

Parish Communities

St. Mary & St. Philip



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Website - www.stmarysgraffton.org
Mass Schedule:
Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 7:30 & 10:30 AM
Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM

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Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

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Mass Schedule
Sunday 9:00 AM

Mailing Address
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Office Hours:
Monday - Wednesday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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BULLETIN NOTICES: To Parish Secretary by 6:00 PM Mondays.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 3:00 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: Please contact the church office if you know of anyone who is hospitalized or confined to home because of age or illness.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please introduce yourself to Fr. LeBlanc, Deacon Coggins or a greeter after Mass. Visit the office or log into the website (St. Mary only). We want to know and serve you. We hope that you will become members of our parish community.

St. Philip



Mass Intentions

St Philip Parish

Sept 10– Frank & Barbara Statkus, Eleanor Vecchione, Michael Berardi & Michalina Kaderis requested by Berardi family, Fred Holland requested by the family, Edith Whiteley requested by Dorothy Nacimiento, parishioners of St. Philip

Sept 17– Nelson Carlson, 1st anniversary requested by the parish, Isabelle Franson requested by Al LaPan, CharlesV, Mary, Charles J requested by the family.

Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary

- Sept 10– Enrollment Mass for Confirmation Candidates
- Sept 10– Confirmation Retreat starting with Mass
- Sept 10– Religious Education starts
- Sept 17– Commissioning Mass with Bishop McManus, 10:30 @ St. Mary
- Sept 25– Confirmation Class
- Oct 8th– Morality Class for Confirmation Students
- Oct 14– Baby Shower for Visitation House St. Philip 12-2pm
- Oct 15– 6th grade mini retreat with Sue Landry
- Nov. 4—Roasted Pork Dinner 5pm St. Philip Confirmation Class

Sunday Collection

\$2,964.00 vs. weekly budgeted amount = \$2,062.50

* Includes weekly, fuel and maintenance collections

Thank you for your continued support

P.O.P.E

Projects Our Parish Envisions

As of 08-20-17

Pope Project -> Renovating Lower Level Classroom

Pope Project Cost: \$19,364.00

Pope Envelope Donations to Date: \$5103.00

Estate Donation: \$10,000.00

Balance to Raise: \$ 4,261.00

Jan is on vacation , anyone who has a Mass request, please call Carole at St. Philip, 508-839-3325, she will be doing Mass schedules while Jan is out.

the bulletin

Please send any items for the bulletin to Carole at cleb1329@aol.com by 6pm Monday evening.



St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

"Charitable giving should change your life in some way." - Silvio Nardoni

Saturday

4:00 pm- Memorial for Agnes & Len Whitney requested by Joan and Lee Mackowiak, 3rd anniversary for Mary Lambert Memorial for Kay Pendergast requested by Lynda Caya

Sunday Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. 33rd anniversary for James E Kneeland Sr. and Memorial for James F Kneeland Jr. requested by the family 10:30 a.m.

For the Parishioners of St Mary

Monday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Open Intention

Tuesday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Open Intention

Wednesday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Open Intention

Thursday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Open Intention

Next Saturday

4:00 p.m. Anniversary for the deceased members of the Hebert, Alex, Sabourin, and the Sheldon families requested by the family, 1st anniversary for parishioners Janet Mulcahy & Andrew Mahoney

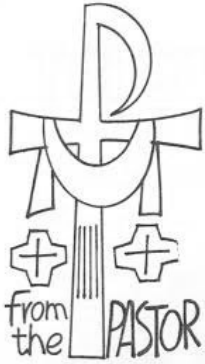
Next Sunday The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time-

7:30 a.m. 23rd anniversary for Adele Moroney & 27th anniversary Russell Dickinson requested by the family Memorial for Dennis Flynn requested by the family 10:30 a.m.- Memorial for Stanley Karpowicz requested by the family .



ANNOUNCING FALL SMALL GROUP SIGN-UPS: The Fall Small Group session and Message series will begin on the weekend of September 23th, and will extend through the week of October 15th. Sign-ups will be available online through the website, or in the Gathering Space through the weekends of September 9th and 16th. Consider this opportunity to grow in your relationship with Jesus by participating in discussions with inspiring and faith-filled friends of Christ!

WHO IS THE BEST CATECHIST FOR MY CHILD?



You as parent(s) / guardian(s) are the best catechist/teacher in the Catholic faith of your child. At times parents and guardians may be tempted to say that the religion teacher at Church is more qualified than they are to teach your child about God and the Catholic faith. As Pastor, I know that is not true. No one is more qualified than you in the formation of your child's Catholic faith, and your child's relationship with Jesus, and your child's relationship with God. One hour of religious education per week, as solid and as wonderful as it may be, cannot replace your primary role as the best Catholic Christian teacher your child could ever have.

Even as pastor I may try to give 10 examples of Christian love to our students, but when each student goes home their parent or guardian, YOU can translate love into action again and again at home to help that child learn what unselfish love looks like. The day each of you became a Christian parent or guardian, you were blessed with the gift of the Holy Spirit who is your guide and Divine Helper so that you can effectively teach your child about God, Our Father, about Jesus and about the Family of God which we call the Church.

At the Baptism of your child, you promised to bring them up in the Catholic Faith so that you might help your child develop a relationship with God. As Catholics we do this primarily by going to Mass on Saturday (which we call the Vigil Mass) or Sunday, the Lord's Day. He gave us six days to work, and one day a week when we give Him our undivided attention by resting from the busyness of business, and where we focus on our relationship with God and with each other. If your children are involved in sports, let the coach know that Sunday morning your child needs to give to God his or her undivided attention.

