

# Our Lady of Hope Parish

*April 23, 2023*



## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

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**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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**Partners in Charity**

encompasses three specific areas in our diocese: Charity, Education and Ministry. Tens of thousands

of people who are served and taught by ministries and agencies supported by Partners in Charity know that the power of Christ is behind the programs that help them. Here are the charities that we currently support: Catholic Charities, Priests' Retirement, Retired Priests Health Ministry, Pernet Family Health Service, Diocesan Cemetery System and Utility Assistance Fund.

As of **April 14th**, we have raised **\$57,868** towards our goal of **\$80,000**. We are **72%** of the way there!

If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please consider supporting one of the charities listed above. You can fill out a commitment pledge envelope and mail it into Partners In Charity - 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609 or visit [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net) to do it online.

**Thank you for your support!**

**Weekly Mass Intentions April 22 to 30th**

**April 22, Saturday Masses:**

8:00am St. James – Birthday Remembrance Brian Silver by his Family, Memorial Joseph Nghia Pham by the Pham Family  
 4:00pm St. Philip

**April 23, Sunday Masses:**

7:30am St. Mary – 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Judith Paradis by the Family  
 7:30am St. James – Memorial Dominic Vinh Vu by the Pham Family  
 9:00am St. James – Memorial Maria Ke Vu by the Pham Family  
 10:30am St. Mary – Memorial Jake Koshivos by Nancy Connors, 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jennifer Goguen McGrail by the Family

**Monday, St. Mary** – 8:00am Mass

**Tuesday, St. Mary** – 12:00pm Mass

**Wednesday, St. Mary** – 12:00pm Mass

**Thursday, St. James** - 7:00pm – Memorial Dominic Vuong Vu by the Pham Family

**Friday, St. James** – 8:00am Mass - Memorial Maria Suoi Cao by the Pham Family

**April 29, Saturday Masses:**

8:00am St. James – Memorial John Nhan La by the Pham Family  
 4:00pm St. Philip – 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Carol LaPointe by the Family

**April 30, Sunday Masses:**

7:30am St. Mary – Prayers for the Living: The Gawlik Family; Anna, Lusia, Monika, Uncle John, and Slawek  
 7:30am St. James – Memorial Joseph Hoi La by the Pham Family  
 9:00am St. James – Memorial Maria Huong La by the Pham Family, Birthday Remembrance Helen Lapan by her Husband  
 10:30am St. Mary – Memorial Maria Ngoc Luong, Memorial Dominico Bang Trinh, and Memorial Maria Soan Trinh by the Family

**Our Lady of Hope Parish Collection**

April 12<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**\$8,466.00**

Thank you!

The parish office at St. James campus will not be staffed on Thursday, April 27th.



**You pay your bills online  
 Why not give online too?**





## ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WORCESTER



Dear friends in Christ,

The Archdiocese of Boston has recently noted that the “Satancon” convention will be held in Boston from April 28-30 at the Boston Marriott Copley Place. The organizers of this convention are billing it as “the largest satanic gathering in history.” It is sad to witness that there are people who find satisfaction in celebrating the power of evil in the world. Perhaps they have never experienced the sense of joy and the power of redemption that we find in this Easter Season. We are a people of hope, thanks to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, who offers all believers the path to life eternal in the loving embrace of God.

By baptism we are called to be witnesses to the Good News, in particular in light of this Satancon event. Let us remember that our power to combat evil lies in the power of prayer. To that end, I join my voice to that of Cardinal O’Malley in asking that we not organize or encourage any parishioners to go to the event to protest. It will only fuel the hate of those who support it and feed the media with images.

We should not, however, stand by idly and feel powerless. Let us storm the heavens with prayer, in anticipation of and during the event. Pause at any time during the days ahead and petition God to enlighten those who are calling on the prince of darkness to turn toward the light of his saving power. Use formal prayers, such as the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel or pray the rosary, or simply use your own words. God will hear you if you simply call on him.

