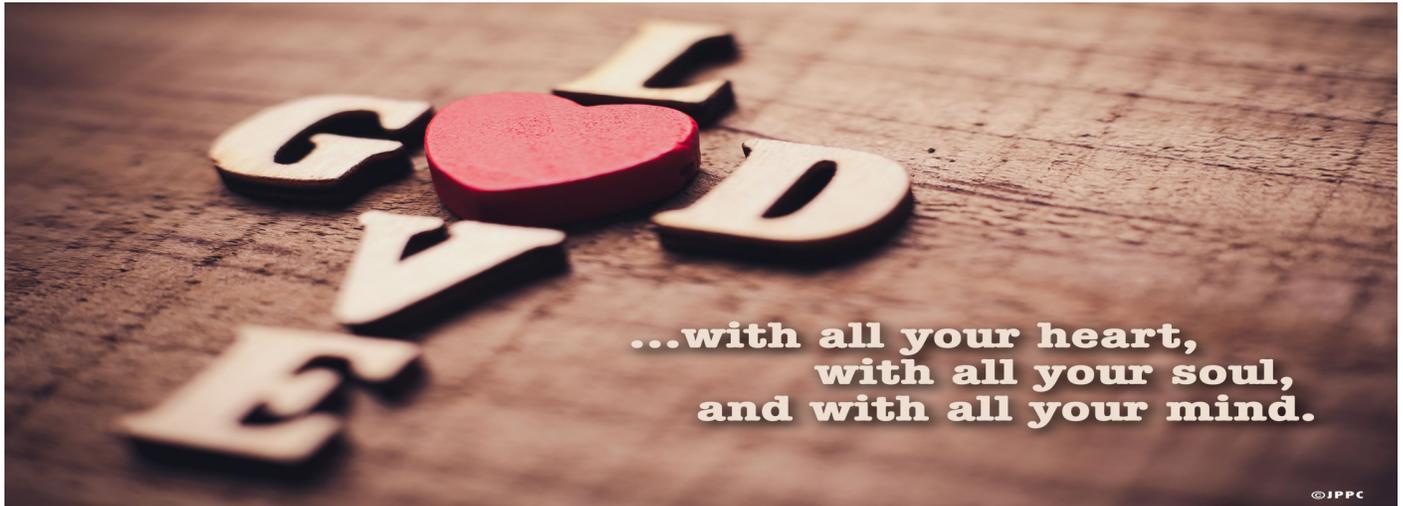


# Parish Communities St. Mary & St. Philip



**Office** - 508-839-3993  
**Fax** - 508-839-1330  
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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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**Mass Schedule**  
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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**

**Oct 29-** Art, Jimmy & Danny Stone requested by Helen Stone

**Nov 5-** Mary and Walter Pollinger requested by family  
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**Calendar of Events for St. Philip and St. Mary**

- Nov 1 All Saints Day 7pm St. Mary
- Nov 2- All Souls Day 8am Mass St Mary
- Nov. 4, Roasted Pork Dinner 5pm St. Philip Confirmation Class
- Nov. 5, – Retreat for First Reconciliation at St. Mary
- Nov. 8, Preschool Day 10:00 to 11:30am St. Mary
- Nov 12- Patriotic Rosary, St Philip 1-2pm
- Nov. 12- Grade Level Mass Gr. 5 at St. Mary 10:30

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**Sunday Collection**

10/22/2017

\$1470.00

Thank you for your continued support

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**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

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**Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017 9-3**

**St. Philip's Christmas Fair**

- Handmade Crafts . Bake table . Silent Auction .
- White Elephant Table Kids Room . Chance Baskets .
- Luncheon \$500 cash raffle . Quilt, throw and art raffles .
- \$500 Lottery Tree ...plus much more!!
- Come join us for a fun filled day It's Not Too Late to Join the Team! Contact Patti Hart at 508-887-9933 or pehart@aol.com, or Karen Jordan at kjordanfamily3@gmail.com



**St. Mary**



*Mass Intentions*

**St. Mary Parish**

"Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It's the only thing."

- Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965)

**Saturday** 4:00 p.m. 9th anniversary for Francoise Bauer requested by the family, 17th anniversary for Joe Connaughton requested by the family

**Sunday The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:30 a.m.** 1st anniversary for James F Kneeland Jr requested by the family, Memorial for Nancy & Francis McClure requested by Paul & Ellen Cuddy

**10:30 a.m.** 16th anniversary for Gene Hogan requested by the family

**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 pm-6th anniversary for Fr. John Burke requested by a friend

**Next Sunday Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. Special Intention

10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St Mary

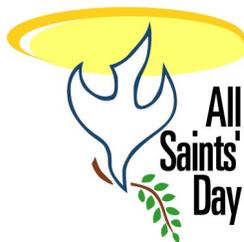
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**Sunday Collections**

October 21 & 22 \$4,997.00

Thank you for your continued support

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This Wednesday, November 1st is All Saints Day - a Holy Day of Obligation.

