

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

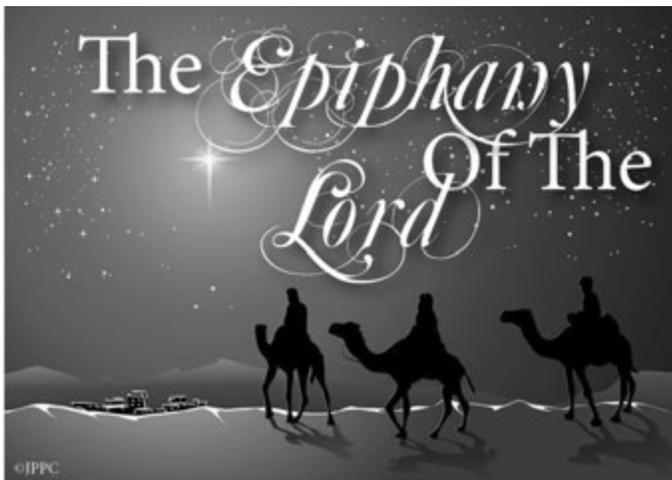


Mass Intentions

St Philip Parish

Jan 6– Tim Winslow requested by family
Jan 13– Deceased members of St Philip
Jan 20– Helen LaPan and John Chartier requested by the 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



On this actual Twelfth Day of Christmas, the feast of the Epiphany, in this brand new year of 2019, everything depends on how we cooperate with God’s grace in our relationships with others

Mass Book

Please consider having a Mass requested for a deceased loved one. Masses can be scheduled by either stopping in the church office or by calling Carole for St Philip and Jill for St Mary.



St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

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

Saturday: 4:00pm – For Carolyn Bent for Healing requested by Family
 Sunday: 7:30am - 25th Anniversary William Cournoyer requested by family, 19th Anniversary Michelle Foley requested by family
 10:30am – 12th Anniversary Kathleen Romeo & 11th Anniversary Frank Marrapodi requested by family
 Monday: 7:45am – Morning Prayer
 8:00am – For Carolyn Bent for Healing by Family
 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 – For Deceased Members of St. Mary
 Next Sunday:
 7:30am – For Deceased Members of St. Mary
 10:30am – For Deceased Members of St. Mary

Collections from both parishes are unavailable until after the holidays



It is with great joy that we welcome Lucas and Kenneth Neilsen-Bush, newly baptized children of David Bush and Brianna Neilsen, to the faith community of St. Mary.



WHAT TREASURE DO YOU SEEK?

What do you want out of your life? What are you looking for? In order to find something, we must first be seeking it. Let us ask ourselves three questions: **1) Who am I? 2) Am I choosing light or darkness, reality or illusion? 3) Is Jesus my Lord and King, my Messiah and Eucharistic Bread?**

In asking the first question: "Who am I" in the context of today's Gospel, I need to ask "Am I one of the magi or am I Herod?" The magi were truth seekers, rather than knowledge seekers. Knowledge seekers are the learned of this world. They seek knowledge to gain control of their lives and the lives of others. Truth seekers seek wisdom. They are totally open to the Truth. They are devoid of prejudices and their own self-seeking agendas. The wise person does not seek in a self-gratifying way, or become exhilarated by his or her talents, or in love with his (her) own brilliance and ability to analyze (a form of self-idolatry).

The wise person, being open-ended, searches to find the Truth of all truths, and then to adore Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. The magi of today's Gospel are keen observers of the stars and the human heart. Right away they sense Herod's agenda is of the world, seeking the illusion of power and control.

Like the magi we need to seek the Light, that is, the Light of the Gospel. In Christ, we come to see the God whom we cannot see, except through faith. We like the magi need to understand that faith, not human knowledge, is what saves us. And faith can be obtained only by humility and not by arrogance. The magi reveal to us that the Light they seek is already in them through faith. If we search for the Light we search for the will of God at all times, even if it leaves us shaken up, disturbed or angry.

The magi come to the stable and there they adore the new-born King. Their search and journey symbolized by the star is guided by the inner light of faith which leads them and us to rest in the Lord's presence. That is Adoration! Jesus is found in the arms of His mother, in the act whereby God gives Himself to us, and we give ourselves to God in adoration. In this reciprocal embrace God allows Himself to be held, and in Mary we see humanity embracing God.

The Magi came with the treasures of earth in their hands...gold, frankincense and myrrh... and left with the treasure of Heaven in their hearts. Jesus still gives us the greatest treasure of all- Himself.



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.



A SVDP family is in need of a kitchen table and 4-6 chairs. If you have a table you would like to donate, please call the church line at 508-839-3993 ext 35. Please leave your name and number and a SVDP member will return your call. Thank you for all you do to support SVDP. God Bless.



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!

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.



In response to the crisis of the sexual abuse of children by clergy in the Catholic Church, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) drafted a landmark document in Dallas, Texas, at its 2002 summer assembly. In this statement, the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (the Charter), the bish-

ops recommit themselves to victims/survivors and their families and to each other in order to ensure—to the best of their abilities—that sexual abuse of minors within the Church will never happen again. A comprehensive set of procedures to address allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy, the Charter includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts of abuse. To learn more our programs download a copy of the brochure: Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal or visit the USCCB Office of Child and Youth Protection.

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. Every arch/diocese/eparchy, and to arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative, if you desire. The victim assistance coordinator for the Diocese of Worcester is Judith Audette. A report can be made by phone to (508) 929-4363. If the report is made by mail, please send it to: Judith Audette Victim Assistance Coordinator The Diocese of Worcester, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609 Please understand that anonymous reports of misconduct compromise the ability of the diocese to follow up on such reports and to take disciplinary action or any other action. It is the policy and practice of the Diocese of Worcester to respond promptly and with compassion to all reports of misconduct. Be aware that if you report child abuse, the diocese will report the matter to law enforcement. You yourself may also, of course, report instances of sexual misconduct directly to law enforcement. (See links at left for contact information.)

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