I ask pastors to be especially vigilant during the month of April during the distribution of holy Communion. If necessary, remind people that they should be consuming the sacred species immediately, to assure that the Blessed Sacrament is not being carried off for nefarious use.

A petition for use during the Prayers of the Faithful for the weekend before and during the event will follow in a subsequent communication.

Join me in reciting The Prayer of Saint Michael, in particular during this month:

*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ.

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester

### **Symbols and Signs of the Liturgy**

#### **The Commingling and the Resurrection**

On Easter, Jesus greeted his disciples, “Peace be with you.” Then, they recognized Him in His glorious Resurrection. In the Mass, shortly after the priest echoes the words of Jesus in saying to the people, “The peace of the Lord be with you always,” he breaks off a small piece of the host and puts it in the chalice with the prayer, “May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.” This commingling is the unification of the Body and Blood of Christ. Thus, at this point in the Mass, we should think of Christ’s Resurrection, when His Body and Blood were reunited with His Soul, such that the Precious Blood which had been separated and poured out from His Body again flowed through His arteries. By His obedience to the Father in His Passion, death, and Resurrection, Christ makes true peace possible for us.

**Fr. Derek Mobilio**



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

Sat Apr 29	1st Communion Retreat	9:00am-12:30pm	St. Mary Hall
Tue May 2	1st Communion Rehearsal for May 6th Liturgy	4:30pm-5:30pm	St. Mary Church
Sat May 6	1st Communion Liturgy	10:30am	St. Mary Church
Tue May 9	1st Communion Rehearsal for May 13th Liturgy	4:30-5:30pm	St. Philip Church
Sat May 13	1st Communion Liturgy	10:30am	St. Philip Church
Tue May 16	1st Communion Rehearsal for May 20th Liturgy	4:30-5:30pm	St. James Church
Sat May 20	1st Communion Liturgy	10:30am	St. James Church

**Learn about becoming a Deacon**

The Office of the Diaconate is accepting applications from married and single men between the ages of 31 and 60 for this fall's beginning formation process. Applications will be accepted through May 1, with classes to begin in September. Inquiry sessions will be held on request with those who are interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate. To schedule a session, email your request to: <mailto:diaconate@worcesterdiocese.org>, or submit an inquiry form at <https://worcesterdiocese.org/diaconate-inquiry>. More information is available at <https://worcesterdiocese.org/diaconate-information>.



**Status - Our Lady of Hope Gym @ St. James**

Work began this past Monday in the gym at St. James campus. It is moving along and we are expecting it to be done by the end of May. New flooring will be installed along with new lighting, and new backboards.



**Discover Our Lady of Hope Music on Spotify**

The Music Ministry at OLOH Parish has an exciting feature for our parishioners. If you have a computer, tablet or smartphone, and want to be able to listen to Christian music, with playlists of songs created by our music director, then this is for you! OLOH's has set up a free web-based Spotify account for our parishioners, offering you the free opportunity to be able to listen to inspiring and comforting faith based music, whenever you like! Check out the details at <https://ourladyofhopegraffton.org/music-ministry>



**GYG Wants YOUth!!**

We are a vibrant and energetic group of students in grades 6-12. Whatever we do and wherever we go, we provide a safe, nurturing place for like-minded youth to hang out and have some fun. Our youth have served meals at shelters, made gifts for our Homebound parishioners and

raised money for the Grafton Food Bank. We also have a lot of FUN with activities such as Bowling, Snow Tubing and Touring the "Christmas Festival of Lights" at LaSalette Shrine!

Contact us at [grafftonyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:grafftonyouthgroup@gmail.com) or through our website at <https://grafftoncatholic.org/youth-group>



**Safe Environment — A Promise To Protect**

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, we encourage you to come forward and speak out. You can arrange a personal meeting with the bishop (**Most Rev. Robert J. McManus**) or his representative, the victim assistance coordinator **Judith Audette**. A report can be made by phone to **(508) 929-4363** or by mail to **Judith Audette, Victim Assistance Coordinator, The Diocese of Worcester, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609**.

