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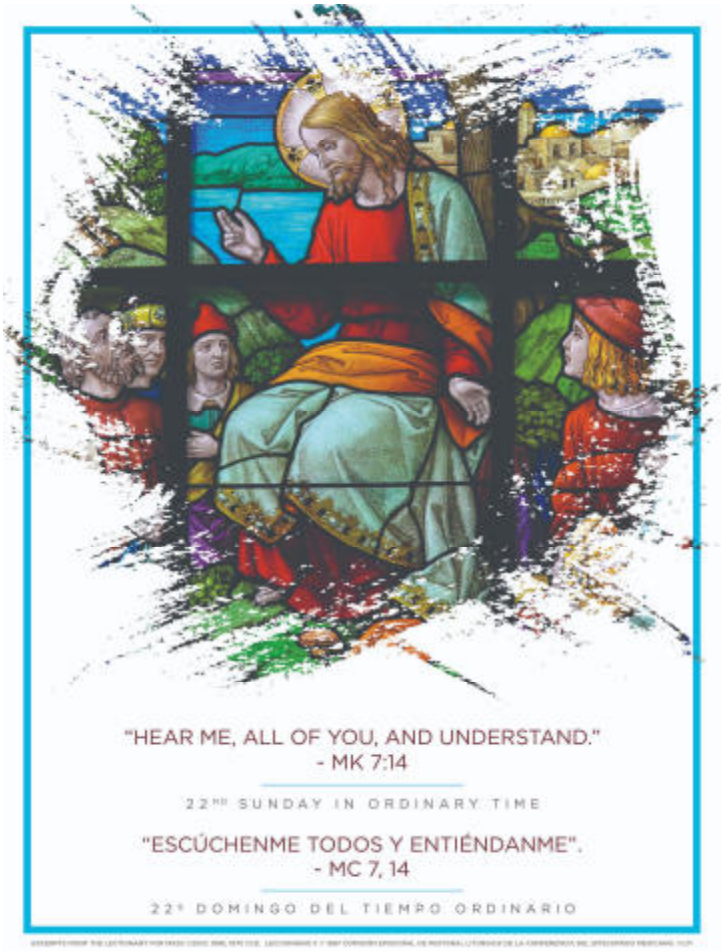

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WELCOME

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

Medieval legends inform us that most knights died from defending truth, beauty and freedom, but historians of later centuries inform us that the knights actually died from the result of their armor. The constricting metal "clothing" caused them to succumb to excessive heat exhaustion and dehydration; they usually died from a heart attack. Are you aware that the rules and customs of life which are supposed to support a good life often times can cause the death of one's heart. This is an issue which Jesus spoke and taught about, the death of life caused by rules that do not give life, but cause death.

Our Gospel passage according to Mark has our Lord Jesus being closely monitored and observed by the custom-bound Pharisees. He appears to be breaking one of the many, small, and demanding laws created to protect the holy Law of Moses. These Pharisees inform Jesus of his infraction. Jesus, however, answers them back with astounding brilliance and sharpness that often accompanies anger. He was not angry at the people, but about the customs, ideas and traditions that cause the death of the heart and soul of a people. This is a significant difference.

We realize that Jesus knew that the holy Law is a sign of God's own love. He, also, was well aware of the passages from the Book of Deuteronomy in which Moses calls on the chosen people to accept and observe the Law in its entirety, notably without addition or subtraction. The holy Law only needed whole-hearted observance. We need to be aware that accepting and observing the Law is more than a matter of obedience. It is actually part of the plan of salvation. The true Law in its fullness and integrity creates life; it does not suffocate it. In this story the Pharisees' precepts squeeze the very life out of the Law and also out of the people.

The second reading takes up the meaning of religion pure and simple. The author James reflects the thoughts of Jesus concerning acting on the Word of God that is rooted deep within us. Religion in fact should be the way we love, work, eat, give, take, and do justice.

Social Manners and also cultural and familial customs and in addition ordinary behaviors say a lot. Simple manners make relationships among strangers easier to occur. In everyday life and interaction, we owe everyone respect. Manners help create a honorable, civil and decent people. Bear in mind that our words and ways must be honest expressions of respect and love.

The actual core of our religion cannot be found in this or that era, custom, tradition, or set of transitory rules. Searching for the heart of faith in any of these places ultimately is making a certain period of history, the past, special beyond its meaning or purpose. The heart is always greater and more important than a time bound rule. It is the "Sacred Heart of Christ" that matters.

