

Parish Communities

St. Mary & St. Philip Benizi

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St. Mary Office - 508-839-3993
Fax - 508-839-1330
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
Religious Education - 508-839-9130
Email - stphilipsgrafton@gmail.com
Mass Schedule
St. Philip Sunday 9:00 AM

* Deacon: Rev. Mr. Frederick Coggins x29 fcoggins@stmarysgrafton.org
* Business Manager: Lisa Stewart x11 lstewart@stmarysgrafton.org
* Parish Secretary St. Mary: Jill Sullivan x10
* Parish Secretary St. Philip: Carole LeBlanc—cleb1329@aol.com
* Director of Religious Ed St Mary/ St. Philip— Darleen Farland x 12 dfarland@stmarysgrafton.org
* Administrator of Religious Ed St. Mary/St. Philip— Carole LeBlanc
* Organist/Dir. Music: Pamela Cross x37 p.cross@shoplegacy.com
* Safe Environment Coordinator St. Mary : Jill Sullivan x10
* 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@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

Dec 30– Deceased members of St Philip Parish
Jan 6– Tim Winslow requested by family
Jan 13– Deceased members of St Philip
Jan 20– Helen LaPan & John Chartier 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

Jan. 6 - Epiphany Pageant – 10:30am St Mary
Jan 6– No Religious Ed St Mary or St Philip, **students are to go to Epiphany at 10:30 Mass St Mary**

Jan 13– RE classes resume St Mary & St Philip

Sunday Collection 12-16-18

\$1460.80

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Feast of the Holy Family



“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 JOHN 3:1) During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God’s children, it’s important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members

and friends that you love them, frequently.

New Years Mass Schedule

St. James

New Year’s Day,
 Tuesday, January 1st
 Mass at 8:00 AM

St. Mary

Monday – New years Eve
 4:00pm Vigil, Holy Day, Solemnity of Mary
 Tuesday– New Years Day
 11:00am Holy Day, Solemnity of Mary

Office Hours

St Mary

Dec 30th & 31- 9 to 12

St Philip

Dec 30th & 31- 9 to 12

Happy New Year:)

St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

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

Saturday: 4:00pm - Deceased members of St. Mary
Sunday: 7:30am - 11th anniversary Etta Fleming Dickinson & 31st anniversary Arthur Fleming requested by family

10:30am - requested Frank Dorr & Phyllis Dorr by family

Monday: 7:45am – Morning Prayer

8:00am – Morning Mass

Tuesday: 7:45am – Morning Prayer

8:00am – Morning Mass

7:00pm – St. James – Adoration & Confession

Wednesday: 7:45am - Morning Prayer

8:00am – Morning Mass –

Thursday: 7:45am Morning Prayer

8:00am – Morning Mass –

Next Saturday:

4:00pm – Deceased members of St. Mary

Next Sunday:

7:30am – 25th anniversary William Cournoyer requested by family,

19th anniversary Michelle Foley requested by family

10:30am – Deceased Members of St. Mary

Sunday Collection 12-16-2018

\$5183.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Mass Book 2019

Both Parishes have the 2019

Mass of Remembrance Book,

Please call the parish secretary or stop by the either office to book a Mass for your departed loved one.



CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE: A PROPHETIC WITNESS TO THE WORLD

For too long we have allowed the world to invade the sanctity of our Christian homes with its worldly values, its “busyness”, and letting the world redefine what God intended. Pope Benedict XVI speaks of the family as “the privileged setting where every person learns to give and receive love.” This makes the family Holy Ground where God, our Maker, forms us anew to become the children of God that we are.



Let 2019 be for us at St. Mary’s and St. Philip’s, the year of the family. Let us enter this New Year of Grace, 2019, and make it the year we commit ourselves to our family, consecrating our loved ones to God’s purpose and will. Let us also do this for our spiritual families at St. Mary’s and St. Philip’s as well. Let us decide to re-educate ourselves about what God intends: that the family be “the privileged place” where every person learns to give and forgive, and to receive love and be forgiven.

