

Parish Communities
St. Mary & St. Philip Benizi

ACCOUNTABILITY

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Website - www.stmarysgrafton.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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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

Nov 19– Alfred Farrell 23 yrs & Marilyn Farrell 8 yrs requested by the family, parishioners of St. Philip
Nov 26– 2nd anniversary Richard & Jean Welsh requested by family, parishioners of St. Philip
Dec 3- Helen LaPan requested by parish, parishioners of St. Philip

Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary

Nov 19– Reconciliation Service Confirmation Class 6pm St. James
Dec 2– St. Philip Christmas Fair 9-3
Dec 3– Grafton Celebrates the Holidays— Frosty Stop St Philip
Dec. 3 - 7:15pm 1st Rehearsal for Epiphany Pageant –St. Mary
Dec 10– Confirmation Day– send off Mass at 9am St Philips, Confirmation Ceremony 3 pm St. Paul's Cathedral

Sunday Collection

11-12-2017
\$1475.00

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: \$5363.00
Estate Donation: \$10,000.00
Balance to Raise: \$ 4637.00

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." (MATTHEW 25:21) God expects us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us; He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.



Happy Thanksgiving!

*Religious Ed classes will be held today and tomorrow
No classes next week for the holiday
St. Philip office closed Tuesday thru Sunday
St. Mary office closed Wednesday thru Friday*

St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

"The person who waits to do a great deal of good at once will never do anything."-Samuel Johnson

Saturday

4:00 pm 1st anniversary for parishioners John Putnam Nancy McClure Diana Lapato and Robert La Pan
5th anniversary for Kathleen Naff requested by the family
4th anniversary for Alfonso Barcinas requested by the family
1st anniversary for Diana Lapato requested by Barbara Sease

Sunday Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Memorial for Dennis Flynn requested by the family
10:30 a.m. 5th anniversary for Helen Kenney requested by her granddaughter, In remembrance of her birthday Rita Wright requested by the family, Memorial for Raymond Di-Gregorio

Monday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Open Intention

Tuesday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Edgar J Tatro 21st anniversary requested by family

Wednesday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Memorial for Jim Pulaski requested by wife

Thursday

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Memorial for Stanley Karpowicz

Next Saturday

4:00 p.m. Memorial for John & Catherine Reardon requested by the family
Next Sunday Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
7:30 a.m. In remembrance of his birthday Stanley Karpowicz
10:30 a.m. Memorial for Frank Viscardi & Sue Filippone

Sunday Collection

November 11 & 12 \$5,813.00

Thank you for your continued support



John LaPointe

***May the choirs of angels come to greet you,
may they speed you to paradise.....***

WHY REFUSE TO GET EXCITED ABOUT GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE?

If God was really interested in the raw accumulation of wealth, He would have given all the talents to the first one who would have given him the highest yield of return. God is interested in more than mere economics. For the word "entrusted" is more literally translated "handed over." The question of ownership of the talents is irrelevant. Rather, the servants are initiated into the world of their Master. The Master's desire is only to lavish upon His servants an ever greater share in His prosperity- as much as they can handle and enjoy.

The third servant's behavior betrays a response of fear rather than joy. His apparent failure in "industrious response-ability" shows that he mistook his Master to be a miser- one who has a joyless fear of loss. This fear of his Master is what rules his decision to bury the talent which was handed over to him. What false image of God do we have which prevents us from entering the joy and generous spirit of our Master? God wishes to lavish His Love and graces upon us and has given us His Holy Spirit as a "first installment" that we may profit from His gifts and His Spirit of Joy rather than a cowardly spirit.

This parable is not about comparing ourselves with those who has more or less talents. In a previous parable, the landowner gives the same wage to those who are hired at the eleventh hour as to those who were hired at the crack of dawn. Both parables show that our dignity does not rest on our own productivity but on our fidelity to what we have received from God. The indiscriminate reward reveals the full wealth of glory that awaits us. His extravagant generosity exposes whatever envy we may have in comparing ourselves with others as foolish envy. For God's glory is unmerited and immense.

Yet we do not have to wait till the end of our lives on earth to experience His Love and great joy. Contrary to Wall Street economics and financial advisors, there is no love shortage or joy shortage in God. In fact, the more we give that love and joy to others, the more we have to keep giving to others. That's the rule of God's Kingdom. The more we enter into God's heart the more we enter into the joy of our Master, even in this life. Not a bad investment! Not a bad "response-ability!" Now that's really something to get excited about! Wake up! Let's not be foolish!



Religious Education



Thanksgiving Basket Food Collection: Parents and Children, Thank you for your support of this Outreach Project. through the Religious Education Program. We are grateful for your generous and caring response to the needs of people in our community.

Epiphany Pageant Getting Underway at St. Mary: Flyers went home through e-mail and with our children last weekend. Children in K-Gr. 6 (and younger) are invited and encouraged to participate in this live presentation of the Epiphany Scripture. The 1st rehearsal is Sunday, Dec. 3 at 7:15pm. Remaining Rehearsals are Dec. 10 & 17 from 4:30 – 5:30pm. The dress rehearsal / pizza party date is TBA. Return sign-up sheets by Dec. 3.

