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**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:28, 33

“Porque, ¿quién de ustedes, si quiere construir una torre, no se pone primero a calcular el costo, para ver si tiene con qué terminarla?”

Así pues, cualquiera de ustedes que no renuncie a todos sus bienes, no puede ser mi discípulo”. - Lc 14, 28. 33

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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](mailto:parishpublishing@stmarysfranklin.org). We will send you a Welcome Package that will help you register

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**Mass Schedule**

**Weekend Masses: Saturday: 4:00 Sunday: 7:30 and 10:30**

**Daily: Monday-Friday: 7:00am**

**Confession : Saturday: 8:00am**

**SACRAMENTS**

- Baptism:** By appointment only. Consult our website: [stmarysfranklin.org](http://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 larger message of this weekend's readings is that we probably need to look at life differently than we do and that we should change or adjust our point of view. For what we see has to do with where we stand in the sense of what we can see. Too close, we see too little, and too far, we miss the details; we need to change our mental point of view as according to this weekend's scripture. In many ways, we only see things from our own point of view. We are being invited this weekend to look at things from God's point of view, or at least to incorporate part of this view into our own.

With this theme of looking at how we see things, aka our point of view, it makes sense that the Old Testament reading contrasts human wisdom with divine. We learn that our human wisdom is narrowed and focused by our limitations and that God's wisdom knows no limits. The wisdom of God is bigger and deeper than our own. The readings tell us that we struggle just to get a sense of the things of earth and cannot even begin to understand the mind of God. The reading reminds us that even the wisest person knows so very little. Sad to say the wisest person is the one who knows that he or she does not know.

The second reading finds Paul sending back a runaway slave, Onesimus by name, to his owner, Philemon. Although this letter of Paul instructs Philemon to treat Onesimus as equal as he is a Christian now, the letter fails to address the immorality of slavery. Sadly this evil of slavery was not addressed by the earliest of Christians and only happened much later. It is too bad that Paul did not demand a true new social order with the elimination of slavery where everyone is truly free in Christ. We must accept that throughout the history of Christianity, even from the beginning, some of our social and moral values needed to change radically. The earthly Kingdom of God is a work in progress. About one hundred years ago, women were property of husbands, and even now women have not attained their rightful dignity and role in life. Our Church and each one of us must work and grow to help make this Earthly Kingdom a better reflection of the Heavenly Kingdom.

In our Gospel passage the selection of these brief parables is meant to help us understand what it takes to be a follower of Jesus Christ. We are confronted and challenged to be a prudent person who thinks and plans ahead on how to be a follower of Christ. Pure impulsiveness is not the way to follow the Lord Jesus as we must "be prepared." We also learn that we must be prepared "to give all". Oftentimes we like to spare a free moment or an extra dollar for God or charity, but we are challenged to realize that following Jesus requires a more fundamental commitment. As the scripture indicates, we must calculate the cost and then decide if we will make the commitment. We need to follow the best thinking of God, not our own thinking. That is what it takes. When we allow God's thinking to enter our own thinking, then we can become a better followers and disciple of Jesus Christ.

*Fr. Brian*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, September 3**

4:00 pm Ed Theriault —Memorial

**Sunday, September 4**

7:30 am Deceased Members of the  
Denomme Family — Memorial  
10:30 am Ralph and Tosca Morelli, Samuel  
and Virginia Aiello —Memorial

**Monday, September 5**

7:00 am Bonnie O'Donnell— Memorial

**Tuesday, September 6**

7:00 am Peter D'Orazio and  
Louis D'Orazio, Sr.— Memorial

**Wednesday, September 7**

7:00 am Bill and Mary Ann Kennally—  
Memorial

**Thursday, September 8**

7:00 am Eoin (Owen Coughlan—Memorial

**Friday, September 9**

7:00 am Francis Fraumeni—  
21 Year Anniversary

**Saturday, September 10**

4:00 pm Mary Verna Kaufman —Memorial

**Sunday, September 11**

7:30 am Catherine and Randy McDonald —  
Memorial  
10:30 am Carissa (Langille) Saunders —  
Memorial  
12:00pm Terry Conroy-1st Anniversary

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Donation totals for August 29, 2022

\$ 8,825.44

Church Collection ... \$ 3,956.81

Online Giving total ... \$ 4,868.63

*Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.*



**The Noon Mass on Sundays will begin on  
Sunday, September 11th ,  
the weekend after Labor Day**



In addition to parishioners' intentions, the Respect Life Commission's intention is for all teachers and students going to school that they may find safety in their learning environment.