Let us relinquish as much as is possible, the things that drive a wedge between members, whether it be television, computers, i-phones, selfish goals and the like. Let us begin by our discussing as families, how we can create “sacred times” of being together; discussing how family traditions can be created to foster love, forgiveness and honesty.

In the times of our parents and grandparents, for example, families often had a picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus prominently placed in their home. Also, I know of parents in one family who wanted to bring God more at the center of their home, who decided they would pray together at the end of the day before the children went to bed. (Later one weekend when they had been away, and arriving home tired, the parents told the children to go to bed. But the children quickly reminded them that they had not yet prayed as a family.) And another tradition created was when each member of the family, before going to bed, asked forgiveness from each other and extended forgiveness in return.



Pope Benedict also spoke of the family as the “lifelong treasure for couples.” He goes on to say, “It is a unique good for children, who are meant to be the fruit of the love, and of the total and generous self-giving of their parents.” What a treasure the family can be for couples. The challenge is for Christian parents to see each child as their treasure, even when they cry in the middle of the night, or when they are teenagers seeking independence?

Pope Benedict goes on to say that “the family is also a school that enables men and women to grow to the full measure of their humanity.” Perhaps we could say that the family is a laboratory where we learn the full extent of our human potential. All family members must continue to grow and let themselves be transformed by grace. The family becomes the center of learning where sinners learn to become saints. Welcome into your home the Year of Grace, 2019.





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.



CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP SERVICE

Boy Scout Troop 106 will be offering residential Christmas tree pick up on January 12th from 9am-12pm for a nominal fee of \$10.00. The funds raised will help support Scouting related activities.

If you are interested, please email your name, address and phone number to troop-106-leaders@googlegroups.com no later than 1/10/19. Please call Chris Chiu on (508) 293-1232 with any questions. We accept payment (check or cash) at pickup time. If you will not be home between 9am and 12pm on 1/12/19, please mail in advance your check payable to Troop 106 to "Chris Chiu, 3 Peters Way, Grafton, MA 01519". Please have your tree on the curb by 9am on January 12th. We thank you for your support and the opportunity to serve the

Grafton community. Happy Holidays from Grafton Boy Scout Troop 106!

Parish Dinner in Westminster

A Winter Fest Dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan. 5 from 5 to 7 pm at St. Edward the Confessor Church Hall, 10 Church Street, Westminster. Menu: Pork Loin, applesauce, meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, buttered corn, tangy 4 bean salad, rolls, tapioca pudding and cookies. Cost of the dinner is \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child under 12 and children under 6 eat free. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, please call Wendy Provencial at 978-874-0767.

Interfaith Choir Concert in E. Brookfield

An interfaith choir Christmas Concert entitled "Everlasting Light" will be held at St. John the Baptist Church on Sunday, Jan. 6 at 2 pm. Come and enjoy this outstanding music and grandeur of this Cantata experience, complete with the story of Christ, the Everlasting Light.

Divine Mercy Retreat in Webster

"Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told" is a dramatic 10-session journey featuring best-selling author and popular speaker Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. Join us at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church Rectory, 18 E. Main St., Webster, beginning Wednesday, Jan.23: TWO SESSIONS offered, 10:00-11:30 am or 7:45-9:00 pm and continuing every Wednesday (no class, Ash Wednesday, March 6) For more information or to register for the study, contact the Parish Office @ 508 943 3140 or via email: alkotkin@aol.com. Registration deadline Jan 6, 2019.

An Entertaining Evening with
Fr. Ed Hanlon

"Why Go to Mass?
What and Why are there different parts
of Mass?"



Sign up at <https://stmarysgrafton.org/youth-group> or through Face Book.

First Friday's with Food, Fun & Faith!!

Friday, January 4th 6:30-8pm at St. James Parish Hall
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