There will be a special evening Mass at 7PM at St. Mary. Please join us for this important celebration.

All Souls Day on Thursday, November 2nd will be celebrated during the normal 8:00am morning Mass at St. Mary.

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The Church celebrates holy men and women throughout the year on various saint days, but the Solemnity of All Saints is when the Church honors every saint, known and unknown.

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On All Saints' Day there's a call to live as saints, to remind us how we're supposed to live. On All Souls' Day, we're talking about all souls that have passed and asking God's mercy for them.

October 29 ,2017

30th Sunday in Ordinary

## THE SUPREME REVELATION OF GOD AS LOVE

The scholar of the Law seems to be interested in the truth. But he is far from it. Jesus wants to bring him and each of us to the deeper level of the loving Truth that “God is Love.” Jesus helps us to see the underlying structure of LOVE which is GOD Himself!

Every pious Jew of that time knew the Schema: “Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.” (DT. 6:5) But how much do we desire to love God above all else? Is He indeed our top priority? Do we sincerely strive to Love Him with all our heart, and soul and strength? Jesus isn't just another teacher. He is the final Teacher that supersedes all others.

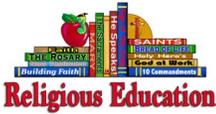
Yet no one was better about knowing every detail of the Torah than the Pharisees. And they went through great lengths to follow every prescription. Externally, we might say they were your perfect pious Jew, and outstanding citizens in the Jewish community. But just about everything they performed was ego-driven. For the majority of them, their hearts were far from God. This made just about everything they did insincere. They were “the experts” in knowing how to do things right.

Jesus, however, wanted to take them and us to a deeper, inner place of love where God becomes the Sacred Ground for everything. This is what Jesus wants us to understand. Only a heart that is humble and empty and sincere can truly understand what Jesus is teaching. For example if we take care of an elderly parent do we do it out of guilt or obligation, or do we do it out of love? Jesus is saying that doing it out of love makes all the difference. (For God is Love!)

What difference does it make if I say five rosaries, but afterwards I am as judgmental or angry as ever. One monks puts it so well: “When we pray, God does not pay attention to our words. He pays attention to our hearts. In the end that is what matters. Jesus so much wants us to understand that every human behavior is meant to express the Divine Love of God, Our Father.



# Religious Education



**A Warm Thank You**, Thank you, Lori Dewar, for a lovely recitation of the Rosary with our children in Grades 1-5 last Sunday and Monday here at St. Mary. **Parents** - your children have brought home their booklet, The Glorious Mysteries from Sunday, or The Joyful Mysteries from Monday, an instructive "How To" pamphlet, and rosary beads. We encourage you to discuss this experience with your child, and to continue to pray with them at home.

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**First Reconciliation Retreat:** On Sunday, November 5, from 1:30 to 4:00pm, in St. Mary Parish Hall, a Retreat is planned for Parents and their children preparing for the celebration of their first Reconciliation. Please mark your calendar for this important event in your child's preparation to celebrate this sacrament.

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**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 keep us going for Fall, we welcome donations of the following: Â Sugar, tissues & paper towels, kids snacks, juice boxes & jello/pudding, pancake mix & syrup, brownie, cake , muffin mix & frosting, pasta sauce & canned tomatoes, Â rice pilaf & hamburger helper, cookies & crackers, soup, coffee & tea, jelly, Chef Boyardee, mayonnaise**



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.

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## Preschool Program

Younger children along with an adult companion are invited to explore seasonal faith themes through stories, crafts, and songs here at St. Mary. Sharon Doane, a retired N.G.E.S. Kindergarten teacher, is our Preschool Facilitator. These are fun filled, happy gatherings and occasions for parents to assist their preschoolers in fostering a sense of church and community. Pre-registration is required before each Preschool Day so that adequate materials may be prepared. Nov 8, Dec 13, Feb 14, March 14, April 14, all sessions 10 to 11:30 am

All sessions this year are held in the morning on Wednesdays. Siblings are welcome, even if they are too young to participate. No babysitters needed! Call Jill at 508-839-3993, Ext. 13 or e-mail [jsullivan@stmarysgrifton.org](mailto:jsullivan@stmarysgrifton.org) to register. Hope to see you here!

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## CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Mary and St. Philip of Grafton is excited to once again offer the opportunity to assist families in need in our community through "Christmas Adopt-a-Family." As you may know, SVdP works with families in the Grafton area who are in need. We are looking for parishioners (either individuals or families) interested in providing gifts for the children of these families this Christmas. Guidance on gift selection is provided.



Please note that Christmas Adopt-a-Family does NOT replace or serve the same folks as the Giving Tree.

