

Saint Mary Parish



Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:00 p.m.

Sunday

7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Daily Masses

Monday-Friday

7:00 a.m.

All weekend Masses are
Live Streamed at:

stmarysfranklin.org

Confession

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00a.m.

Emergency Anointing of the Sick

508-528-0020, #4

Rectory Hours

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

508-528-0020

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St. Vincent De Paul

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 11

4:00 pm Donna & Lenny Federico

Sunday, May 12

7:30am Anthony Fandetti

10:30am Francis Garbarino

12:00 pm Linda Padula, Gwendolyn Hirsch,
Pauline Padula, Elaine Padula &
Angelina Trenouth

Monday, May 13

7:00am David W. Girard

Tuesday, May 14

7:00am James Lombardi

Wednesday, May 15

7:00am William Hawe

Thursday, May 16

7:00 am Marilyn Pauley

Friday, May 17

7:00 am Paul Hannon

Saturday, May 18

4:00 pm Allison Kane

Sunday, May 19

7:30am Nicholas Gaspar

10:30am Thanksgiving for 50 years of
Priesthood

LAST WEEK'S WEEKLY GIVING

Offertory	\$ 6,003.30
Online	\$ 7,787.62
Drop Off	\$ <u>1,137.00</u>
Grand Total	\$ 14,927.92

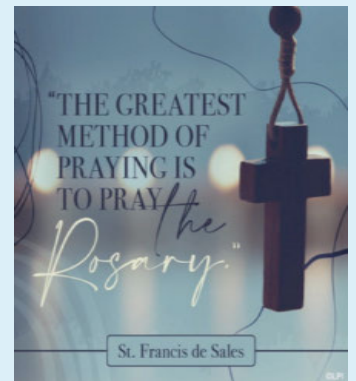


**WELCOME TO
OUR FAMILY!**

Last weekend Lucas Rhodes Guthrie, Charlotte Noelle Pimentel, Cameron John Sullivan and Shannon Rae Ward were Baptized by Deacon Ron. May God watch over them always.

Zoom Rosary

Deacon Guy continues a Zoom Rosary every Monday night at 7:00pm. This is open to parishioners, family & friends from all communities. You are welcome to join, relax, pray and/or and just listen. *Link info* is on the Parish Web Site under Parish Life and Prayer. For more information contact Deacon Guy at: deaconguy@verizon.net.



READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of May 12, 2024

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-1

- SACRAMENTS -



Baptism

Baptisms are held on Sundays at 1:30pm. First time parents need to attend a Baptism Catechesis Class held by Deacon Ron via Zoom. Classes are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The next Zoom Baptismal class is on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 7-8pm. Contact Deacon Ron at gerwat@verizon.net

To schedule a Baptism, please email: Baptism@stmarysfranklin.org or call 508-528-0020.

Penance

Penance/Confession is held each Saturday from 8 to 9 a.m. in the Chapel's Reconciliation Room and by appointment, anytime.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married at St. Mary should schedule their wedding one year in advance and attend a Marriage Preparation program. Please call the Parish office at 508-528-0020 to schedule the wedding and rehearsal date and to arrange a meeting with the priest in preparation for marriage.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you are interested in become a Catholic, please call the Rectory at 508-528-0020.

Eucharist for the Homebound

Please call the rectory or email the Pastoral Associate (pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org) if you have a family member, friend, or neighbor who is unable to attend church due to age or infirmity. We will provide pastoral visits.

Anointing of the Sick

If you or a loved one would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Offices at 508-528-0020. For after hours Emergency Anointing of the Sick please call 508-528-0020, option 4. Please do not leave messages on this line.

Become a Parishioner of St. Mary Parish

Register Online at stmarysfranklin.org or call the Rectory at 508-528-0020.



Mother's Day Roses for Life

This Mother's Day Weekend, after all Masses, the Knights of Columbus and Respect for Life Commission will be offering a free rose to mothers on Mother's Day. The roses were purchased by the Franklin Knights of Columbus as part of an order-wide program called *Aid Support After Pregnancy*.

The Knights will make a donation to Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center on behalf of St. Mary's Parish. Abundant Hope serves 1200 women annually across Southeastern New England. We hope all moms have a joy-filled Mother's Day.



Congratulations

Fr. Jack will observe his 50th **Anniversary of Ordination** by celebrating the 10:30 A.M. Mass on Sunday, May 19. There will be reception following the Mass in the Sacred Heart Hall to Congratulate Fr. Jack on his Anniversary.

Father Jack requests that all gifts be given to *St. Mary's Parish Youth Ministry Fund*. You can donate **online** at **www.stmarysfranklin.org**. Other options are to place your donations with a notation for "*Youth Ministry Fund*," in the collection baskets or mail/drop-off a check to the Rectory.



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Truth We Cannot See

I only pray out loud when I want my kids to hear what I'm saying.

I know what you're thinking — hypocrites in the synagogue and the street corner; go to your room and shut the door — but I think if Jesus had to raise children he would understand where I'm coming from. I pray out loud not because I want my kids to think I'm holy and not because I want them to admire me but because I want them to know how broken I am, how desperately I rely on the mercy and love of God.

It's also a really effective way to send a message. "God, I'm sorry I've been losing my patience today. Please help me. And send your Holy Spirit to make these kids stop fighting."

Vocal prayer, in front of other people, is an incredibly vulnerable action, so it strikes me whenever Jesus chooses to pray out loud in front of his disciples. Surely, mental prayer was something of a perpetual state for him. I imagine Jesus was ceaselessly in conversation with his Father in heaven throughout even the most ordinary of days. So, when he chooses to make those communications public, my ears perk up.

