

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 jsullivan@stmarysgraffton.org
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* Administrator of Religious Ed St. Mary/St. Philip— Carole LeBlanc
* Organist/Dir. Music: Pamela Cross x37 p.cross@shoplegacy.com St. Mary
* Organist/Dir. Music : Brittany Dyer St Philip
* 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@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

Feb 3- Helen Stone requested by parish, deceased members of the Polselli family requested by the parish, Stacia Wasiuk requested by family
Feb 10- Jean Drago requested by parish, Louis Kuchinsky requested by Fran Kuchinsky,

Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary

Rosary cited Sunday mornings after Mass @ St Philip
Feb 3- Souper Bowl Sunday collections
 No night classes at St Philip
Feb 10- 6th grade Gathering Day, Mass at 9, gathering day until 3pm
March 2- IHN "An Evening of Hope" fundraiser

Sunday Collections St Philip
 1-27-2019 \$1545.00

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.

Welcome, Brittany Dyer to St. Philip's

A warm welcome to Brittany Dyer, our new Music coordinator for St. Philip's. We hope you will enjoy being here with us. Once settled in, Brittany looks forward to working with the cantors we have had here at St. Philip's. She already works with students chorus groups in Rhode Island. She hopes with time to develop a choir of students as well. Let us keep Brittany in our prayers. And again welcome.



Mary O'Hara will be deeply missed by her parish family, may she rest in peace.

June 20, 1929-January 24 2019



St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

Saturday: 4:00pm - Birthday and 21st Anniversary Ella LaMarche by Family
Sunday: 7:30am- 8th Anniversary Myrtle Dennis by Family
 10:30am - Deceased Members of St. Mary
Monday: 7:45am - Morning Prayer
 8:00am - Morning Mass - Memorial Muriel Bohaboy by Friend

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 - 49th Wedding Anniversary Joan Kirejczyk by Her Husband,
 Birthday Jeanne LaMarche by Family

Next Saturday:
 4:00pm - 1st Anniversary Thomas Haugh by Joan Brown,
 Birthday Jeanne LaMarche by Family
Next Sunday:
 7:30am - 21st Anniversary Patrick Fleming by Family
 10:30am - 1st Anniversary Peter Dorr by Family,
 44th Anniversary Frank Dorr by Family,
 Memorial Phyllis Dorr by Family

Sunday Collections St Mary
 1-20-2019 —\$3396.00
 1-27-2019— \$3717.00

SAVE THE DATE: March 2, 2019 IHN will be holding their 2nd Annual "An Evening of Hope" fundraiser. It is a "Food Tasting with Wine Pairings" evening of delectable small plates from a wonderful caterer paired with a selection of wines from Grafton's own Pecorino's. More information is available at <https://stmarysgrafton.org/ihn>.

The Blessing of Throats

In honor of St. Blase, blessing of the throats will take place the weekend of Feb. 2-3, after all Masses.

A Warm Welcome to our Newly Baptized

It is with great joy that the faith community of St. Mary welcome's Hunter Daniel Norton who was baptized on Sunday, January 27 during the 10:30am Liturgy.



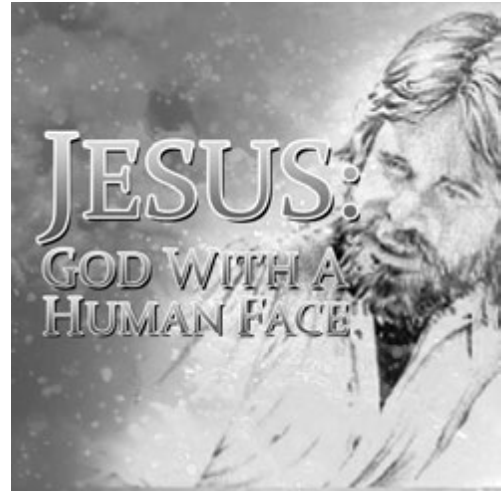
Souper Bowl Sunday!

The Grafton Catholic Youth Group will be helping to TACKLE HUNGER by collecting monetary donations after each Mass at St. Mary's and St. Philip's Parishes during Super Bowl weekend, February 2nd and 3rd. All contributions collected will help support Market Sunday. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



JESUS, OBEDIENT TO THE FATHER, SPEAKS THE TRUTH

After reading from the prophet Isaiah, Jesus proclaims that this Scripture is fulfilled in their hearing. All are amazed at His words and the authority with which He spoke. But that did not last. His very own Nazareth becomes a training ground for what He will face at Golgotha. The quick reversal from awe to fury anticipates Holy Week. Jesus has come to comfort the disturbed and to disturb the comfortable.



