual Harvest Fair on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 8 am – 2 pm in the church hall. Activities include: A giant Adopt-A-Basket raffle, crafts, gifts, handmade knitted items, homemade baked goods, used books, inside garage sale, and a money raffle. Lunch will be served.



**Harvest Bazaar in Worcester**

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel at Our Lady of Loreto Parish will hold its Harvest Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9 am – 3 pm. Come and shop the Country Store, look for Christmas decorations, jewelry booth old and new, handbags and knitted goods. There will be a them basket raffle as well as a Grand Money Raffle. And, of course, lots of Italian food and cookies!. Come and join us for a day of fun at 37 Massasoit Road, Worcester.

**Christmas Bazaar in Dudley**

St. Andrew Bobola Holy Rosary Sodality will hold its Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 11, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the church hall, 54 W. Main St. The Bake table will feature homemade pastries, babka & paczki. Tables include Thanksgiving dinner, Attic Treasures and Christmas shop, money raffle, gifts and lottery tree.

**Holiday Fair in Uxbridge**

Our Lady of the Valley Regional School will hold its annual Holiday Fair, Saturday, Nov. 17, 9 a.m. -3 p.m., 75 Mendon St. Features include, raffles and crafts for adults and children, wreaths, baked goods, food and drink, silent auctions and photo-ops with Santa.

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**\*Meeting for the St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry** will be held on Saturday November 17th from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. downstairs in room #5 of the church. All are welcome to attend, adult knitters, beginner adult knitters and crocheters. The ministry is looking for knitters or crocheters to assist in making shawls, blankets, hats, mittens and scarves 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.

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**SMALL GROUP-COAT DRIVE**-October 27 - November 11th- As we recall the Corporate Work of Mercy 'clothe the naked', please consider donating your gently worn coats and warm outerwear that will be distributed to area charities. Previous year's appeals brought in more than 500 men, women,

**Are you curious** about the Small Group experience? Have you been in a group that didn't offer what you expected? Has your group experience been enriching or repetitive? Do you have suggestions for other groups, times, formats, topics? Are you interested in Bible Study? Catechesis? Would you consider leading a moms group, young adult group, other group? Join Fr. Leo and others to discuss the possibilities on Sunday, October 28th, following the 10:30 mass at St. Mary's, in Rm 4-downstairs.

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**Market Sunday's Outreach Program "Neighbors Helping Neighbors"**

As you shop for your family, think of those we help every month. We welcome anything you usually buy for your family. In particular, we could use: juice boxes and kids snacks, mayonnaise, coffee& tea, rice pilaf, Lipton Sides & Hamburger Helper, cookies & crackers, Raisin Bran, pancake mix & syrup, paper products. We are so blessed to have such generous parishioners and grateful for your ongoing support. If you know of anyone struggling to provide for their family, please contact the St Vincent de Paul Society of St Mary/St Philip. at 508 839-3993 x 35. All information is kept confidential.

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**Annual Minister of Communion and Minister of Care** meeting, Sunday, Nov. 4th-12:00pm St. Mary Church:

St. Mary and St. Philip Ministers of Communion and Care are asked to attend the annual meeting hosted by Father Leo.

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**Religious Scouting Patch Opportunity**

All Catholic scouts are invited to strengthen their faith by participating in a Scouting Religious Patch Program to be held Saturday, Nov. 17 from 10 am to Noon at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies, 51 Illinois St., Worcester. The program will focus on Saints Kateri Tekakwitha and Isaac Jogues. Please bring \$3 CASH to pay to cover the cost of the patches. Please RSVP to Linda Brink at stanthonydudleyred@gmail.com.

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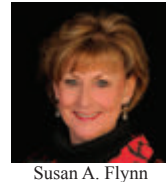
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