

Our Lady of Hope Parish

March 19, 2023



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- Jn 9:35



Welcome to Our Lady of Hope Parish!

Please visit our website for all the upcoming events and for the latest details on our parish at:
<https://ourladyofhopegraffton.org>

Please sign up for Flocknote on our website for continuous updates on your phone or email.

You can find us on <https://facebook.com/olhgraffton>

You will find St. Mary Church's recorded weekly Mass on your local cable channels at 6:30 AM daily on **Channel 191 for Charter** or **Channel 34 for Verizon**. Link for GCTV schedule <http://graffton.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/schedule?channel=1>

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St. Mary Office – 508-839-3993
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Our Lady of Hope Parish Collection

March 8th – 13th, 2023

\$8,327.00

Thank you!

Special Collections:

St. Vincent de Paul - **this weekend**
 Catholic Relief Services - March 26th

Pastoral Council Members

Ron Dennis
 Thomas Grautski
 Katie Hanna
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 Ed Romeo
 Mary Sevón
 Joan Shanley

Ex Officio Members

Deacon Tim Cross
 Darleen Farland
 Fr. Derek Mobilio
 Lisa Stewart



Finance Council Members

Nancy Atchue
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 Brian Langevin
 Helder Machado
 Rolande Parent
 Karen Salvatelli
 Tina Skowronek
 Lisa Stewart (Ex Officio member)

Mass Intentions March 18th through 26th

March 18, Saturday Masses:

8:00am St. James – A Special Intention by Philippe Lavalée, Birthday Remembrance Janina Zalewska by her Daughter
 4:00pm St. Philip

March 19, Sunday Masses:

7:30am St. Mary – Birthday Remembrance Leopold LaMarche by the Family, Birthday Remembrance John Hebert by the Family
 7:30am St. James – 13th Anniversary Mary Kostka by the Family, Memorial Phil Gauthier by the Kjellberg Family
 9:00am St. James – 36th Anniversary Michael Remillard, and Months Mind Maria Remillard by the Family, Memorial Thomas & Apolinia Bien by the Wojnar Family
 10:30am St. Mary – Memorial Robert Benoit by the Kjellbergs, Memorial Barbara Crossin by her Family, Memorial James Gallagher Jr. by David and Peg Ciarlone

Monday, St. Mary – 8:00am

Tuesday, St. Mary – 12:00pm

Wednesday, St. Mary – 12:00pm – 1st Anniversary Bill Felice by Tricia and Rick

Thursday, St. James – 7:00pm – Memorial Barbara Cashman by Philippe Lavalée

Friday, St. James – 8:00am Mass – For the Living: Wedding Anniversary Craig and Pam Johnson, Birthday Gloria Deano, Birthday Adam Sampaga, Birthday Elinor Sampaga by the Sampaga-Johnson Families

March 25, Saturday Mass:

8:00am St. James - Birthday Remembrance Steven Stodulski by the Family

4:00pm St. Philip – 3rd Anniversary Ellen Connaughton by the Family, Memorial Richard Bergin by the Family, Anniversary Remembrance Paul Dindinger by Theresa Dindinger, Months Mind Joseph Stine, Months Mind Marshall Atchue, 5th Anniversary Domenic Freda by Dorothy P. Freda

March 26, Sunday Masses:

7:30am St. Mary – 3rd Anniversary Br. Llewellyn Kouba by Janet LaMarche, 32nd Anniversary Anthony “Spitz” Stolulonis by the Family, 1st Anniversary Roger LaHair by his wife Mary
 7:30am St. James – For the Dead: Oliver Wilcox by the Sampaga-Johnson Families

9:00am St. James

10:30am St. Mary – Memorial Jack and Shirley Sullivan by the Family

The 2023 Partners in Charity Appeals appeal is a lifeline for more than two dozen agencies and ministries which provide charitable, pastoral, and educational services that complement what we can provide at the parish. We help those in need, regardless of race, creed, or circumstance, to find hope. Please consider making a pledge or gift to this year's Appeal.

Visit partners-charity.net and you can make your donation securely online and note your parish so that it is counted towards our target. You can even make your gift from a Smartphone by texting DONATE to 84576! Thank you!

We couldn't do it without you!





Now I See and Believe

Daniel Kish is a man who lives a very active life. He rides mountain bikes and hikes alone in the wilderness. He travels around the globe. He's a skilled cook, an avid swimmer, a graceful dancer. Daniel Kish is also very much blind. But he doesn't let that stop him from living independently. He uses a technique called echolocation – much like a bat – to sense his surrounds, by clicking his tongue and then listening to the reverberations resounding off the objects and terrain around him. Kish may not have sight, but in most of the ways that matter, he can very much see in ways that those with sight cannot.