Fr. Brian

MASS INTENTIONS

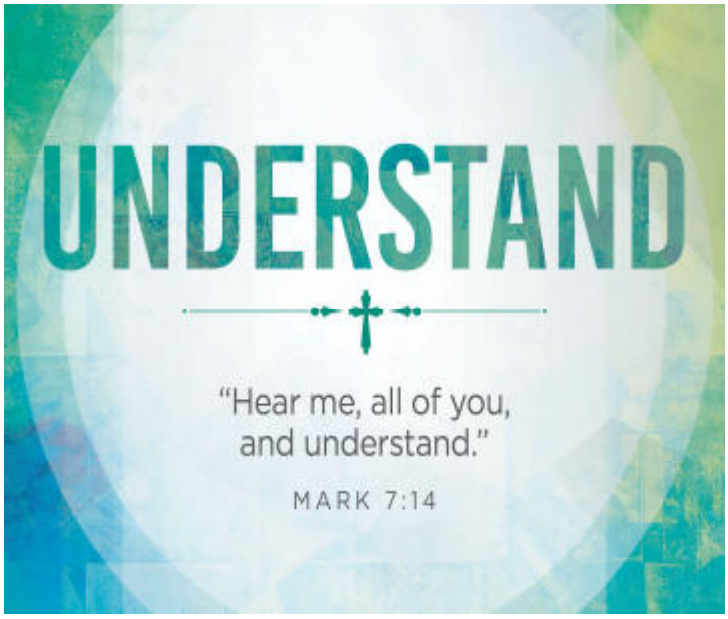
Saturday, August 28
4:00pm Joseph Borruso—1st Anniversary, Joseph and Bridget Borruso, Charlie and Peggy Borruso, And Mary Borruso Capadais—Memorial

Sunday, August 29
7:30am Felix DePietro—Memorial
10:30am Barbara, Scott and Rick Haran - Memorial

Monday, August 30
7:00am Donna DeKarski—Memorial

Saturday, September 4
4:00pm Chiarina Carmen, and Filomena Pisani - Memorial

Sunday, September 5
7:30am
10:30am Mary Verna Kaufman—Memorial



Mass Book is open for Mass Intentions: You can call the parish office or go online to request a Mass, the Monday prior to the bulletin weekend.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of August 29, 2021

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37 ©LPi

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

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.

Friends of the Poor
walk a mile in my shoes

SAVE THE DATE!
SVdP Annual Fund Raiser
Saturday, September 25, 2021
Friends of the Poor Walk

Blessing for the Walk will be at 9:00 a.m.on the Town Common, registration at 8:00 a.m. Participants can **Collect donations** and **Walk with us** or **donate online** at **www.fopwalk.org./event/2617**.

All money raised stays in Franklin, to assist anyone in need of help. Put your feeling of Compassion into action

"Go to the poor; you will find God."
St. Vincent de Paul

Saint Vincent de Paul
Food Pantry Collection

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all of the parishioners who have so generously donated to the SVdP Food Pantry. The SVdP members are grateful that the donors are reading the bulletin and checking the bulletin for the immediate needs of the pantry. Donations from these lists help us to keep the pantry well stocked with many items for our neighbors in need.

Throughout the month of September, we will be requesting the items listed below.

Fruit cups and applesauce cups, pancake mix and maple syrup, spaghetti sauce and men and women's deodorant.

Thank you for all of your donations of these specific items.

Donations may be dropped off at the doors to the church anytime during the month.

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

Catholic Women's Club Celebrates 100 Years

This coming year is a big one: our 100th year of the club! Let's make it a memorable one! The Catholic Women's Clu is a social club for the women of our church. It's about friendship and building bonds with other like-minded women. The intent is to give everyone a chance to meet new friends and old friends and to do fun activities together to enrich our lives. After such a difficult year of separation fror our friends and family, I am hopeful that the 2021-2022 sea son of the CWC will continue to be a year of revival and joy for all of us. Please call Rose O'Koren at 508-528-1663 if interested to hear more.

Adult Choir:

The St. Mary Parish Adult Choir will soon begin their Choral Season for 2021 - 2022!! Our first rehearsal will be held on Thursday, September 16. 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Church Choir Loft. The Adult Choir will sing at their first Mass of the season on Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

It is required that all choir members have received their vaccination against COVID-19.