“So the Kingdom of God is coming, is it? And we need to repent? Of what? Isn't He the carpenter's son? Who does He think He is? If he's the Messiah, let him prove himself. (This kind of scenario was probably what was in their minds and hearts.) Jesus brings up two examples of how God shows favor to foreigners rather than His “chosen people.” This infuriates them.

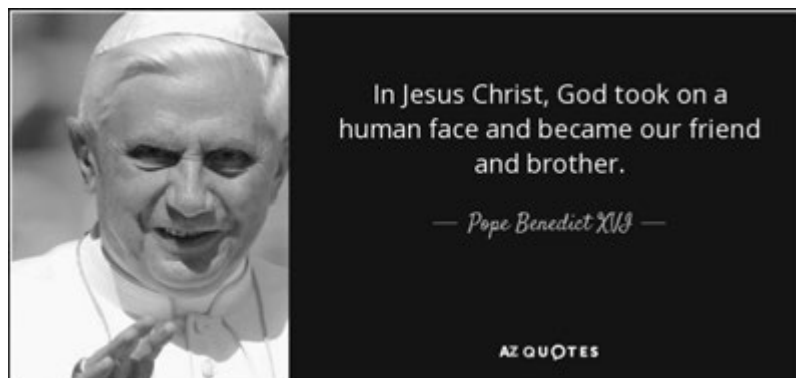
Israel was chosen by God among all peoples as peculiarly His own. But it was not because they had done anything to earn this privilege. God chose them not to make Israel believe that He had rejected other nations. Rather He chose Israel precisely because they were insignificant in the eyes of the world, and through Israel to show the world that He intended to save everyone, great and small. He healed the pagans in order to make his chosen people jealous, thereby reminding them of their unique privilege of worshipping the only true God.

St. John Chrysostom cites that envy and jealousy were the reason for the fury of the people of Nazareth. Pope St. Gregory the Great suggests that we counter these feelings in the human heart by meditating on God's goodness and by acts of deep and genuine gratitude, humility and fraternal love. He says that we need to seek meekness and kindness in everything we do.

Our election in baptism is pure gift. It is not a result of our worthiness because the truth is that we are all sinners. Our election is primarily about God's love and mercy. Yet His love is universal without exception.

The truth of the matter is that we also do not like the familiar in our lives and our routines to be challenged or seriously interrupted, even if that challenge is the Truth and just won't go away. Our mind's habit is to cling to the familiar and to routine. Of course we profess to believe in Jesus as our Savior, but we want Him on our terms, and want Him to fit our schedules and according to our expectations. This kind of Jesus and God are idols. The Living God is God on His own terms. Anything else is false.

We have to allow the Living God to reveal Himself as He is in the words of Jesus. For Jesus is the human face of God, Our Father. As Son of God and Son of Man He not only reveals who God is, but He also reveals who we are as human beings. Many people do not want to be under the reign of God. Truth be told, many of us do not want the Kingdom of God to come. We like things the way they are, thank you very much. **Are we ready to take ownership of being Child of God and all the changes this will demand of us? Are we ready to embrace the truth of who we are completely?**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

Adult Ed. Class 630-800pm St. Mary classroom 4

Thursdays, 24th, 31st, February 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th 6:30-8:00pm St. Mary's Classroom 4, Registration \$20.00 includes Study Guide Please contact Darleen Farland (dfarland@stmarysgrafton.org) by January 3rd to register so that materials may be ordered prior to first class session.

"AMPLIFY" DIOCESAN YOUTH NIGHTS 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 are highly encouraged to attend!

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 February 3rd so we may meet the diocesan registration deadline.

Mom & Son Game Night

You Are invited To the Grafton Cluster

Who: Mom (Grandma, stepmom, favorite aunt or significant woman in the boy's life) and Son/s in Grades 1 through 5

When: Friday, February 8 2019, 7:00 to 9:00 pm Where: St. Mary's Parish Hall

Why: to strengthen family bonds Admission: \$5 per family Treat yourself to a special night out with your son/s. There will be a variety of games to play or feel free to bring your favorites with you! It's a fun night out together!

Blessings,

Darleen Farland (St. Mary/ St. Philip Benizi)

Carole LeBlanc (St. Mary / St. Philip Benizi/ St. James)

Open House at St. Bernard C.C.H.S.

