

Parish Communities
St. Mary & St. Philip Benizi



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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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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

Jan 7– Helen LaPan requested by the parish, Parishioners of St. Philip

Jan 14– Deceased members of the Stone family requested by the parish. Parishioners of St. Philip

Jan 21– 1st anniversary Thomas Zastawny requested by family. Parishioners of St. Philip

Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary

Jan 7 & 8– No RE classes either parishes.

Jan 7– Epiphany Pageant St. Mary, all grades are expected to be at this Mass.

Jan 7– Parish Open House St Mary Rectory 1 to 3pm

Jan 14–1st Reconciliation Celebration 1pm @ St. Mary

Jan 14&15– No classes either parish

Jan 14– Coffee Social St Philip

Jan 21 & 22– Religious Ed resumes both parishes.

*** 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: \$5418.00

Estate Donation: \$10,000.00

Balance to Raise: \$ **4582.00**

Expenses incurred to date- \$12600.92

Sunday Collection

Dec 31 \$1256.00

Thank you for your continued support

St. Mary



Mass Intentions

St. Mary Parish

"You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving."-Amy Carmichael

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Special Intention

Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 a.m. 24th anniversary for William Cournoyer & 18th anniversary for Michele Foley requested by the family

10:30 am Epiphany Pageant

1st anniversary for James Horrigan requested by parishioner and daughter Amy McCormack

NO MORNING MASS THIS WEEK

Next Saturday

4:00 p.m. Special Intention, Memorial for Margaret & Ellen Grace Reardon requested by family, Anniversary for Constance Graves requested by family

Next Sunday Second Sunday in Ordinary time

7:30am Parishioners of St Mary

10:30 a.m. Memorial for Josephine Bouthillette

Sunday Collection

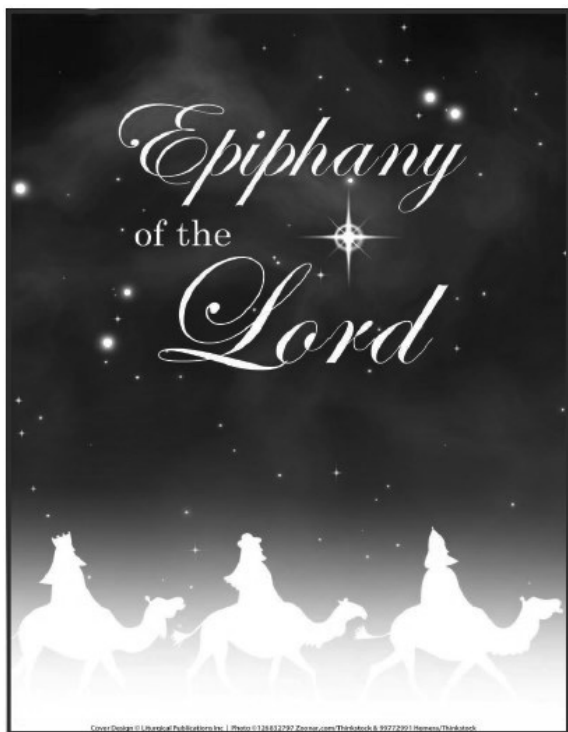
December 30 & 31 \$4,169.00

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Please stop by the Rectory today for our Holiday Open House. We will be welcoming parishioners from 1 pm to 3 pm . We would love to see you :) refreshments will be served.

Meeting for the **St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry** will be held on Saturday January 20th from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. downstairs in room #5 of the church. All are welcome to attend adult knitters and beginner adult knitters. The ministry is looking for knitters or crocheters to assist in making hats and mittens 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.



WHAT DO YOU WANT OUT OF LIFE?

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.

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 Catholic Youth Group Schedule for 2018

January 12, 2018 - Social Night - Bowling in Shrewsbury (Cost \$20 for bowling, pizza and drinks)

February 2, 2018 - St. James Parish Hall

March 2, 2018 - St. Mary's Parish Hall

All events are from 6:30pm - 8pm. Check the website for registration and more information

We are using St. Mary's Flocknote to communicate on about Grafton Catholic Youth Group events and other notices. To join "Text 'YthGrp' to 84576 Text 'STOP' at any time to discontinue."

Epiphany Pageant

The live presentation of this Gospel will take place during the 10:30am Mass at St. Mary on Sunday, January 7. REMINDER TO PARENTS: The Epiphany Pageant is listed on your Religious Education Calendar. The Epiphany Gospel is part of your child's curriculum. Grade 1-10 in both Sunday and Monday sessions are expected to attend this Mass with you. We will be taking attendance before Mass in the Gathering Space that morning.

Religious Education

Classes will resume on January 21st and Jan 22nd.

Enjoy your holiday break.

All grades are expected to go to the Epiphany Mass on January 7th



Members of the St. Philip Pastoral Council would like to invite you to a visioning session on January 21st to discuss the needs, values, and priorities of our evolving Parish. The Pastoral Council is asking for your assistance, prayerful reflection, and thoughtful discernment to formulate a mission statement supported by clearly defined goals for St. Philip Parish. Vibrant and successful parishes all share a common thread: a mission statement with supporting goals that serves as a roadmap (of sorts) to help focus our efforts to service each other and the greater community.



We are asking the parishioners of St. Philip to assist the members of the St. Philip Pastoral Council to formulate a mission statement which summarizes the vision of your Parish. The mission statement will then be supported by 2 or 3 goals- which will help guide our Parish in not only servicing our parishioners, but the greater community and beyond. The visioning workshop will be approximately 90 minutes and is scheduled **after Sunday Mass on January 21st here at St. Philips.** Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the entrance foyer so we can make sure we have enough refreshments for those planning to attend. We hope you will join us.

PART TIME CUSTODIAN POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Mary and St. Philip Parishes are seeking a part time custodian (15-20 hrs. per week). Good opportunity for recently retired person or a second job, and who has basic electrical, plumbing and carpentry skills and be able to lift 25 to 40 pounds. The person must be available on some weekends, especially during winter season. Experience preferred. They must be self-directed ,motivated, and must have own transportation. Please send resume to Pastor, St. Mary's Parish, 17 Waterville St., N. Grafton, MA 01536. *No phone calls please.*

Please join us after Mass today for our Coffee Social, join fellow parishioners for some refreshments and catch up with each other. Don't forget the Parish Open House today from 1 to 3 pm.



St. Mary and St. Philip

Remembering the Parish in Your Will

Have you considered remembering your parish in your will? Making the parish a beneficiary of your estate is a wonderful way to remember and help your faith family after the Lord has called you home. You can specify a specific need, such as funds for air-conditioning the church, or, more generally, improvements to church property; or you can leave a completely unrestricted gift, which means that it could be used in any way the parish discerns that God is asking us to be stewards of your generosity. For more information, please talk to Fr. Leo



Fr. Leo will be on retreat away this week. Please keep him in your prayers so that he may return well rested and full of Gods blessings .

There will be no morning Mass this week.

Church News

Please remember to take a copy of the bulletin home with you for all the news of our parishes.

If you have anything that you would like in the bulletin, please email Carole at cleb1329@aol by 6pm Monday evenings.

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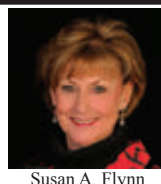
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