In today's Gospel, the blind man, unlike Kish, is given actual, physical sight, but by the grace of God and Christ's actions in his life, he (like Kish) can now see so much more – he can recognize what the Pharisees, who are born with sight cannot, that Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah.

As Pope Francis notes, the blind man's life receives "illumination" on two levels, "a physical level and a spiritual level: the blind person first receives the sight of the eyes and then is led to faith in the 'Son of Man', that is, in Jesus. It is all a journey... He takes a route that leads him to gradually discover the identity of the One who opened his eyes and to confess his faith in him... He is no longer a beggar marginalized by the community; he is no longer a slave to blindness and prejudice. His path of enlightenment is a metaphor for the path of liberation from sin to which we are called... The healed blind man, who now sees both with the eyes of the body and with those of the soul, is the image of every baptized person... But it is not enough to receive the light, one must become light. Each one of us is called to receive the divine light and manifest it with our whole life."

Like the blind man of the Gospel, each of us, by the grace of the Holy Spirit can come and know Jesus in our lives if we truly look for him and seek him out, if we are willing to call out to him and ask for his mercy and blessings on our lives. Or, like the Pharisees, we can choose to be purposely blind to God's presence in the world, ignoring his call to us, rejecting our need for repentance and forgiveness, choosing to stumble along the path of worldly desires our secular society claims to be the "real" path to "happiness" in life.

What do you and I seek from God? What do we seek from God in our prayers each day? Health, happiness, safety, security? These are all good and right things to seek from God. But do we also seek to know him, to truly see him in our lives and world, to recognize him in those around us, to be given the vision to know his will for us and the path he desires us to take?

"Who is the Son of Man that I might know him?" asks the blind man of Jesus. That is a question each of us asks in our own way as we seek to know and encounter Jesus more deeply each day in our lives. What does he mean to us and how do we see him in the world – in the face of the poor, in the precious gift of the unborn child, in the value and dignity of the frail and the elderly, in the foreigner seeking safety in our midst? We must open our eyes to see and know Jesus anew each day. Like the blind man, it is a process that does not happen immediately and at once, but gradually and over time, so that our lives might truly proclaim, "I have seen him and I do believe."

Deacon Tim Cross

Symbols and Signs of the Liturgy

The Reproaches

The traditional chant to be sung during the Adoration of the Cross on Good Friday is known as *The Reproaches*. It has been sung during the Good Friday liturgy since at least the ninth century, even though in most parishes today it is regrettably ignored, (as are most of the ancient traditional chants provided in the Roman Missal.) The text speaks for itself as a chilling statement of the injustice of the Crucifixion. Our Lord says to us from the Cross: *My people, what have I done to you? Or how have I grieved you? Answer me! Because I led you out of the land of Egypt, you have prepared a Cross for your Savior. Because I led you out through the desert forty years and fed you with manna and brought you into a land of plenty, you have prepared a Cross for your Savior. What more should I have done for you and have not done? Indeed, I planted you as my most beautiful chosen vine and you have turned very bitter for me, for in my thirst you gave me vinegar to drink and with a lance you pierced your Savior's side.* The only possible response from us is repeated throughout: *Holy and Immortal One, have mercy on us.*

Fr. Derek Mobilio



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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| Sat Mar 18 | Gr 9-10 | Lord's Day set up | 2:00-4:00pm | St. James Hall |
| Sun Mar 19 | Gr. N-6 | | 9:15-10:15am | St. Mary Campus |
| No classes at St. Philip tonight. See below for grade schedules. | | | | |
| | | Intro to Min. of Catechist Retreat | 2:00-8:00pm | St. Luke, Westborough |
| | | Gr. 7-8 Amplify | 5:00-7:00pm | St. Bernadette, Northborough |
| | | Gr 9-10 (select groups) | 4:30-6:00pm | St. James Campus |
| | | Gr. 9-10 (select groups) | 6:00-7:30pm | St. James Campus |
| Mon Mar 20 | Gr. N-6 | | 4:30-5:30pm | St. Mary Campus |
| | Gr 7-HS | | 6:30-7:30pm | St. James Campus |
| Tue Mar 21 | First Communion Parent Meeting | | 6:30pm | St. Mary Hall |
| Thu Mar 23 | Intro to Min of Catechist class | | 6:00-8:00pm | St. Luke, Westborough |



Over the next 2 Sundays of Lent, (the 4th and 5th Sundays), we as a parish community will be journeying with those that are to receive the sacraments in a special way. We will celebrate 'the scrutinies'.

We will reflect on the journey they make during lent as an inspiration and source of renewal for us in our journey. Visit our Parish Website for more information.