DATE CHANGE FOR 1ST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION: The 1st Reconciliation Celebration will take place at St. Mary on Sunday, January 14th at 1:00pm. There will be an Ice Cream Sundae Party afterwards downstairs in the Parish Hall for all in attendance. Please sign up on the easel in the Hall for planning purposes and to help with the sundae party following the Penance Service.

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 get us ready for Winter, we welcome donations of: Spaghetti and pasta sauce, children's cereal, juice boxes, jello/pudding and snacks; rice pilaf, Lipton Sides and Hamburger Helper, tissues and paper towels, pancake mix and syrup, frosting, coffee and tea, Chef Boyardee, jelly, sugar, mayonnaise, salt,pepper and seasonings**



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.

Grafton Celebrates the Holidays

This year both St. Philip and St. Mary parishioners are joining at St. Philip for our 1st Frosty Stop :) This will take place on Dec 3rd from 12 to 4pm

We are looking for parishioners who would like to be involved with our **Frosty Stop**.

We will be serving cookies and cocoa, giving away Holiday Mass schedules for both parishes and small gifts. We will be having a "dress-up" Nativity :)

We have activities for children :) Anyone make candy/lollipops? We would love to sell them at our Frosty Stop.

Wreaths for IHN can be order that day :)

Any questions please contact Carole

Please help to make this a new tradition for our parishes :)



Our Giving Tree has been placed in the Gathering Space and decorated with tags for people who would appreciate a little Christmas cheer. Please consider taking a tag and helping to brighten someone's Christmas holiday.

Thank you in advance for continued generosity and in making the Giving Tree campaign a success.

Help to make someone's Christmas Merry and Bright





ST. PHILIP'S ANNUAL GIVING TREE

TODAY IS THE DAY! Ornaments for Giving Tree gifts are ready. Take the ornament/ornaments, purchase one or more items listed on the ornament, place the gift/gifts in a gift bag with the ornament attached, bring the gift bag to church no later than Sunday, 12/10/17.

Thank you for your cooperation and generosity. Questions? Call Rachel Costello at 508-839-2767.



Don't Forget to Let Us Know If You Are Ill at Home or in the Hospital!

Parishioners of both St. Philip's and St. Mary's parishes should remember to call their respective parish office if you or a loved one are hospitalized, in rehabilitation or recovering at home from an illness.

The current privacy laws do not allow hospitals or rehabilitation facilities to contact your parish about your condition. You or a family member must let us know if you would like a visit from Fr.

Leo or a Eucharistic Minister. Please call Janice Sears, parish secretary at St. Mary's, at 508-839-3993 or Carole LeBlanc, parish secretary at St. Philip's, at 508-839-3325 to request a visit.

If you are at home and not able to attend church, the Visiting Eucharistic Ministries would be pleased to visit at your convenience. Those seeking home visits should contact Patti Hart at 508-887-9933 for St. Philip parishioners, or Noreen McConville at 508-939-5313 (phone) or 508-942-1892 (text) for St. Mary's parishioners.



Celebrate the Christmas Season At St. Philip's Fair, Dec. 2

Come one, come all and plan to celebrate the holiday season at the St. Philip Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9am to 3pm.

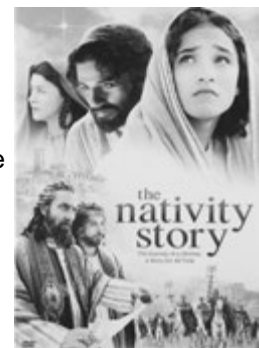
This year's fair will include more than 50 chance baskets, a handmade "Carpenter's Square" quilt, an expanded crafts table, a white elephant table, a lottery tree with \$500 of tickets, a baked goods table, and a raffle table that will include a \$500 cash prize, two beautiful handmade throws and a Bonnie Frederico painting.

Don't miss this one!

Among the silent auction items are great Celtics, Patriots and Red Sox tickets; theater and symphony tickets; New England get-away accommodations; Dept. 56 displays; and all kinds of local restaurant and retail service gifts. There will be face painting and holiday crafts for children, and a luncheon with a new menu will begin at 11am.

The event is the parish's largest fundraiser of the year and is open to all, so please pass the word to your friends and neighbors. For more information, please call Patti Hart at 508-887-9933. See you at the fair!

ANNOUNCING ADVENT SMALL GROUP SIGN-UPS: The ADVENT Message series, "Acquiring a (St.) Joseph Heart", will begin on the weekend of December 2nd/3rd and will extend through the weekend of December 24th. The ADVENT Small Groups will meet the weeks of: Dec. 3rd, 10th, and 17th, and conclude the week of Jan. 1st. Sign-ups will be available online through the website, or in the Gathering Space from November 18th to December 2nd. To better prepare us for the Advent season and Message series from the perspective of St. Joseph, all are invited to view "The Nativity Story" in the St. Mary Parish Hall on Sunday afternoon, Dec.3rd from 3 to 5pm. More details will follow soon. Consider this opportunity to grow in your relationship with Jesus by participating in discussions with inspiring and faith-filled friends of Christ!



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