

Parish Communities St. Mary & St. Philip Benizi



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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
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Mass Schedule
St. Philip Sunday 9:00 AM

* Deacon: Rev. Mr. Frederick Coggins x29 fcoggins@stmarysgrafton.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 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@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

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 10– RE classes resume

Feb 10– “Amplify” high school program, St Josephs Parish Center Auburn

Feb 10– 6th grade Gathering Day, Mass at 9, gathering day until 3pm

Feb 14– Adult Ed, room 4 St Marys 6:30 pm

Feb 17– Coffee Social

Feb 17/18– No Re Classes

March 2– IHN “An Evening of Hope” fundraiser

Sunday Collections St Philip

2-3-2019 \$1700.00

Thank you for your continued support

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.



Way to Go Pats and Parishioners!

The Grafton Catholic Youth Group collected spare change in soup pots after all Masses during Super Bowl weekend, Feb. 2nd & 3rd, 2019. St. James collected a thrilling \$1,384.00 to help their Outreach program, St. Mary/St. Philip collected a whopping \$942.77 to help Market Sunday and the Grafton Food Bank.

What a way to TACKLE HUNGER! Those donations will go far helping feed hungry Grafton residents!

Thank you for all the support

IHN COVERAGE WEEK COLLECTION

As we've done over the years, we will be doing a second collection the weekend of Feb. 23, 24 in support of IHN. Since our coverage week of March 10-17 coincides with their fundraiser on March 2nd, part of the collection will go towards a sponsorship for the event.

St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

Saturday: 4:00pm - 1st Anniversary Thomas Haugh by Joan Brown, Birthday Jeanne LaMarche by Family

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

Monday-Thursday – NO MORNING MASS this week.

Next Saturday: 4:00pm – 71st Anniversary Evariste & Euphemie LaMarche by Family, 64th Anniversary Jeanne & Philippe LaMarche by Family, 77th Anniversary John Hebert by Family, Memorial Debra Dulmaine-Coonan and Gary Dulmaine by their Sister

Next Sunday: 7:30am – Memorial Dennis Flynn by Family, 2nd Anniversary Charles Peterson Jr. by Family 10:30am – Golden Wedding Anniversary Sancho and Josephine DeRamos

Sunday Collections St Mary

2-3-2019 —\$6142.00

Thank you for your continued support

Second Annual "An Evening of Hope" Gala to support IHN

Tickets are now on sale! Please go to <https://www.ihnworchester.org/an-evening-of-hope-2019/> or email jalley@ihnworchester.org. We will have representatives after [St. James Masses the weekend of 2/16, 17] [St. Mary & St. Philip Masses the weekend of 2/23, 24] to buy tickets in person with cash or check made out to IHN. Tickets are \$75 per person (cash/check) or \$78 pp online. You don't want to miss this wonderful evening out (great for a date night) on March 2nd 7:00-10:00pm at Temple Emanuel Sinai in Worcester.

Welcome, Fr. Moris Achid from Jamaica

Fr. Moris Achid will celebrate all Masses at both St. Mary's and St. Philip's this weekend. 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 Morning Mass

Please note that morning Mass will not take place this week, Fr Leo is away on vacation.

ARE YOU READY TO GO OUT INTO THE DEEP?

We are both fish and fisherman. The purpose of hearing the Word of God is to be caught by it that it may illumine the mind and inspire the will to such an extent that it changes our very processes of thinking and acting. Teaching from a boat is symbolically appropriate. When fish are caught they move from darkness into light. Those who hear Jesus' teaching will be pulled from darkness into light and release a fullness in that person hitherto unknown.

In order for this fullness to happen, however, two hearings are necessary. A first encounter acquaints us with Jesus' teaching and prepares us for further exploration. The second hearing, a deeper encounter brings greater realization and integration of what the teaching means. The first encounter is symbolized by the fishermen "washing their nets" and Simon pulling his boat "out a little way from shore." The nets are prepared but not yet used. The boat has pushed off a little, but it has not yet found open water. (This reminds us of our baptism when we are washed clean and are initiated into the life of the Lord, pushed off from the world but not yet ready for deep water.)

In the second, deeper encounter the washed nets will be let down into the sea and haul in a tremendous catch of fish. At this point we are a good ways from the shore. The crowds who stay on shore have become acquainted with Jesus' words but they remain in the first encounter. Simon, James and John and the other fishermen who follow Jesus' instructions enter the second encounter and realize the truth of His words in a life-transforming way. It takes that commitment to become a true disciple of Jesus to experience the life-transforming power of His words.

Simon and the other disciples and all of us who are ready to become Jesus' disciples must go deeper inside ourselves with His words (put out into deep water) and wait to receive (let down our nets for a catch). On our own, however, the experience is that we are unable to catch anything. We come back empty-handed. Simon calls Jesus "master" and tells him he will do whatever He says, even though he doesn't think it will work. This is the classic position of the disciple.

Simon and all of us have to have to be willing to obey Jesus until we discover on our own what Jesus wants us to understand. Am I willing to obey Jesus for a while until I come to understand at a deeper level what Jesus is saying? Following Jesus' lead brings us abundance and fullness. The result is that the Holy Spirit and divine reality fill our hearts and minds to the breaking point. This leaves Peter amazed and overwhelmed.

Like Simon, our response to the immensity of God brings us, in the light of God's superabundant Gift, an acute awareness of our littleness and inadequacy in the face His great love and mercy. It is a deep feeling of unworthiness. Who am I, who are any of us to be in the presence of a God who loves so much that He wanted to become one of us to show us that he cares about every detail of our lives? He is the Master who says:

“Come, follow me!”



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.

GCYG is going Snow Tubing at Ski Ward

Friday, Feb. 15th! Event Time: 4-8pm

Meeting Place: St. Mary's lower parking lot at 4pm

Price: \$20 per person (\$20.90 if paid online)

Includes: Private party tent; choice of hot dog, hamburger or grilled cheese; chips, drinks, hot chocolate; 2 hrs. tubing 5-7pm; transportation from/to St. Mary's
Signup by Mon. Feb 11th. Details at <https://stmarysgrafton.org/youth-group>



A Retreat For Adults— Walking with Jesus

Saturday March 2nd at St Roch Church Hall, 334 Main St Oxford 8:30am to 4:00 pm

Cost \$15.00 includes coffee, lunch and materials.

register by Feb 16. Please see Carole for registration form if interested.

Let there now be no doubt or confusion on anyone's part: For us, your bishops, our obligation to protect children and young people and to prevent sexual abuse flows from the mission and example given to us by Jesus Christ himself, in whose name we serve.

~ from the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, June 2005, USCCB



Keeping Children & Youth Safe Safe Environment Program

A Promise to Protect

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 bishops 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



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.

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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