Please also keep our 3 candidates and 2 catechumens in your prayers as they journey toward Easter.

Lenten Small Groups Now through April 1st

WHERE ARE YOU HEADED?

The experience of people who have joined our small groups show that we come from different places on our faith journey but that, when we share, we find we are all heading in the same direction. Why not join your fellow parishioners this Lent and add something special and fruitful to your preparation for Easter? Journey with us in a small group by praying and sharing Scripture. It's called Lenten Longings. We believe you will be richer for the experience.

Available Sessions: (sessions are 90 minutes in duration)

- ♦ Mondays at 6:30pm; Facilitators: Deacon Tim, Mark Chapleau in St. Mary's parish office conference room
- ♦ Tuesdays at 9:30am; Facilitators: Sue Robbins, Denise Spence in St. Mary's parish office conference room
- ♦ Wednesdays at 6:30pm; Facilitator: John Nadeau in St. James church basement classroom
- ♦ Wednesdays at 6:30pm; Facilitator: , Darleen Farland, Fr. Anthony Mpagi in St. Mary's parish hall
- ♦ Saturdays at 2:30pm; Facilitators: Ed Romeo, Rolande Parent in St. Philip's large upper classroom & Zoom

For more information, contact:

- ♦ Contact Deacon Tim Cross at deacontimcross@gmail.com or (978)490-6925
- ♦ Contact Roland Parent at rolandelparent@comcast.net



Lent - February 22nd through April 1st

GUIDELINES FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows:

- ◆ Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- ◆ Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- ◆ Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

Confession:

Tuesdays 6:00-6:45 pm
at St. Mary

Thursdays 6:00-6:45 pm
at St. James

Saturdays 7:00-7:45 am
at St. James

Saturdays 2:45-3:45 pm
at St. Philip

or call the office to schedule an appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Come and spend some
quite time with the Lord.

Every Thursday at St.
James from 3pm to 7pm

Stations of the Cross

Come join us as we make a
contemplative, spiritual
pilgrimage of the Passion of
Christ.

We will gather on **Fridays** at
St. James at 6pm
through March 24th.

On Friday, March 31st our
Youth Group will be leading
stations at St. Mary at 6pm
See more on Pg 6.

Good Friday, April 7th join
Bishop McManus for
Stations of the Cross at noon
in Worcester or join us at 3pm
at St. James.

Lenten Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 8am at St. Mary
Tuesday 12pm at St. Mary
Wed. 12pm at St. Mary
Thursday 7pm at St. James
Friday 8am at St. James
Saturday 8am at St. James

Lenten Celebrant/Homilist Series Saturdays 4pm Saint Philip

Saturday Mar 18
Father John Gavin SJ
Saturday Mar 25
Father Carlos J. Ardila

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday (April 2)

4pm at St. Philip
7:30am at St. James and St. Mary
9am at St. James
10:30am St. Mary

Holy Thursday - (April 6) Mass of the Lord's Supper

Morning Prayer at 9am at St Philip
Mass of the Lord's Supper & Washing of the Feet
at 7pm at St James

Good Friday - (April 7) Passion of the Lord

Morning Prayer at 9am St Philip
Stations of the Cross with Bishop McManus
in Worcester at 12pm
Stations of Cross at 3pm at St Mary
Good Friday Liturgy and Veneration of the Cross at
7pm at St Philip

Holy Saturday - (April 8) Easter Vigil

Morning Prayer at 9am at St Philip
Easter Vigil at 7:30pm at St James
Easter Vigil at 7:30pm at St Mary

Easter Sunday (April 9)

7:30am at St. James and St. Mary
9am at St. James
10:30am St. Mary

March 19, 2023

4th Sunday of Lent

Please join us for a special STATIONS OF THE CROSS at the St Mary's campus of OLH Parish to be recited by the youth of our Parish.



When: FRIDAY MARCH 31ST @ 6pm (OUTDOORS IF WEATHER IS FAVORABLE)

Cheese pizza and card making to follow the Stations in the Hall downstairs.

ALL PARISHIONERS are invited to join us at this event.

Please set this time aside and help us make this a great Lenten prayer event as we prepare for Easter.

Sign up on the parish website for pizza head count!

"Bloomin' For Good" in APRIL for Our Lady of Hope Soup Kitchen Ministry

Your "OLH Soup Kitchen Ministry" has been selected by Stop and Shop, North Grafton location, to receive \$1 for every bouquet of flowers purchased at their store during the MONTH OF APRIL. Your thoughtful purchase will help us to help others, and who doesn't love to be surprised by flowers?



Thanks for your consideration!