To learn more about our programs, follow the link on the Diocesan website at <https://worcesterdiocese.org/promise-to-protect> or visit the USCCB Office of Child and Youth Protection.

*Please understand that anonymous reports of misconduct compromise the ability of the diocese to follow up on such reports and to take disciplinary action or any other action. It is the policy and practice of the Diocese of Worcester to respond promptly and with compassion to all reports of misconduct. Be aware that if you report child abuse, the diocese will report the matter to law enforcement. You yourself may also, of course, report instances of sexual misconduct directly to law enforcement.*



*Worcester Catholic  
Women's Conference*

All women are invited to this exciting Conference, "Male & Female He Created Them", to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster, MA on Saturday, October 7th. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders, Dr. Deborah Savage, Dr. Christopher Klofft, Fr. Derek Mobilio, Fr. Colin Blatchford, and Patricia Sandoval. Diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass. For more information and to register, visit our website at [www.wcwconference.com](http://www.wcwconference.com) or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register today!

DIOCESAN MIDDLE SCHOOL



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All youth in 6-8th grade are invited to join us for the Diocesan Middle School Rally on Sunday, May 7th at North American Martyrs in Auburn! The event will run from 1-5pm and will include games, activities, snacks, guest speakers, and Mass.

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**"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.**

So far they have raised \$38 for the ministry! Time to buy more flowers and share the joy! Your thoughtful purchase will help us to help others, and who doesn't love to be surprised by flowers?



**TOILETRY DRIVE**  
for veterans



Veterans Food and Toiletry Drive begins April 24 and will run until May 8. The Grafton Veterans Advisory Council is sponsoring this drive. You will see donation boxes at the three campuses. Please consider making a donation. Requested items include: men's and women's razors and deodorant, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap and hand sanitizing wipes.

**Meet & Greet, with coffee and pastries!**

You are cordially invited to a Surprise retirement gathering for Joe Garabedian (Buggy Whip) May 7th 1pm-4pm St Mary's hall. Let's all show Joe our thanks for all he's done for us before he jumps in his buggy and whips out of town!



Coming this week!  
COMEDY RATING: PG-13  
(family friendly)  
Purchase Tickets Online  
<https://www.ihnworchester.org/comedy>

Doors open at 5:00PM  
Show starts at 7:00PM

**SAVE THE DATE**

**IN HOUR OF NEED (IHN) COMEDY SHOW & AUCTION**

JMAC- BrickBox Theater  
20 Franklin St. Worcester, Ma 01608

Friday  
**04  
28  
23**



**Property Committee Update: We Could Use Your Expertise!**

Do you have experience with home repairs or yard maintenance? Are you good at working with vendors and contractors? Are you organized and like to run projects? There is a place for you on our Property Committee! Our next meeting is May 17th at 6:30pm at St. Philip. If interested in helping out, please contact Ron Dennis at [rozrondennis@gmail.com](mailto:rozrondennis@gmail.com) or call 508-839-3993 x10 to speak with the parish secretary.



At Our Lady of Hope Parish, we would like to come together in more accessible ways as a Catholic and Christian Community. Through Flocknote, you can get information directly about special events and your favorite ministries. **Sign up today!**



Grafton Troop 106's Bi-Annual  
**RECYCLING DAY EVENT**

Saturday, May 6, 2023  
9:00 - 2:00  
St. Mary's Parish - lower lot



\*drop off only, see link in post for pricing per Green Day Recycling\*

### Our Lady of Hope Parish

Main Office: 17 Waterville Street, North Grafton, MA 01536  
Office Phone Number: 508-839-3993

Discover Our Lady of Hope ~ Visit our website at [www.ourladyofhopegraffton.org](http://www.ourladyofhopegraffton.org)

#### Office Hours

St. Mary Campus - 17 Waterville Street, North Grafton, MA 01536 (508-839-3993)  
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

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Youth Group Ministry

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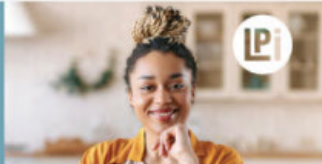
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