Choir members will also complete CORI forms at the first rehearsal, too! Please make sure you bring your driver's license with you in order to properly complete your required CORI Form.

As the choir returns from their COVID-19 absence, this is an ideal opportunity for anyone interested in singing in the choir to become members!! Come to the first rehearsal of the season on September 16th and check it out.

Along with Fire Chief Mclaughlin I am honored to invite you to the first "What to do before Help Arrives" class that will be held at the new MEMA facility here in Franklin (20 Forge Parkway) on Tues Sept 14th 2021 at 7pm. We truly hope that no one will have to use this training but being prepared for an emergency could prevent tragedies.

Fire Department instructors will join us in the training and then offer the class to all the residents of Franklin. Our goal is that you have the time to take this class with us and spread the word once the class is offered to the general public.

This Inaugural class has only 25 slots so please sign up by Sept 1st.

Please use this link and click "I Want to Register" at the bottom of the page followed by "First Time Registration". https://mematraining.chs.state.ma.us/TRS/courseDesc.do?cofId=25752&sourcePage=Calendar&date=09-14-2021&srchEventTypeId=672&srchOgId=&legend=S+%3D+STATE%2C+F+%3D+FEDERAL

Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) New England, a yearlong volunteer opportunity for women and men 50 years of age and better, is recruiting volunteers for the upcoming (**September to June**) year. Volunteers give two full days/week of service and commit to a monthly spiritual reflection program in the Jesuit tradition. IVC works with nonprofits in the Boston/Worcester/Providence areas that address problems of homelessness, education, immigration and more. Get info and application by contacting regional director **Dave Hinchen @ new-england@ivcusa.org**, or check out the IVC New England website @ www.ivcusa.org/new-england

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Weekend in-person Spiritual Retreat
November 5-7, 2021
Miramar Retreat Center, Duxbury, MA

For more information or to register,
Call Diane at 800-919-9332
or go to www.emfgp.org

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS and LECTORS

Hello and THANK YOU for volunteering to serve St. Mary Parish as a Eucharistic Minister and/or Lector after September 12th. The COVID pandemic shut everything down pretty quickly. Our transition back is much slower and is continued to be done in stages. The next stage begins in mid September.

ALL Eucharistic Ministers and/or Lectors are invited to attend a mandatory meeting/training on Tuesday, September 7th at 7 PM in the upstairs church. The purpose of this meeting is to train everyone on the new procedures which will start the weekend of September 18 and 19. We will all hear from Fr. Brian and get to meet Leo who is the new Pastoral Associate here at St. Mary Parish. The meeting should last no longer than one hour.

Please bring your driver's license with you to that meeting as CORI forms will be there to complete.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

THANK YOU again for volunteering ... see you in church!

Come Join the Book Club on the First Thursday of the Month.
September's book is
Ove
by Frederick Backman
The Book Club will meet in the Conference Room from 7:00-8:00pm.
Contact Joan McGuire if you would like to join us
1-508-528-3789.

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Powerful Pro-Life Prayer Launch
Saturday, September 18th, 2021
6:00 PM Mass with Fr. Michael McNamara
St. Catherine of Siena Church
547 Washington St.
Norwood, MA
7:00 PM Speaker
North American Campaign Director
Steve Karlen

After volunteering to lead the campaign in Madison, Wisconsin, Steve successfully led the fight against opening a late-term abortion center on the campus of his alma mater, the University of Wisconsin. He tells the story in his book, "This is When We Begin to Fight".

Coffee will follow. There is NO charge for this event. All are welcome.
www.40daysforlife.com/boston

Parking is available on the street, in the town lot opposite the side door of church on Nahatan St. (handicap ramp door), and in the school yard, which can be accessed from Railroad Ave, just up from the corner of Washington Street.

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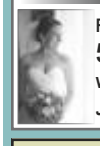
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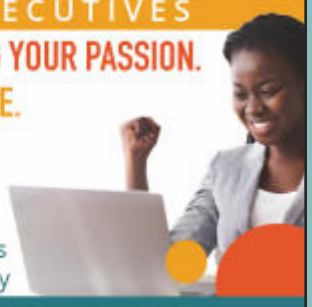

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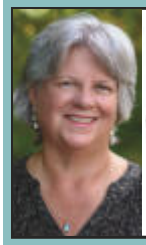
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