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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 and in-person learning

Confirmation Preparation
(Confirmation 1 + Confirmation 2)
Guided independent, remote and in-person learning

Programs run from September—April

Adults

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

Pastoral Reflections

The prophecy of Jeremiah found in the first reading was selected because it provides an initial insight into our Gospel passage. Clearly God's compassion, described in the first reading prepares us to learn about the compassion of Jesus for the blind, desperate Bartimaeus.

From the first reading we realize that people who are bound and captured and also exiled in a strange land always pay close attention to their captors and oppressors. They can sense the slightest nuance of change, and now in this passage they can sense change. They know that their captors are now threatened by others and are becoming weaker. The once powerful Assyrians are losing their power as the Babylonians and Medes begin to overwhelm them. The Assyrians seem to be concluding that these exiled Jewish captives are not worth the time and effort and so they should send these foreigners back home.

This is good news for the Jews and Jeremiah tells them that this is the result of the work of God. The remnant of Israel is going home. Everyone now receives the fullest extent of God's compassion. This includes the lame and blind as well as the enduring but more vulnerable expectant mothers. All the Jews will be comforted and guided by the Lord. In fact, the road will be smoothed out; it will even pass by fresh brooks. Comfort and refreshment are the order of the day. And thus in this passage the father of Israel speaks to Ephraim, Israel's first-born.

And as we see in the Gospel, something is circling above the head of Bartimaeus. We know that his other senses compensate for his lack of sight. He hears and feels and smells on a higher level than a sighted person. What is special is that this very day Jesus of Nazareth and his disciples and a sizeable crowd move out of Jericho into the open country and are going by him.

Bartimaeus comes to understand that this is his moment and he needs to make the most out of it. So Bartimaeus shouts out the name of Jesus, even adding a title to his name. The people are very embarrassed and do their best to get him to keep still. The opposite happens and he shouts all the louder. In the end, Jesus hears him and asks that Bartimaeus be brought near. Jesus then talks to him. Note that Jesus did not presume to know what Bartimaeus really wanted. What this blind man wanted was sight, and what he brought to this very moment is his firm, noisy faith.

We discover that inner-seeing faith saved Bartimaeus. Indeed that faith brought the sunlit world into the eyes of a blind man. This true inner vision made possible the first sight Bartimaeus ever had. And this now once blind man saw Jesus, the Son of David, the Rabbi, his Savior, the true object of his faith. With this new found sight Bartimaeus then followed Jesus up the road.

The contrast and interplay of sight and insight, of vision and faith, can always hold our imagination. We can conclude that when we begin in faith, the world reveals gifts that might otherwise be hidden. We are much like Bartimaeus, when we begin in faith, and then we see, really see. Faith comes before seeing. Indeed faith comes before understanding. If we begin by believing, we can then ask ourselves how this faith sheds light on the meaning of our everyday life.

Fr. Brian

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 23
4:00pm
Sunday, October 24
7:30am John Duly—Memorial
10:30am Francis Ribao—Memorial
12:00pm Michael, Barbara, and Janet Corrao—Memorial
Monday, October 25
7:00am
Friday, October 29
7:00am Pearl Low—6th Anniversary
Saturday, October 30
4:00pm John R. Ober
Sunday, October 31
7:30am In Loving Memory—Heather Varnum
10:30am Linda Koplin and Matthew Masnik—Memorial
12:00pm Dino Tonelli—Memorial

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Donation totals for October 17, 2021
$ 11, 806.91
Church Collection … $ 5,620.28
Envelope donation total … $ 1,905.00
Online Giving total … $ 4,281.63
Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

Grand Annual $ 58,747.00 39%

SVDP reminder of Food Resources for Franklin Residents
Information as of 9/22/2021

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

YMCA: "Drive up Groceries"
Nonperishable food Wednesday 1PM to 2PM
Expanded time for Senior Citizens 12:30-1:00 pm
Some Delivery available—Need to sign up 508-528-8708.

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.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

On Saturday, **November 6 at 4pm** we will celebrate a **Mass of Remembrance** for those who have gone before us in this past year. Please plan to attend and invite your

Readings for the week of October 24, 2021
Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34 ©LP

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) is a ministry of encouragement and enrichment for women of all ages who seek to deepen their faith and grow in relationship with God and one another. **Please join us Wed. October 27th, 10:00 to 11:15 am, for the fourth session of our six- week Fall Virtual Season "Uncovering Hidden Treasure, Understanding Catholic Social Teaching."** Our featured speaker will be Leo Racine, Pastoral Associate at St. Mary's Parish in Franklin. Leo will speak on "Justice and Peace: Opening the Door to *Fratelli Tutti*." "Fraternity and social friendship are the ways Pope Francis indicates to build a better, more just and peaceful world, with the contribution of all." **Once you register, you will automatically be sent the Zoom link prior to each weekly session**. For additional information about the WINGS ministry, please call Jen Schiller at 617-852-9632. To register for WINGS, email stmaryswings-secretary@gmail.com

Come Join the Book Club on the First Thursday of the Month. November's book is The Awakening of Miss Primby by Natalia Sanmartin 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.

St. Vincent de Paul October 2021 Food Pantry Needs

Thank you to all who consistently help to stock our food pantry. Every week SVdP members distribute bags of food, cleaning products and paper goods to our neighbors in need.

This month there are a few items that we need to be restocked in our pantry. These items are **canned green beans, whole kernel corn, carrots, crackers, cereal and paper towels.** Items may be left in the boxes at the doors of the church throughout the month of October.

Through your donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you also give "*God's mercy to your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened.*"
Thank you for helping us to work together to make a difference in our parish and community!

