

Parish Communities

St. Mary & St. Philip Benizi



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Website - www.stmarysgrafton.org
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
St. Philip Office - 508-839-3325
Fax - 508-839-1310
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Mass Schedule
St. Philip Sunday 9:00 AM

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* St Vincent de Paul Society of St Philip/St Mary at 508 839-3993 x 35. All information is kept strictly confidential .
* Youth Group Ministry-youthgroup@stmarysgrafton.org

BULLETIN NOTICES: To Carole by 6:00 PM Mondays. Email 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 11- Helen Stone, William Broadbent, Genevieve Groc-
cia , Alfred and Marilyn Farrell requested by parish

Nov 18- Helen LaPan requested by Al LaPan

Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary

Rosary cited Sunday mornings after Mass @ St Philip

Eucharist Adoration Wednesdays St Mary

Nov 11- Coffee Social @ St Philip

Nov 11- Gathering day grades 9 & 10 @ St Philip 11:30-
4:30

Nov 17- Prayer Shawl 10-11:30 room 5 St Mary

Nov 18- Parish Meeting with Fr. Leo @1pm St. Philip

Dec 1- Christmas Fair St Philip 9-3

Sunday Collection 11-4-2018

\$1160.50

Thank you for your continued support



Thank you for the turkeys that have been donated so far!!
Sign-ups are in the gathering space. Frozen turkeys need to
be dropped off at Saint Mary's Parish on Sunday, November
18th by noon. Cash donations for items that are purchased
to complete the baskets (fresh produce, rolls, roasting pans,
etc) are still welcome and should be put in the basket on the

Thanksgiving table in the gathering space.

Important Dates and Instructions:

Religious Education Classes: Please return non-perishable
donations and/or envelope with your offering this week.



2018 St. Philip Parish Christmas Fair
St. Philip Church, 12 West Street, Grafton, MA
Saturday, December 1, 2018, 9 am – 3 pm



We've covered the Craft, White Elephant, Quilt Raffle/Grand Raffle, Basket Raffle, tables. What an abundant Fair! This
week, we are featuring the Silent Auction and Lottery Tree tables:

Silent Auction (John & Marianna Riemer – john@riemerassociates.com, marianna@riemerassociates.com) – John
& Marianna have been gathering great silent auction items throughout the year for you. On the auction block (so to
speak) are Paul Krause's' rocking bench, Boston sports tickets (Red Sox, Celtics, Patriots), Jason Tatum -autographed
NBS game ball, plus Worcester Music tickets, and New England get-away packages!

Lottery Tree (Patti Hart, pehart@aol.com) – Who hasn't thought about winning the lottery this year? We have a beauti-
ful presentation of tickets at the Lottery Tree Table ready for your big reveal!

UPDATES...2018 St. Philip Christmas Fair

Quilt & Raffle Ticket chances can be brought or mailed into the office (St. Philip); however, you can drop your ticket with
payment into the Collection basket at St. Philip's if that is easier.

White Elephant Table (Evelyn Guillette – 508-839-2890) – Please contact Evelyn if you have white elephant items to do-
nate to the Fair. Not allowed: Clothing, electronics, lamps. Check with Evelyn if you have any questions.



St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

"Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure." Saint John Paul II

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

Sunday: 7:30 am – 69th anniversary Dennis P. Fleming re-
quested by family, 2nd anniversary James F. Kneeland Jr.
requested by Family

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

Monday: 7:45am - Morning Prayer

8:00am - Morning Mass –

Tuesday: 7:45am - Morning Prayer

8:00am - Morning Mass –1st Anniversary John

LaPoint by friend

Wednesday: 7:45am - Morning Prayer

8:00am - Morning Mass – Memorial Susannah

Crowley requested by family

Thursday: 7:45am - Morning Prayer

8:00am - Morning Mass – Deceased members of

St. Mary Parish

Next Saturday: 4:00pm – Memorial Alfred & Rita Cardin
requested by family

Next Sunday: 7:30am – Memorial Dennis Flynn requested
by family

10:30am – 4th Anniversary Alfonso Barcinas requested by
family, 6th anniversary Kathleen Naff requested by family

Sunday Collection 10-28-2018

\$6017.50

Thank you for your continued support

DEVELOPING A TRUSTING AND GENEROUS HEART

The Lord so much desires to cleanse our hearts from greed and pride as well as cleanse us from fear about making ends meet. Compared to people in Haiti, for example, who cannot afford even \$10 a year to send their child to school, most of us are in better shape than they are. **Can we trust that God's plans for us are always good? The problem for us is that we do not always trust what our faith tells us. Can we like Jesus trust in God, Our Father, to provide for all our needs?**