Other ways you are to teach your children is at evening prayer where you can spend a little time to pray as a family before they go to bed. You can even begin at one year old, when you come together to pray, maybe with song or just making the sign of the cross, telling them Jesus loves them. Even at a rudimentary level they will learn something that will remain with them their entire life. You can also hold hands before meals to say a little prayer thanking God for the food and for each other and ask God to bless each one. And don't forget that you as parent or guardian have the power to bless the children in your care.

Having pictures in your house of the Sacred Heart or a statue of our Blessed Mother, and praying the rosary, even a decade of the rosary, can be a wonderful way to teach your child.

WE WANT TO HELP YOU BE THE BEST TEACHER FOR YOUR CHILD. PLEASE! PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP.



Religious Education



Welcome Back!!!! We look forward to a wonderful time together growing in our faith. Please make sure that your child is on time and is attending weekly Mass.

Sr. Yvonne is out for a bit healing from her broken arm, any scheduling issues can be directed to Jill, any other issues please call Carole at St. Philip 508-839-3325.

Today the Confirmation Class is having their Enrollment Mass followed by a day long retreat.

September 17th—We will be having a special Opening Mass for all families, Sunday and Monday families from both parishes. Bishop Robert McManus will celebrate with us. We will also commission all involved in the Religious Ed program from both parishes.

We have scheduled our events

Baby Shower for Visitation House which is hosted by our high school and confirmation students, will take place on Saturday October 14th from 12-2pm.

Roasted Pork Dinner November 4th, live entertainment hosted by our Confirmation Class .

Frosty Stop this year we are a part of the Grafton Celebrates the Holidays with both parishes participating **Christmas Box of Joy— family project**

Market Sunday's Outreach Program "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" is set up by our St. Vincent de Paul and Market Sunday ministries to communicate with our parishioners on seasonal food items that would help to broaden our food pantry. **In order to help us prepare for Fall/Back-To-School, we welcome donations of the following: Soup, coffee & tea, jelly, children's snacks, mayonnaise, cookies & crackers, cake & brownie mix, pasta sauce, applesauce, paper products .** Please remember this is only a suggested guideline; any and all items are appreciated. Food items can be left in the Gathering Space at St.

Mary on the Market Sunday food cart, downstairs on the cart located by the food cabinets, or on the table to the left of the cabinets. At St. Philip, you may leave them in the basket marked SVDP located at the entrance of the church. We are blessed to have the generous parish families of St. Mary and St. Philip and very grateful for all the food you donate.



Return of Eucharistic Adoration: A Call to a deeper faith, hope and love, and to a share in the peace of God!

Christ promised to remain with us always, and in His presence in the Holy Eucharist, his promise has been fulfilled. Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary's will again take place each Wednesday, from the

Wednesday after Labor Day to the end of May 2018. If you haven't participated in it before, this is an invitation to find out how it can help you to deepen your relationship with Christ and increase his peace and joy in your heart - a wonderful challenge!

You have the option to commit to a definite time each week, or simply stop by when you have the opportunity to enjoy a time of prayer and peace in Christ's presence. If you have any additional questions, please call Betty Kelly at (508) 839-6018.

Fall Retreat Oct 16-18—As summer is quickly moving on I write to you on behalf of Fr. Ken and myself, inviting you for a retreat beginning Monday, October 16 with lunch at 12 Noon and ending Wednesday, October 18 with Mass at 11 AM (lunch on Wednesday is not included in the efforts of keeping the cost down). Anyone who wants to arrive a day early or stay later would have to call Sr. Kate at 1-207-284-5671 and make their own personal arrangements.

The theme of this retreat is the role of joy and laughter in the spiritual life of the Christian. The Saint who so wonderfully exemplifies these qualities is St. Philip Neri, known as the joyful saint of Rome. He founded the religious community known as the Oratorians. Other than St. Philip Neri himself, perhaps the next most well known Oratorian is Blessed John Henry Newman.

Given the short time we have to send in our deposits, I am asking that you would send your deposit check of \$20 to me at my new address: Fr. Leo LeBlanc, St. Mary's Parish, 17 Waterville Street, N. Grafton, MA 01536 by August 15, 2017. (Please make check out to me: Fr. Leo LeBlanc, since I pay the retreat center all at once and keep track of things for them.) Some of you have already sent in your deposit.

Much peace and joy, Fr. Leo



Meeting for the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held on Saturday, September 16th, 2017 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. downstairs in room #5 of the church. All are welcome to attend including adult non knitters and beginner knitters. The ministry is looking for knitters or crocheters to assist us in making hats and mittens for those in need. Easy patterns are available. We would like to extend an invitation to parishioners from 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.

The St. Philip's 2017 Christmas Fair Team
Welcomes and Needs Your Input



The St. Philip Church community is thrilled to announce that the Annual St. Philip's Christmas Fair is back after a 3-year hiatus. Please put Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017 on your calendar for a day of chance basket mania, silent auction fun, beautiful handmade crafts, a \$500 lottery tree, a totally irresistible bake table, a very surprising holiday/bargain table, and chances to win a beautiful handmade quilt and a very special grand prize. And, of course, please make time to visit with friends over a special luncheon, just as many of you always have. But to make this the best and brightest of events, we need your time and talent to make it happen and expand our horizons with new entities. Please join our next meeting on Monday, Sept. 11 at 7pm at St. Philip's Church and share your ideas and celebrate your talent. We are in need of people to help with all areas and tables, so don't be shy about offering a hand wherever you would like. For more information or you would like to share

Hurricane Harvey– We will taking up a second collection today to help with Catholic Charities all the families who have and continue to suffer form the devastating storm. Please be as generous as you can in helping those who need it so badly. We, as children of God are called to help , this is what it's all about.



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