**The Parish Office will be closed  
Monday, September 5th  
in observance of Labor Day  
The office will open again on  
Tuesday, September 6th at 9:00am.**

**Readings for the week of September 4, 2022**

**Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

**Next Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-1

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**SVDP reminder of Food Resources  
for Franklin Residents**

Information as of 11/1/2021

**Franklin Food Pantry New hours as of October  
18, 2021**

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, 5:30 -6:30 pm –  
Curbside Pickup No appointment needed

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: Indoor shopping: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Appointment Required

Friday: Indoor shopping: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Appointment

Required \*No walk-ins. \*No curbside distribution

**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.

**St. Vincent de Paul**



**SEPTEMBER NEEDS**

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 donors are reading the bulletin and checking the donation baskets 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.

The current needs of the pantry are:

**Apple juice**

**Cranberry juice**

**Complete pancake mix**

**Maple syrup**

**Toilet paper**

**Paper towels**

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.

**Zoom Rosary enters a 3<sup>rd</sup> year!  
You are invited to join us.**

Please consider joining Deacon Guy and approximately 25 others in praying the Rosary each Monday night at 7:00pm via Zoom link. We pray a different Mystery each week. We also include remembering the requested intentions of those present. All information on the Mystery for each Monday and Zoom link can be found on the St Mary Parish [Rosary web page](#). Please consider joining us in praying the Rosary.

**All are Welcome!**

**The Mass Intentions book for the year 2023 will  
be available on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.**

*Protecting God's Children® for Adults* is a program designed to assist members of the Catholic community in creating safe environments for our children and vulnerable adults. This program, which consists of videos, group discussion and specific safety recommendations, is open to all St. Mary's parishioners and is mandatory for many of our parish ministers. *Protecting God's Children® for Adults* will be offered on Tuesday, September 6 from 7-9 PM and on Sunday, September 11 from 2-4 PM in the Parish Pastoral Center (school). You need only attend one session to benefit from the program. Please call Leo Racine, Pastoral Associate, at the parish office (508-528-0020) or email him at [pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org](mailto:pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org) for more information or to register.

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions**

For the abolition of the death penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.



### LOCAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1847, RECEIVES TOP AWARD

Franklin, **Sacred Heart Council #1847 Knights of Columbus** has received the distinction of **Star Council**, the international organization's top award for local councils. The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith formation programs and service-oriented activities.

This past year, the local council supported St. Mary Parish and the community by holding blood drives, raising money for the poor and in need, and supporting Faith Formation programs at the local and national levels. Also, the local council holds an annual Tootsie Roll drive which benefits children with intellectual disabilities. The most anticipated event of the year for the council and St. Mary's parish is the Thanksgiving Pie Event which also benefits the local senior center.

For information on joining the Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council contact Grand Knight Mike Swan at [mbswan59@gmail.com](mailto:mbswan59@gmail.com) or 508-404-4792, or the Membership Chairman Phillip Prescott at [prescottpw@yahoo.com](mailto:prescottpw@yahoo.com) or 508-930-4588

### 41st Annual Lawn Party to benefit Seminarians

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston is hosting its 41st Annual Lawn Party on Wednesday, September 28th, at 6:00 P.M, on the grounds of the seminary. This premiere fundraising event is hosted by His Eminence, Seán Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap. The evening will include a reception and dinner with music. Located on Route 30 in Weston, the Seminary prepares second career candidates, men over the age of 30, for priesthood. The proceeds from the Lawn Party help to keep tuition costs affordable. For ticket information, please call the Pope St. John XXIII Development Office at 781-899-5500, or visit their website [www.psjns.edu](http://www.psjns.edu). You can make a difference and encourage the vocations of these men through your support of the Lawn Party.



