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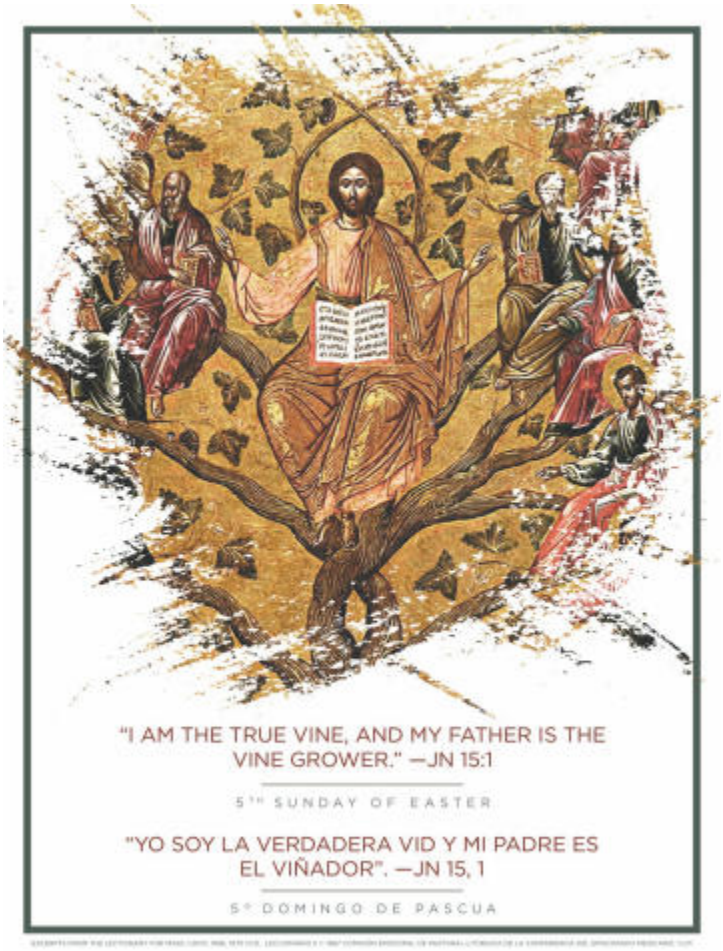

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WELCOME

If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself to the priests after Mass. We want to know and serve you. To register, please email your name and address to parishpublishing@stmarysfranklin.org. We will send you a Welcome Package that will help you register.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: By appointment only. Consult our website: stmarysfranklin.org

Penance: Saturdays 8 to 9 AM in Reconciliation Room in Chapel, 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.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the rectory 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, with administration of the Sacraments.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children (Grades 1-8):
Guided Remote Learning

Confirmation Preparation (after Grade 8):
Guided, Independent, Remote Conferences

Programs run from October through May

Adults

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Wednesdays • 7:00pm
October to Easter

Pastoral Reflections

I read many books and articles on gardening. Some of the reading is for inspiration and some is for knowledge about plants and the skill to grow and properly care for them. Although the Gospel this weekend comes from the "Discourse of the Last Supper", the images in it are most appropriate to this season of new plant growth and the greening of our land and countryside. It is important to know that during the time of Passover the Last Supper occurred and that the Passover is always every Spring. This is the time of trees budding, plants starting to sprout from the earth, and vines beginning to grow and spread their branches. This is a very critical season for caring for plant life. What happens at this point in time influences the whole of plant life and growth onward. In our passage this weekend, when Jesus speaks to the apostles about being grafted onto him as branches similar to a vine, they know he means he is the strong vine that will support them and always give them life. At this point Jesus is not addressing his concern over their relationship to one another; rather he is laser-focused on their relationship to him. He is to be their source of life, and indeed of all their relationships.

This weekend in our first reading we gain an insight into the growth of a relationship that was not easy to achieve. We read of Saul who now is among the apostles. They are afraid of him because he was known to be a vicious enemy of the followers of Jesus. This was why Barnabas introduced Saul to the apostles and told them that how he, Saul, had spoken fearlessly "… in the name of Jesus." Barnabas succeeded in this introduction and allayed their fears about Saul and now as a result the Greek-speaking Jews were angry at Saul. Because of this the apostles sent him away to his home in Tarsus until conditions would calm down. The readings also tell us that, except for this incident, the early Church was fundamentally at peace and growing steadily. The second reading of the weekend instructs the early believers to remember to live by faith in the name of Jesus Christ and also by a love that shows in deed and truth. To do all this is the best test of our adherence to Jesus, the vine.

In our lives and also in our church we may at times have before us injustice and a lack of tranquility inside and outside our ranks. Our response must be to pray for peace and justice and also to act lovingly to bring about that very peace and justice. If we do not act in this manner, then clearly we are not grafted to the Vine Jesus Christ himself.

Jesus calls for us to place our heart and life in him who is the source of our close relationship with one another. All this requires involvement and commitment. Our prayers and our actions cannot be this "spiritual" or "magical like" response. We are incarnated beings and we must respond in actual physical reality.