Discover St. Bernard Central Catholic High School at their Open House on Tuesday, Feb. 5 from 9 am – 1 pm. Students tours and Classroom visits.

6th Grade Gathering Day- Sunday Feb 10th from Mass until 3 pm. 10-3 pm for those attending Mass at another time.

Child needs to bring lunch. Parents are asked to donate snacks and water for the day. Please let Carole know if your child will be attending this date.

Welcome, Fr. Moris Achid from Jamaica

Fr. Moris Achid will celebrate all Masses at both St. Mary's and St. Philip's next weekend, February 9 & 10. He comes to make an appeal for Food For the Poor. He is originally from Uganda. He was 22 years old when he came to Jamaica to join the Missionaries of the Poor. He was a Brother in that community for 12 years. He then joined the Diocese of Montego Bay in Jamaica. He was ordained 3 years ago and is now 35 years old. Welcome, Fr. Moris.



*No Religious Education
Classes
tonight at St Philip*



As always, we thank you for your ongoing generosity. As we help our families through the winter months, we very much in need of **paper products (tissues, paper towels, toilet paper). We can also always use: coffee, tea & hot chocolate, rice and rice mixes, kids snacks, crackers & cookies, jelly, mayonnaise, pancake mix and syrup.** We thank you for your on going support!. If you know of anyone struggling to provide for themselves or their family or are in a temporary financial challenge, please contact the St Vincent de Paul of St Mary/St Philip at our church line: 508 839-3993 ext 35. All information is kept strictly confidential.

We are very much in need of Size 6 diapers for one of our families. If you are willing to donate any, please leave them in the gathering space at either church.

Haiti Twinning Update

Our Haiti Twinning partnership is off to a good start! RE Students and parishoners that would still like to make a card, please bring them to the gathering space and put in the bin labeled "Haiti Cards."

Our sister parish is St. Pierre & St. Paul Parish in Coteax Haiti. Father Serge, pastor, who visited us last fall, is very excited to be in Catholic Community with us!

We are planning other ways to show them our support as a community of faith in the future! Look for a tab on our website coming soon!

Fatal Flaws showing in Millbury

Fatal Flaws, a movie about the dangers of legalizing assisted suicide, will be shown along with discussion at St. Brigid Parish 59 Main Street, Millbury on Wednesday, Feb. 13 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Free and open to the public. Reserve seats at witnessforlife.com or call the parish at 508-865-6624 .

Celebrate St Patrick's Day At St Roch Church

On Sunday, March 17 at 2 pm, join us at St. Roch Parish for a humorous celebration of St. Patrick's Day with with Dave Kane & his "Jokes My Irish Father Told Me." Located at 334 Main St, Oxford, doors open at 1:30 pm. Tickets \$15in advance \$18 at the door. Contact Terry Renaud for tickets at 508-987-2382.

St. James Harvest Craft Fair Valentine sale & raffle will be on Sat, Feb. 9th after 4:30 Mass and Sun. the 10th after the 7:30 & 10:30 masses==the weekend before Valentines day. This tradition is hosted by the Harvest Fair Committee as an additional fundraiser. Our Raffle items this year are: Lg. stuffed huggable Teddy and candy Box, a mystery box valued \$50++,a Bird Lovers Basket, a no fuss lovely terrarium bowl, and a Cupcake Stand with 12 delicious and professionally decorated cupcakes.

Veteran's Sock Drive for Local Veterans – February 1st – 28th

We are collecting new socks for men and women, all colors, sizes and styles (no ankle socks please. This sock collection will be on-going from February 1st through February 28th. Collection boxes are located at all 3 parishes; St. Mary, St. Philip, and St. James. Please help us to fill them all so we can be sure everyone has warm feet in this cold weather.

St Anna Golf Tournament

St Anna will host its 17th Annual Tournament on Saturday, May 18 at Townsend Ridge Golf Course. Two Shot Guns 7:30am and 1pm Early Bird Rate of \$99 per golfer if you register and pay by February 19, 2019. To register and for tournament details. visit www.sasgolftournament.com .

Meeting for the St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held on Saturday February 16th 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.

19th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference at Assumption College

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled for Assumption College on Saturday, April 6. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Kevin Dunn, Francesco Cesareo, Trent Horn, Father Warren Savage, Mike Aquilina and Eric Mahl. Bishops and priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass. For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, call Sara Smillie at 508-929-4345. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 25, afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.

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