"A person is a person no matter how small."
Dr. Seuss

The Respect Life Commission is running a sock drive for local homeless shelters. We are asking that you please donate a new pair of socks for those less fortunate. Socks will be collected on Saturday, 11/20 and Sunday, 11/21 in the upstairs entrance way before or after Mass. Thank you for your support and consideration!

CYO In The News

Registration is now open for Boys and Girls ages 5-12 for CYO Basketball. (Dec-Mar)

To register please visit our CYO website: http://www.stmarysfranklincyobasketball.com/.

We are looking for qualified coaches in several grades. If you are interested in coaching please reach out to Dave Benoit @ davebenoit76@gmail.com

For more information on our program including eligibility requirements please visit our website at www.stmarysfranklincyobasketball.com

Note to High School Players

High School players must attend CYO tryout(s) in order to be considered for a CYO team. If you are trying out for your HS team and want to be considered for a CYO team (should you not make your HS team) then you MUST attend tryout(s). Only individuals who have attended tryout(s) will be considered for CYO teams. No exceptions.

Should anyone have questions please contact Dave Benoit @ davebenoit76@gmail.com

St. Mary's Catholic Women's Bake Sale - October 23rd & 24th

Please stop by the lower meeting hall after the 4:30 PM, 7:30 am, and 10:30 am masses to purchase some delicious bakes goods! Proceeds go to the Catholic Women's Club scholarship fund.

Praying the Rosary starts a second year. Consider joining Deacon Guy and 15-20 others in praying the Rosary on Zoom each Monday evening at 7:00pm. A different Mystery each prayed week. This 20 minutes provides a quiet and reflective opportunity during these turbulent times to pray in the comfort of your home but with a community of faith praying with you. For more information connect to the Rosary web page. All are welcome!

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 Club 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 from our friends and family, I am hopeful that the 2021-2022 season 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.

The Women's Faith Formation will be starting its 4th year this month. We are extending an invitation to each of you to join us. Normally during the year we meet via Zoom on the second Saturday of each month from 9:30-10:30AM. Our meeting format begins with a welcome and opening prayer, then we watch a select video, have a small group discussion about it, ending with closing comments and a closing prayer.

We will send out another meeting notice as the time gets closer which will include a Zoom link for those who might feel more comfortable attending virtually. Either way you join us – we are glad you are there. *All women are welcome.* https://www.stmarysfranklin.org/womens-faith-formation

The St. Mary's Men's Faith Formation group will be starting our monthly meetings again. Our first meeting of the year will be held October 16th from 8:30 - 9:30 am virtually via Zoom.

Please email Deacon Guy (deaconguy@stmarysfranklin.org) if you are interested in the Zoom link contact information. Either way you join us – we are glad you are there. All Men are welcome. https://www.stmarysfranklin.org/mens-faith-formation

2021 St Mary's SVDP Caring Tree Heads-Up

St. Vincent DePaul Society is once again sponsoring the Christmas Caring Tree program. Just like last year due to COVID we will need to provide Gift Cards in lieu of gifts. Thanks to your generosity we were able to help over 243 Franklin families last year. Newly donated gift cards this year will be mailed to each of our neighbors in time for them to purchase Christmas gifts for their families. Further details will follow the first week of November. Thank you for your continued support of our Franklin neighbors in need.

Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents Whose Children of any Age Have Died by Any Cause, No Matter How Long Ago.

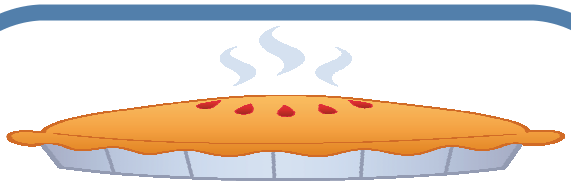
Weekend in-person Spiritual Retreat
November 5-7, 2021
Miramar Retreat Center, Duxbury, MA

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

De Colores!

St. Mary's Parish, 420 High St, Dedham will be hosting an **ULTREYA** evening on **Tuesday, October 26th, 2021 at 7:00 PM.** The night will begin with **Mass** followed by a **4th Day talk** and discussion**. Please join us and bring a friend!**

"For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20



4th Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale –Knights . Why bake when the Knights, Franklin can do it for you?

The Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council 1847, will be running their **4thAnnual Thanksgiving Pie Sale. Pie sales begin November 1 and run thru November 14**. Go to our website, ww.KofC1847.org or FACEBOOK Page to order online. **We will be handing out order forms after all masses November 6,7 and in be in the back of church after all the masses November 13,14 to take your orders** We accept cash, check or credit card. The price for each pie is the same as last year **$15.00**. All pies are made fresh and baked at **Mann's Orchards and Bakery.** The flavors will remain the same as previous years -**Apple, Pecan, Pumpkin and Blueberry.**

As in years past you will have the opportunity to purchase a pie or two that will be donated to **Franklin Senior Center**. These donated pies will be donated to the seniors in our community so they will have them for their Thanksgiving Day celebration.

ALL orders will be ready for **Pick Upon Tuesday, 11/23/2021**from **3pm –6pm** at the **CCD Offices at the old St. Mary's Franklin Parish Hall Center (the Old Annex) on the 1stfloor.** If you have any questions please contact Jim Lane at 774-571-9804 or Mike Swan 508-404-4792.

Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council 1847, Franklin, MA 02038.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

All couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversaries in 2020-21 are invited to join Cardinal Seán O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. on Sunday, **November 7at 2:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston. The Mass** includes a vow renewal and special blessing by the Cardinal. Couples can register at https://www.bostoncatholic.org/familylife/anniversary-mass. For more information, please contact Emily Elliott in Family Life Ministry at Emily_Elliott@rcab.org

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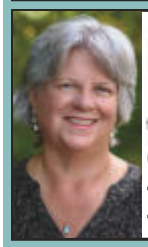

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