We must always remember that our source is in Jesus Christ; Jesus is the Vine, we are the branches. We grow and thrive in Him by our prayers and also as equally by our actions. We must support one another as we are part of the Vine of Jesus Christ. It is not always easy, but it is always right. When we recognize that we all believe, it becomes easier to offer our prayers and deeds for one another. Simply put, when we realize it is not about "us or me", but Jesus Christ, then our actions can more easily happen.

Fr. Brian

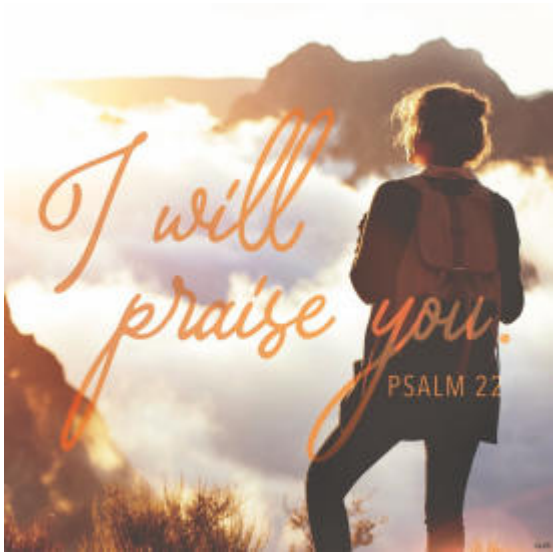
MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 1

4:00 pm	Edith Flaherty — 8th Anniversary

Sunday, May 2

7:30 am	William Butler, nearing end of life
10:30 am	Morris and Elizabeth Sullivan — Memorial
12:00 noon	The Deceased Members of the Orfao Family



READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of May 2, 2021

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-1

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Morning Mass
7:00 am
Monday - Friday through May 21
Chapel

Confessions
Saturdays
8:00 - 9:00 am
Chapel

SVDP reminder of Food Resources for Franklin Residents
Information as of 4/1/2021

Franklin Schools:
Grab a& Go breakfast and lunch available behind Franklin High School from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Monday through Friday. All meals are FREE from now until June 30, 2021.

Franklin Food Pantry:
Tuesday: 9:00AM to 1:00PM and 5:30PM to 6:30PM.
Friday: 9:00AM to 1:00PM
Some delivery available call 508-528-3115

Primavera Restaurant (Millis): Free Family prepared meals Wednesday-Sunday 11:30AM to 7:30PM. May use multiple times.

YMCA: "Grab and Go" Nonperishable food Wednesday 1PM to 2PM and 5PM to 6PM.

Meals on Wheels for seniors and homebound Call 800-286-6640

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Non-perishable food, hygiene items and paper products. Delivery available. Call 508-918-2291 and leave a message.

Saint Vincent de Paul

April Food Pantry Collection

CURRENT NEEDS

Due to the overwhelming generosity of the St. Mary's parishioners, the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is very well stocked. At this time, what we really could use for our neighbors in need are the products listed below. We appreciate all of your assistance in supporting those in need!

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Tissues
- Men's and Women's deodorant
- Men's body wash/shampoo
- Men's and Women's razors
- Shaving cream

All donations may be placed in the boxes at the doors of the church throughout the month of April. Donations may be dropped off anytime during the week.

Thank you for opening your hearts to "bring God's love to the poor" through your donations.

Montrose School:

Register for Montrose School's in-person Spring Open House to be held on Thursday, May 6, 2021 from 6-8 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear from current parents, faculty and school leaders about Montrose's athletics, performing arts, and student-led clubs. Learn about our award-winning LifeCompass Character & Leadership program and engage in Q & A with members of the Montrose community.

Schedule your in-person or virtual Campus Tour today!

Learn more and register at:
https://www.montroseschool.org/spring-open-house

Inspired by the teachings of the Catholic Church, Montrose is an independent day school for girls in grades 6-12. Transfers or full-year inquiries welcome.

St Mary's Catholic Women's Club May Banquet

Just a reminder:
the Coachmen's Lodge banquet is still on!

Thursday, May 20
Cocktails starting at 6 PM, dinner to be served at 6:45 PM

They will be providing a **safe covered outdoor space** for our group so we can celebrate together safely.

Banquet Menu

Cocktails with a Cheese and Fruit platter, Cash Bar

Dinner - Family Style

Chicken and Filet of Sole
Penne Pasta with House Ragu
Oven Roasted Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
Green Salad
Warm Bread and Butter

Dessert

Coffee and Tea
Ice Cream Sundaes

Please make a check out for **$40** made out to **St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club** and send it to:

Rose O'Koren
515 Maple Street
Franklin, MA 02038

The deadline is **Tuesday, May 4th**. Any questions contact Rose O'Koren, okorenj@comcast.net, or Christine Cadorette, cs.cadorette@verizon.net.

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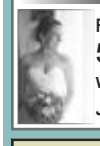
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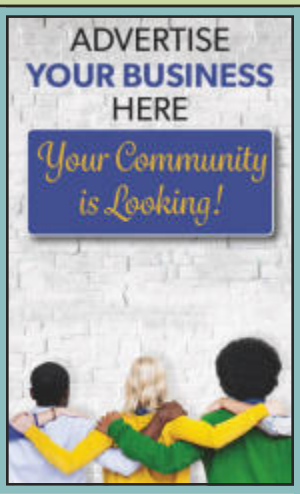

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