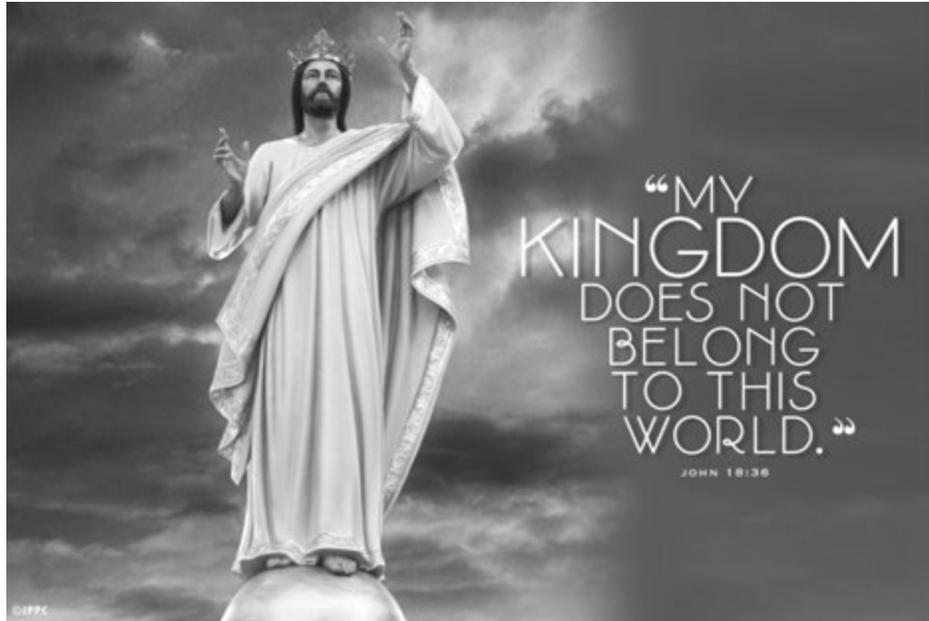


Parish Communities

St. Mary & St. Philip Benizi



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Fax - 508-839-1330
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
Religious Education - 508-839-9130
Email - stphilipsgraffton@gmail.com
Mass Schedule
St. Philip Sunday 9:00 AM

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- * Business Manager: Lisa Stewart x11 lstewart@stmarysgraffton.org
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- * Parish Secretary St. Philip: Carole LeBlanc—cleb1329@aol.com
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- * Organist/Dir. Music: Pamela Cross x37 p.cross@shoplegacy.com
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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@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 25– Parishioners of St Philip
Dec 2– Helen Stone requested by parish

Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary
Rosary cited Sunday mornings after Mass @ St Philip
Eucharist Adoration Wednesdays St Mary
Nov 25/26– No Religious Ed
Dec 1– Christmas Fair St Philip 9-3
 Dec 2– Epiphany Pageant rehearsal@ St Mary 7:15pm
Dec 16– Gathering Day 7th & 8th graders Mass at 9 @ St Philip



Epiphany Pageant Getting Underway at St. Mary's

Children in K-Gr 6 (and younger) are invited and encouraged to participate in this live presentation of the Epiphany Scripture. The first rehearsal is Sunday, Dec. 2nd at 7:15 pm in St. Mary's church. Remaining rehearsals are Dec. 9th and 16th at 4:30-5:30. The dress rehearsal/pizza party date is TBA.

St. Mary

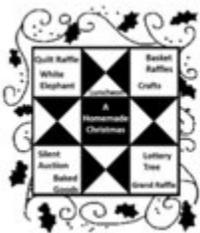


Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

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

Saturday: 4:00 pm – Deceased members of St. Mary
Sunday: 7:30 am – Parishioners of St. Mary
 10:30 am – Memorial Guido Isabella Dario & Pina Pradella requested by family, Donald Houde requested 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
Thursday: 7:45am - Morning Prayer
 8:00am - Morning Mass
Next Saturday: 4:00pm – Rosa Jackson requested by Janet LaMarche, 6th anniversary Irving Shanley requested by family, 6th anniversary Steven Desmarais requested by family, Alfred Cardin requested by family, 3rd anniversary Annette Joncas requested by family
Next Sunday: 7:30am – 16th anniversary Walter Fleming requested by family
 10:30am – Deceased members of St. Mary



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

2018 St. Philip Parish Christmas Fair Reminders

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, THE KING OF HEARTS

The Church as the Bride of Christ shares an intimate relationship with her Lord and King. It is fitting therefore, for her to celebrate the end of the liturgical year by honoring Christ, her King, who is truly King of her heart. This is why St. Therese of Lisieux could declare that her vocation was to be Love in the heart of the Church. In this way she could be a priest, a martyr, a prophet and the spouse of her Lord and King, Jesus Christ.