He wants his kids to hear what he's saying.

In John, chapter 17, we see that he wants us to remember who we are. His disciples are about to see things that will shake the very foundations of their faith. The only way they will make it to the other side is if they remember that truth does not consist only of what we can see with our eyes.

This is the same truth in which we have been consecrated. We belong to this truth in a way the world will never understand or accept. It is the truth we cannot see.

"I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world."

John 17:14

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Reminder that the **last regular 12 Noon Mass will be this weekend, Sunday May 12th**. The Summer Mass Schedule is Saturday 4pm, Sunday 7:30 and 10:30am.

Thank You!

The St. Mary's **St. Vincent de Paul Society** would like to thank everyone who donated to the Mother's Day Gift Bag. You will make some deserving mothers very happy.





Blood Drive!

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Year of Prayer

The Book of Psalms, what Pope Francis calls the “native land, gymnasium and home of countless men and women of prayer.” The pope tells us that it is that the Psalms, which were written by everyday people, is how we “learn the language of prayer.”

Pope Francis speaks of the great question that is found throughout the Book of Psalms: “*Until when, Lord? Until when?*” And the pope says that “in the Psalms, the believer finds an answer. He knows that even if all human doors were barred, God’s door is open.” To learn more about the Psalms, go to <https://bit.ly/PFPrayer10>.



The month of May is known as Mental Health Awareness Month. The national organization, **Mental Health America** (<https://mhanational.org/>) has developed a theme for this month, “*Know Where to Start*”.

This organization provides many resources to help people be informed and take action to advocate for mental health causes. **Sanctuary Mental Health** (<https://sanctuarymentalhealth.org/>) is an international Christian organization that looks to “equip the church to support mental health and well-being.” Their resources seek to “meaningfully engage the topics of faith and mental health”. The **United States Bishops’ Conference** has a webpage on its website devoted to mental health, <https://www.usccb.org/mental-health/>; there is a Novena for Mental Health on this site.

To access the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, dial 988.



FHS EMPTY BOWLS CLUB FUNDRAISER

Thursday, May 23, 2024
6pm

Tickets for the 9th Annual Empty Bowls Dinner to benefit the Franklin Food Pantry are on sale now! The event will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at the Franklin High School cafeteria from 6 to 8 pm. There will be a simple **dinner** of soup and bread, **music from FHS students**, a **ceramic bowl** for each attendee, a silent auction, and more. All proceeds from the event will support the Franklin Food Pantry.

Online tickets are \$22 for adults and \$12 for students/children 18 years old and younger. Prices for the day of the event are \$25/\$15. Please go to the Franklin Food Pantry website to purchase tickets: franklinfoodpantry.org

Show support for the community by becoming an Empty Bowls sponsor. Sponsorship opportunities start at \$250. For more information email Jen Johnson, jjohnson@franklinfoodpantry.org.

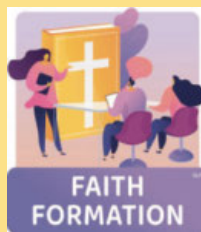


Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council 1847 wish to congratulate **Molly Flynn**, our Knights of Columbus STATE, 9 year old girls Free -Throw Basketball Champion.

Molly competed in the annual KofC basketball free -throw competition this year. She started her journey in the local event, moved to the Districts and Regionals before she faced off in the States and won!! We are all proud of this young lady's accomplishment. Congrats Molly watch out Kaitlin Clark !!!



Women's Faith Formation



Please join us **in person** for the Women's Formation Meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 9:00-10:00 AM in Sacred Heart Hall. This will be our final meeting for

this season, wrapping up our 6th year! We are looking forward to getting together in person again and hope you can join us.

All our meetings are on unique topics, so it is fine to attend without having been to a previous meeting. Light refreshments will be served.



Abundant Hope in Attleboro, offers Pregnancy Services (testing, counseling, STI Testing and limited ultrasound), Diaper Bank, Parenting Support, Community Resource Referrals and Post-Abortive Healing Ministries. We are committed to serving women and families with grace, honesty, and love.

For more information or to donate, please call 508-455-0425 or <https://ahprc.org>

St. Vincent DePaul 508-918-2291

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all of the parishioners who have so generously donated to the SVdP Food Pantry. Donations from these lists help us to keep the pantry well stocked with many items for our neighbors in need.

Donations may be placed in the boxes at the doors of the church anytime during the month. The current needs of the pantry are:

- Tissues
- Paper Towels
- Spaghetti / Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce

Thank you for joining us to serve those in our Community with the greatest needs. God Bless.

Catholic Women's Club Annual Banquet

The St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club will hold their annual banquet on Thursday, May 16th, at Restaurant 45, 45 Milford St., Medway. Cocktail hour will begin at 6:00 PM, followed by a buffet dinner at 7:00 PM. Annual scholarships will be awarded after dinner. All women of the parish are welcome to attend!!

Tickets are \$30.00. RSVP to Lisa Oxford at liserina60@aol.com. Deadline is May 9th. Please make your check payable to *St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club*, and mail to: Lisa Oxford, 18 Lincoln Street, Franklin, MA 02038



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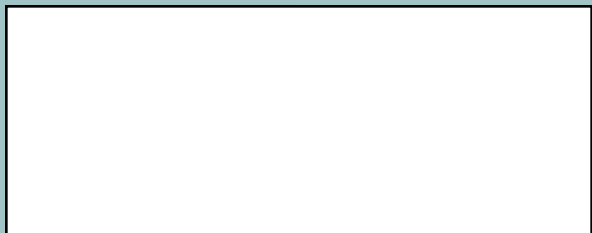
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