

Parish Communities

St. Mary & St. Philip Benizi



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Website - www.stmarysgraffton.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

* Deacon: Rev. Mr. Frederick Coggins x29 fcoggins@stmarysgraffton.org
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* Parish Secretary St. Mary: Jill Sullivan x10
* Parish Secretary St. Philip: Carole LeBlanc—cleb1329@aol.com
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* Safe Environment Coordinator St. Philip: Carole LeBlanc cleb1329@aol.com
* 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@stmarysgraffton.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 18- Helen LaPan requested by Al LaPan

Nov 25- Parishioners of St Philip

Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary

Rosary cited Sunday mornings after Mass @ St Philip

Eucharist Adoration Wednesdays St Mary

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

Nov 25/26- No Religious Ed

Dec 1- Christmas Fair St Philip 9-3

Dec 16- Gathering Day 7th & 8th graders Mass at 9 @ St Philip

Sunday Collection 11-11-2018

\$1280.00

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St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

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

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

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

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

Monday: 7:45am - Morning Prayer

8:00am - Morning Mass

Tuesday: 7:45am - Morning Prayer

8:00am - Morning Mass

Wednesday: 7:45am - Morning Prayer

8:00am - Morning Mass – 28th Anniversary

Edgar J. Tatro requested by family

Thursday: 7:45am - Morning Prayer

8:00am - Morning Mass

Saturday: 4:00pm – Deceased members of St. Mary

Sunday: 7:30am – Parishioners of St. Mary

10:30am – Memorial Guido Isabella Dario & Pina Pradella requested by family, Donald Houde requested by family

Sunday Collection 11-11-2018

\$6,099.22

Thank you for your continued support

2nd Collection This Weekend

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.

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



Baked Goods Table – Liz Cardoza, 508-335-4614 - has gathered delicious treats with cakes, pies, cookies, cupcakes, jellies and more! Take a sign-up sheet this week and be a part of this Baked Goods table.

Luncheon – Paul Krause, pkrause@gmail.com, is cooking up a delicious storm, so invite a friend and join us at the Fair. Lunch is from 11 am – 1 pm.

The Fair is right around the corner chock full of wonderful gifts for you and yours at Christmas, delicious Luncheon and Baked Goods, Crafts for all, including your pets, and a treasury of White Elephant objects, big and small. We have a beautiful, handmade Quilt Raffle, the Grand Raffle with great surprises, the exciting Silent Auction, and the big reveal of Lottery Table. Our Christmas Fair flyer is coming, so pull it out of the Bulletin and put it on the fridge so you won't forget to join us on Saturday, December 1, from 9 am – 3 pm.

2018 St. Philip Parish Christmas Fair Reminders

White Elephant Table – Please call Evelyn Guillette if you have last minute items to donate to the table.

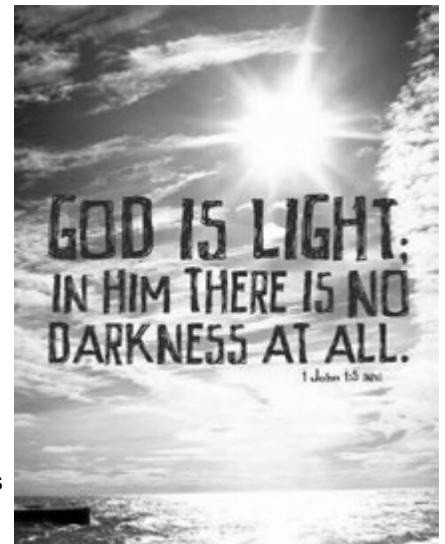
Baked Goods Table – Bring your donations to St. Philip Church on November 30 between 3 and 7 pm. See the Baked Goods Volunteer Sign up Sheet for details.



CHRIST: A RADICALLY NEW WAY OF BEING HUMAN

As We approach the end of the Liturgical year, Christ in the Gospel tells us: “the days after the tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky.” We are told that the tribulation of the Anti-Christ and the false prophets will be great at that time when there are so many deceivers. The tribulation will be a time of testing, ushering in the great temptation to follow the imposters.

Yet despite the utter darkness we will still be able to see Jesus. He himself will provide the light to do so. In the days of Jesus the earth, sky, sun, moon and stars were signs of a certain stability despite the serious upheavals in human history. What we celebrate in today’s Gospel is something radically new. Christ’s coming changes everything. And when a new way of thinking, feeling, and acting arrives and threatens the established order of things, the best way to express this is to talk of a great cosmic collapse of the way things were.



God’s becoming flesh by Christ’s coming into our world the old arrangements and order are over. But the words of Christ are creating a new way to be human. And His words will never pass away. Isaiah prophesies in the name of God when he says: “Behold, I am creating something totally new. Do you not perceive it?”