If you are interested in helping, please call the SVdP phone line (508 839-3993 ext 35) NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 16. Leave your name and phone number, and one of our members will return your call within 24 hours. Because of the confidential nature of the work of SVdP, recipients will only be identified by code and age. Thank you for your consideration and support!

Please also note that Troop 106 provides Christmas dinner baskets for all the SVdP families. A special "Thank You" goes to these scouts and their leaders!



**Roasted Pork Dinner Tickets are now on sale.**

Saturday Nov 4, serving begins at 5 pm. Tickets are \$10 adult, \$8 seniors, kids 10 and under \$6. Tickets will be sold after the 9am Mass at St. Philip and the 7:30 Sunday Mass at St. Marys , during Re ED hours and all day Monday and Tuesday at the office. Please call Carole if you have any questions 508-839-3325. This year the confirmation class has decided to help the new Youth Ministry, so please come and support our youth . We will have a 50/50 drawing and a raffle drawing as well. We also have live entertainment!!! Come and enjoy "Just Us" with Paul Verdolino .So mark the date, buy a ticket, support our kids !!!!!!! Donations are accepted if you can't attend.



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**Our annual Mass of Remembrance**, to honor all of our St. Mary and St. Philip parishioners who have passed in the last year, will take place on Sunday, November 12th at 3pm at St. Mary.

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**The Patriotic Rosary** is coming up on Sunday, November 12th from 1-2 at St. Philip. Please mark your calendars and join us for this special event.



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**St. Roch Harvest Fair** St. Roch Church, 332 Main St., Oxford will be holding their Annual Harvest Fair on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 8 am – 2 pm in the church hall. Activities include: A giant Adopt-A-Basket raffle, crafts, gifts, handmade knitted items, homemade baked goods, used books, inside garage sale, and a money raffle. Lunch will be served. All are welcome!

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**Saint James Harvest Fair** On Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9 am to 3 pm, Saint James Parish will hold its Harvest Fair. There will be beautiful baskets that make wonderful gifts from our Buy-a-Basket Table. The Craft Table will have beautiful handmade items for sale, as well as our bake table, plants, and the always popular White Elephant tables. Raffle tickets will be available for our Cash Raffle and Raffle Baskets from our parish ministries as well as Silent Auctions. Items will be awarded to the winners at 3:00 PM. Large Raffle items include Handmade Garden Bench, TV and a hand-crocheted snowflake and angel tree and a quilt. Delicious food will be available all day from our Kitchen for both breakfast and lunch. Lots of fun for the kids including games and a visit from Santa Claus.

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**Bazaar in Southbridge Saint John Paul II Parish** in Southbridge is holding their annual Bazaar on Sunday, Nov. 5 from 8:30 am to 4 pm in the gym of Trinity Catholic Academy, 11 Pine St. in Southbridge. The Bazaar features a variety of tables to visit: Children's Games, Village Bake Shop, Theme Baskets, Jewelry, Community Raffle (over 150 items plus 2 special raffles), Silent Auction, Craft Table, Jar Deal, Religious Items, Entertainment and Food Court which is open for breakfast at 8:30 am. Free admission and ample parking. Handicap accessible.

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**St. Cecilia "Christmas In Acadia" Fair** On Friday, Nov. 11 from 5-9 pm and Saturday, Nov. 12 from 11 am-7:30 pm, you are invited to St. Cecilia's "Christmas In Acadia" Fair at 188 Mechanic St., Leominster. It will feature traditional French-Canadian foods featuring Poutines, Rapee, Fricot and meat pies. Or choose from our extensive kitchen menu and end your meal at the pie booth or at the baked goods table. Acadian Auction, \$3000 Major Raffle, Theme Baskets, variety of handmade Craft items and a large Flea Market available for your enjoyment. Come on by and have your picture taken with Santa for free on Friday between 6 & 7:30pm and on Saturday between 11:30 am & 1 pm. There will be face painting and a variety of game booths for children of all ages! Live entertainment on Saturday afternoon and the "Twin City Fiddlers" will perform from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Take the weekend off from cooking. Come enjoy the food and festivities!

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**Evening of Music and Fellowship in Webster** Living Waters Music Ministry invites you to an evening of Praise and Worship, fellowship, and light refreshments on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 7-9 pm at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Hall on 11 Day St., Webster. All ages are welcome to this free event. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

**Worcester Diocesan Multi-cultural Advent Concert** On Dec. 3 from 2 – 4 pm, join us at Sacred Heart - St. Catherine of Sweden Parish in Worcester for this free Advent Concert featuring music ministries from around the Worcester Diocese as they celebrate the Advent season with an afternoon of singing and fellowship. Although each year is different, over the past eleven years this event has presented groups singing in many different languages including Vietnamese, Spanish, French, Lithuanian, Polish, Latin and English. Complimentary refreshments will be served in the Hall following the music.