Who is truly the King of your heart? Fr. Michael Casey, a Trappist monk from Australia, explains that “to find God, it is necessary to find one’s heart.” But this requires authentic self-knowledge which is “the outcome of a lifetime of learning.” First, however we must become aware of how we are subject to delusions about ourselves. These delusions are partly inspired by wishful thinking and the desire to avoid effort. Delusions are also implanted by misinformation and by the misinterpretation of reality communicated to us by the society we live in as a means of social control. To know ourselves and our potential we have to be prepared to expend much effort.

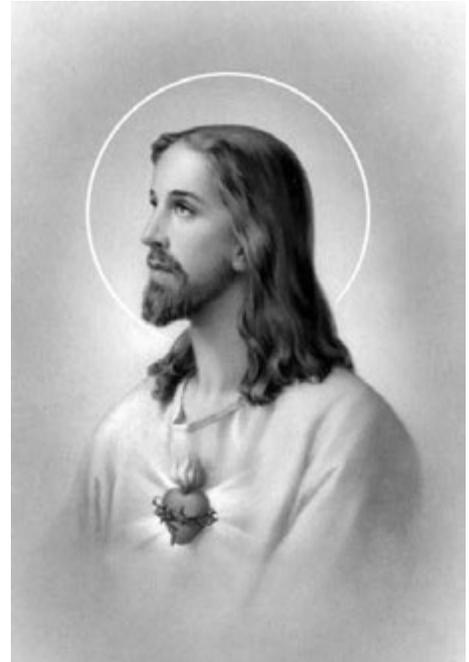
Pilate asks Jesus: “Then you are a king?” To this question Jesus answers: “You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” (John 18: 36-37) But how do we listen to His voice? To really listen there has to be some withdrawal from secular involvement. No Christian can allow themselves to be defined by their relationship to a profoundly godless society, nor permit their values and attitudes to be entirely formed by the prevailing climate of opinion.

True self-knowledge also requires good psychological health. To have this health we must protect ourselves from “instinctual autonomy.” For instinctual tendencies or passions are sub-personal forces; and to the extent that our lives are ruled by them, our life is out of the control of our will, and liable to lead us away from authentic living. This is to say that without discipline it is impossible to know ourselves or to live from the heart.

Yet there is more to Christian life than authentic existence. We must let this conscious existence be positively formed according to Gospel values. This requires more than honesty and self-discipline. In a nutshell, it demands that Christ be truly the King of our hearts.

The Word becoming flesh in Jesus represents the high point of God’s efforts to make material things the carriers of the Unseen Reality. Jesus fully reveals to us the mystery of who God is. And

Christ simultaneously reveals the potential of our human receptivity. Our contemplation of Christ the King brings us closer to God, yes, but it also compels us to recognize our limitless spiritual capacity. Christ is king because He is God, and yet so very human in the best sense of the word.



JESUS CHRIST, OUR KING



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

Grade 6 is being re-scheduled, date TBA.

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@stmarysgraffon.org or check the website for more information.

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.





ST. PHILIP'S ANNUAL GIVING TREE

TODAY IS THE DAY! *Ornaments for Giving Tree gifts are ready.* Take the ornament/ornaments, purchase one or more items listed on the ornament, place the gift/gifts in a gift bag with the ornament attached, bring the gift bag to church no later than Sunday, 12/16/18. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity. Questions? Call Rachel Costello at 508-839-2767.

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.

GIVING TREE

This year our parish will be blessed with the opportunity to experience a deeper spirit of Christmas.

On November 17th, our GIVING tree will be covered with colored tags. Each tag will represent A REAL AND SPECIFIC need in a family in definite need. Not all the families are from our town. Not all the families are Catholic. But I assure you they are all in need. Our source is the Urban Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope in Worcester, Pernet Center, St.John's, Crescent Manor and Visitation House. by Deacon It was not easy for some to admit they could use help but each tag on the tree is a REQUESTED need.

There are no restrictions on the number of tags you can take. Items range from inexpensive toys to winter jackets. Whatever your heart is moved to do will be appreciated.

You will have 3 weeks to purchase and return by December 9th at noon. Be sure the original need tag is attached securely to the outside of your gift.



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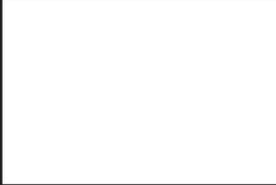
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