This Gospel is about expecting great things from God. We are called to let go of the way things were in order that we may give birth to what is new. I am convinced that God wants to unite us under the banner of Christ. In fact the words of Jesus are the New Reality: “Love one another AS I have loved you. Forgive one another from the heart. Have the deepest respect for one another.”

Yes, this radical New Way of being human has a cost. Some will go away with the world they’ve promoted within which they prospered. But those who make way for Christ, He reveals Himself and invites us to follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Christ invites us to witness and evangelize for a new world, allowing His Spirit to unite us as one, proclaiming the Gospel values by the way we live. The Son of Man is bringing about in us a new humanity. Amen.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Grade Level Gathering Days at St. Philip

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



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.*

Thanksgiving Vacation Break: Reminder there are no religious education classes scheduled for Nov. 25/26th

Thanksgiving Basket Food Collection

Parents and children, thank you for your support of this Outreach Project through the Religious Education Program. We are grateful for your generous and caring response to the needs of people in our community.

“AMPLIFY” DIOCESAN YOUTH NIGHT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

As part of our religious education program curriculum for High School students, we will be attending “Amplify” Diocesan Youth Night. The evening includes dinner, games, praise and worship music, Eucharistic Adoration, and Reconciliation. Open to all youth in grades 9-12. Cost is FREE.

H.S. students may select 1 of 2 dates and locations listed below:

Sunday, Dec. 16th 5:30-8:00pm St. Bernadette in Northborough

Sunday, Feb 10th 5:30-8:00pm St. Joseph Parish Center in Auburn

Parents are asked to drop off and pick up students directly at event location.

Please let Mrs. LeBlanc or Mrs. Farland know of your selection by December 9th so we may meet the diocesan registration deadline.

ADVENT SMALL GROUP SESSION:

Will this be the Advent you remember forever? Will this be the season you set aside the busyness of gift buying, and baking and entertaining, and give the Coming of Christ your full attention? Is it mind-boggling to consider an hour a week, for 4 weeks, to be inspired by faith-filled members who are searching for the true meaning of Advent, just as you are? Consider joining a SMALL GROUP this Advent...all the groups have openings; all are inclusive and welcome newcomers, oldcomers, and the curious! Will you wish, when the season has ended, that you'd carved out some time to find peace and give Him the attention He deserves? SMALL GROUP SIGN-UPS begin Nov. 17th in your Gathering Space; SMALL GROUP SESSION will begin Dec. 2nd, will break for Dec. 23-29, and will resume for one last week on Dec. 30th. The Homily MESSAGE and SMALL GROUP TOPIC WILL BE 'ACQUIRING A MARIAN HEART'. For questions or comments, please contact Rolande Parent smallgroups@stmarysgraston.org or check the website for more information.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Please drop off frozen turkeys today for our food drive.

Religious Ed students please drop off your donations in the gathering space marked food donations.

Thank you for your support as we continue to help our friends in need.





ST. PHILIP'S ANNUAL GIVING TREE It's that time of year again – time to begin thinking about making the Christmas season a little brighter for some of our Grafton neighbors. Beginning Sunday, 11/25/18, ornaments containing suggested gifts for Grafton children and Crescent Manor Nursing Home residents will be available before and after Sunday Mass. If you or your family would like to sponsor a family, that is, buy the gifts for an entire family, you may do so by calling Rachel Costello at 508-839-2767 to make arrangements.

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 Cub Scout Pack 106 provides Christmas dinner baskets for all the SVdP families. A special "Thank You" goes to these scouts and their leaders!

Thank You

We would like to thank the Boy Scouts from Troop 106 who participated as the Color Guard for our Patriotic Rosary last Sunday Nov. 11th. who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. It was a nice addition to the event.



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.

Help residents get a good night's sleep!

Dismas House need help with need new, twin sheet sets, new blankets and comforters for our newly arriving residents who often show up with very little. Please consider helping, and any new sheet sets, new blankets of comforters can be brought to Dismas, 30 Richards Street Worcester, or feel free to contact Artie at 508799 9389. Thank you for helping us welcome our residents as they begin their journey back to our communities from prison or homelessness.



WOMEN OF FAITH ~ Morning of Prayer

"Expectation and Expectancy: God Whispers in Our Darkness" will be presented by Nicki Verploegen, Ph.D. on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9:30 am – 1 pm at St. Anne's Convent, 720 Boston Post Road East, Marlborough. This Advent and Christmas how can we allow the voice of God to prepare us for a deeper coming home inside... to ourselves, to our families, and to our God? Our gathering will begin with "coffee and" followed by a presentation, prayer, personal reflection, and discussion. A registration fee of \$10.00 is paid at the door. Pre-registration is required by Nov. 30 at www.WomenOfFaithSSA.org , or e-mail info@womenoffaithssa.org, or phone Ann Williams at 508-481-8176.

A special thank you to Julia Yitts, Kylie Cahill, Sarah Remillard and Kaitlyn Naff for always, always answering the call for help. These wonderful girls are a true blessing to everyone they meet.



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