

**St. Mary's Religious Education**  
Please Consider Giving Today!

**WINTER CLOTHING NEEDED!!!!**

We are working in conjunction with the Franklin Police Department to help them get the word out to all of our families to let you know about a clothing drive that the police are having.

Here is the message from the Franklin Police Department:

We're looking to help the people who are struggling in a way society finds hard to accept. The Opiate Epidemic in Massachusetts has SOMEONE'S loved one living on the margins of society, and more times than not, forgotten and cast aside. Can WE offer a hand to the one struggling to pull themselves up?

What is needed? Hats, gloves, jackets, sweatshirts, and boots in "very good" condition.

Where and who it is going to? Various locations in Massachusetts detoxing and rehabilitating our loved ones from active addiction. Our hope is to give someone another reason to hold on and to keep fighting; that they are not alone.

Your donations can be dropped off at the Franklin Police Department on Panther Way. If you are unable to drop off the clothing, please contact Officer Eric Cusson at [ecusson@franklinpolice.com](mailto:ecusson@franklinpolice.com) to arrange to have the items picked up.

Thanks so much for your charity during Christmas time for our people who are in need.

*"Helping hands are better than praying lips"*

*~~Mother Teresa*