The **Legion of Mary** is an Association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the leadership of Mary Immaculate have formed themselves into a legion of service. Our works include leading the Rosary at facilities in Franklin, visiting and praying with the sick and homebound.

We meet in the Olive Branch Room at St. Mary's on Mondays at 1:00pm. We welcome new members. For more information call Ann Regan at 508-528-2709.

The **Catholic Women's Club's** will hold our first meeting of the 2022 - 2023 year on Sept 15th at 7 pm. We will begin with Mass in the Chapel, followed by an ice cream social in the Church Hall. We look forward to seeing our returning members and hope to welcome some new attendees. All women are invited to attend.

### Welcoming New Members in 2022

Are you looking for a new way to get involved in your church community in 2022? The **St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul** is always welcoming new members. If you are interested in growing spiritually through helping others, we would certainly love to hear from you. The St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul is quietly at work in the community. Our mission is to support and assist any person in need living in Franklin. Through the generosity of our parishioners, we provide Neighbors in need with financial help, food, and resources to assist them.

If you are interested, please call us at 508-918-2291 and leave a message and someone will be in touch with you. Come join us and get involved! You will find the work to be tremendously rewarding!

**SVdP Annual Fund Raiser**

**October 15, 2022**

**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 <https://www.fopwalk.org/eventlisting/eventdetail/?eventid=2750>

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



***Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents***

A Catholic ministry for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. Please join us. All are welcome.

**Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents  
Archdiocese of Boston  
Pastoral Center, Braintree, MA  
One-Day Spiritual Retreat  
October 15, 2022**

For more information on this and other retreat times and locations, call (800) 919-9332  
Or visit [www.emfgp.org](http://www.emfgp.org)

The Franklin/Bellingham Meals On Wheels program is desperately seeking volunteer drivers. You can volunteer from as little as one day per month to multiple days each week please call 508-520-1422 or email [swalsh@tves.org](mailto:swalsh@tves.org) for more information on this volunteer opportunity. Meals would be picked up at United Methodist Church in Franklin Center and delivered to 10 to 12 seniors in either Franklin or Bellingham area; the entire route would take less than two hours to be completed. Please consider joining us today.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) New England is interviewing applicants now for fall openings. IVC Service Corps Members combine direct service opportunities at local non-profits serving those in need in our communities with monthly spiritual reflection in the Jesuit tradition. Volunteers, 50 years of age and better, serve two full days/week from September through June. For more information and an application, contact IVC New England Director Dave Hinchin at [dhinchin@ivcusa.org](mailto:dhinchin@ivcusa.org).



**WE WELCOME**

Daniel Elliot Chow, Henry Asher Comoletti, Maryellen Delaney, Isla Rae Guarino, Callan John Higgins, Madison Rose Kalman, Arthur Wayne Mavrides, Calvin George O'Donnell, Casey Francis O'Donnell, Alexander Jude Pitts, Gavin Nicholas Ryan, Ava Melo Sena, and Ellory May Wright who received the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Mary in August. May the Lord watch over them always

The Catholic Church, along with the world-wide ecumenical community, began its annual celebration of the *Season of Creation* this past Thursday, September 1 (World Day of Prayer for Creation). The theme for this year's celebration, which runs until October 4 (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi), is "Listen to the Voice of Creation" and the symbol/logo for the season is the burning bush (Exodus 3:1-12). During this season, we are reminded of our call to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Visit the website for the Season (<https://seasonofcreation.org/>) and view the launching video as well as download the Celebration Guide.

**Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass (11/6)**  
All couples celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries are invited to join Cardinal Seán O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. on Sunday, November 6 at 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 [bit.ly/AnniversaryMass2022](http://bit.ly/AnniversaryMass2022).  
For more information, please email [Emily\\_Elliott@rcab.org](mailto:Emily_Elliott@rcab.org).