4th Annual Warm Feet for Warriors Sock Drive

Please keep the **4th Annual Warm Feet for Warriors Sock Drive** to benefit both active duty service members and local veterans in mind. The Rauktis boys - Tyler (9th grade at GHS), and Danny (7th grade at GMS) are running the drive in partnership with Soldiers Angels. Last year, our generous community donated **2,046 pairs** of socks for distribution. The goal will be 2,200 pairs this year. Collection boxes will be located in each of the churches from Monday, March 6th through Monday, March 20th. Please email Kelly Rauktis at krauktis@gmail.com with any questions.

How to Help: Please donate **NEW crew, athletic or hospital slipper socks** and place them in the designated boxes at all three churches.



OLH March Madness Contest

Get your brackets ready! Fr. Mobilio has created a parish group in the ESPN Men's Tournament Challenge for the 2023 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, which begins this week. The winner of the challenge gets a prize to be determined. To join the group, go to this link: <https://fantasy.espn.com/tournament-challenge-bracket/2023/en/group?groupId=5194297>, accessible from the QR code to the left or just go into the ESPN Tournament Challenge and search "OLH Grafton" in the groups page.



Strengthen your Catholic identity at the Worcester Catholic Men's Conference Saturday, March 25 Assumption University

For more information on the conference, please take a brochure at any of our churches or visit catholicmenworc.com



The Outreach ministry at St. James campus is committed to the corporal works of mercy by assisting families and individuals in need in a confidential way. Our service includes:

- ♦ Food and personal care items monthly distribution.
- ♦ School supplies and Summer Rec programs.
- ♦ Annual Giving Tree for families and senior citizens.
- ♦ Address other emergency situations.

If you know someone in need, please email to outreachstj@gmail.com or call the parish office.

All contact is strictly confidential.



LORD'S DAY Pasta and Meatballs DINNER

**SAINT JAMES CHURCH AND HALL
SUNDAY, March 19th**

4:30 PM EVENING PRAYER

5:00 PM DINNER

See you there!

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Office Hours

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Monday through Thursday 9:30am - 4:30pm

St. James Campus - 89 Main Street, South Grafton, MA 01560 (508-839-5354)
Wednesday & Thursday 9:30am - 2:00pm

The Celebration of Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Masses

4:00pm St Philip

Sunday Masses

7:30am St. James

7:30am St. Mary

9:00am St. James

10:30am St. Mary

Weekday Masses

Monday 8am at St Mary

Tuesday 12pm at St Mary

Wednesday 12pm at St Mary

Thursday 7pm at St James

Friday 8am at St James

Saturday 8am at St James

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE Tuesdays 6:00-6:45 PM at St. Mary Church, Thursdays 6:00-6:45 PM at St. James Church, Saturdays 7:00-7:45 AM at St. James Church, Saturdays 2:45-3:45 PM at St. Philip Church or call the office to schedule an appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Baptism is celebrated on the third Sunday of the month at noon. Call the office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Couples planning for marriage should contact the rectory one year prior to the wedding date.

CARE FOR THE SICK Please contact the office if you know of anyone who is hospitalized or confined to home because of age or illness.

Parish Staff:

Rev. Anthony Mpagi, Pastor

Rev. Derek Mobilio, Associate Pastor

Deacon Tim Cross

Lisa Stewart, Business Manager

Darleen Farland, Religious Education Director

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Note that some of our email addresses have changed above

Ministries:

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Prayer Line

Soup Kitchen

Youth Group Ministry

508-839-3993 x35

508-839-3993 x18

508-839-3993 x10

All information kept confidential

For details, visit [https://](https://ourladyofhopegraffton.org/prayer-ministry)

ourladyofhopegraffton.org/prayer-ministry

GraftonYouthGroup@gmail.com

Please submit your bulletin articles to msevon@verizon.net and lstewart@ourladyofhopegraffton.org no later than 5pm Tuesday

Join us on Our Lady of Hope Parish's **Pilgrimage to Ireland**

Led by Fr. Derek Mobilio and Fr. Anthony Mpagi

April 8-19, 2024

*Galway, Glenstal Abbey, Aran Islands,
Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Cobh, Glendalough, and Dublin*

Double Occupancy Price per Person: \$4750

Single Supplement: \$1399

Tour includes:

- Round trip Airfare
- Hotel Accommodations for 10 nights
- 9 Dinners and 11 Breakfasts
- Transportation on Private Motor Coach
- Visits and Admission Fees as per Itinerary



As a shared experience of prayer, fun, and fellowship, this is a great opportunity to grow in faith and to build community within our parish.

Brochures and registration forms are available at the entrances of our parish churches.

Please contact Father Mobilio if you have any questions.