In today's Gospel Jesus enters Jerusalem, knowing that He would suffer His passion and would be crucified. He was ready to give His all, body and soul. He suddenly appears in the temple and observes what people put in the treasury. Christ does not look at us like we do- only seeing the superficial. Christ sees into our hearts. **And when he looks into your heart, what does He see? Does He delight in you as He delights in this poor widow?**

Jesus pulls aside his disciples and us because He wants us to know the remedy to pride and avarice. It is the widow's humility and generosity. This widow is a symbol of his own humility and generosity. He humbled Himself as a servant and gave us everything in giving us His Life. In doing this He reveals to us the heart of the Father. He delights in the widow's heart because in her He saw His own heart.



When you and I look at Jesus on the cross it brings to light what is in our hearts. Through Him the thoughts of many are laid bare. The purity and holiness of the poor widow is that she knew that of her own, she had nothing to offer. Yet she absolutely trusted in God to provide. She loved God so much that her heart was filled with gratitude, knowing that everything was radically gift from Him. Jesus who was about to give His Life saw that in her heart and expresses that to his disciples.

Mother Teresa says that a joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart burning with love for God and neighbor. And generosity flows from a boundless trust in Him. God is not just looking for our pocket money. He is most interested in our gift of self. This is the most precious gift we can give to God. And the poor widow is the symbol of last week's Gospel of loving God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength and loving our neighbor as ourselves. **How extravagant is our self-gift? Can we do our best to imitate the extravagance of Our Father in heaven, recognizing that all that we have and possess is truly gift from God?**

The other challenge of this Gospel is to acquire "Jesus eyes." **Can I see my neighbor, my own family members, even myself as Jesus sees each one of us?** The big stumbling block to a Christ-like vision is judging others and yourself. Another stumbling block is our prejudices. Let us this week pray for "Jesus eyes" whose vision is the result of a heart burning with love for God.



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)

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.

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

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!



Market Sunday's Outreach Program "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" As we prepare to help our families during the holidays & winter months, we welcome donations of: Soup, Coffee & Tea, juice boxes and kids' snacks, jelly, Lipton sides and rice mixes, mayonnaise, pancake mix & syrup, cake mixes and frosting, cookies & crackers, and paper products. As always, we thank you for your ongoing generosity. If you know of anyone struggling to provide for their family, do not hesitate to have them contact the St Vincent de Paul Society of St Mary/St Philip at 508 839-3993 x 35. All information is kept strictly confidential.

Confirmation Class



Confirmation Rehearsal will be held on Sunday morning Dec 2nd at 10:30 am at St Philip Parish. If sponsor is unable to attend, a parent may stand in for them.

Confirmation Reconciliation is scheduled for Sunday Dec 2nd at 2:00 pm at St James Parish. This is a mandatory requirement, if not able to attend, please contact Mrs. LeBlanc so other arrangements may be made.

The Confirmation Ceremony will be held on Dec 9th at 3:00 pm at St Paul Cathedral, *please pray for our young adults who have been preparing for this sacrament.*

***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.



"... to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God."—Micah 6:8

November 8, 2018

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In the United States, more than 40 million Americans are living in poverty, including

2.5 million children over the past year. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is our anti-poverty program to help them find hope and a way to a more secure life. Your support of this collection reaches those living on the margins and gives them a hand up, not a hand out.



This collection is the primary source of funding for CCHD's anti-poverty grants and education programs. Twenty-five percent of the collection stays here in our diocese. On October 29, I once again had the privilege of meeting with our parish and community groups who received 26 local grants from this campaign. It is always inspiring to me to see how these small seeds grow into fruitful programs to support the dignity of people who find themselves most often on the margin in our cities and towns.

Stable housing is often one of the first steps for someone trying to break out of the cycle of poverty. In Portland, Oregon, the cost to rent an apartment or buy a property has increased beyond what is possible for low and moderate income families. This has created a housing crisis leaving many people unable to find an affordable place to live. But with your support, working families can afford to live in their community and their homes can remain affordable for generations to come. Through homebuyer support provided by CCHD-funded groups, over 330 low and moderate income people now have homes and financial stability, bringing lasting change to their lives. In addition, your support provides training for people to gain tools for community organizing and opportunities for leaders to bring these issues to the public arena.

Please help the efforts of CCHD to break the cycle of poverty. Fight poverty in Central Massachusetts and across America. Support CCHD on November 17 & 18 and participate in the Second World Day of the Poor called for by our Holy Father, Pope Francis. For more information about CCHD and the scope of poverty in America, please visit www.povertyusa.org.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester



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