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St. Vincent de Paul Society 508-918-2291

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Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'" - Lk 16:31

Abraham repuso: 'Si no escuchan a Moisés y a los profetas, no harán caso, ni aunque resucite un muerto' ". - Lc 16, 31

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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

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 Mass Schedule

 Weekend Masses:
 Saturday: 4:00
 Sunday: 7:30, 10:30, and Noon

 Daily:
 Monday-Friday: 7:00am

 Confession :
 Saturday: 8:00am

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

Our scripture of this weekend is about "ownership"; owning what we do and being responsible for our actions. In our culture of today, most folks always seem to be able to find someone else or some other institution to be responsible. We only claim ownership if we are successful and famous. We do not get concerned at all about being responsible and decent people on a daily basis.

In our Old Testament reading, we learn that Amos is distraught about the complacent irresponsibility and indifference of both the wealthy and affluent. The prophet issues a warning to the rich of their imminent catastrophe and possible sudden reversal in fortune. Ironically all the excessive gifts in which they have wallowed in unrestrained style will become the means of their end. They are all about "me" which will place them far down the road to doom and alienation

The Gospel story has two locations: this world and the next. The start of the story is here and now, and then the story ends in the hereafter. Notice that the main character's positions are flipped at the end. In the end, Lazarus does not stay outside at the gate for he is now in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man who had been at a great banquet table is at the end outside yearning for anything that would help him. This is all quite the reversal.

The intent of both the first reading and the Gospel reading is to wake us up to life. We are to recognize by this scripture that the end times are coming for each one of us at some point and we need to live lives of responsibility and faith.

Do you wonder why was the rich man punished so severely? Why is this wonderful and hospitable Abraham all of a sudden so strict? The Gospel does not tell us that the rich man was responsible for Abraham's poverty and suffering, or in fact that he even knew Abraham was suffering in dire circumstances. The rich man is not punished because of some act he did or failed to do; rather he is punished because the suffering of Abraham never even occurred to him as even a possibility. This man could only see all about himself and his fine life; he failed to recognize that he needed to take responsibility for his gifts and treasures and share them with others in need. He needed to look beyond his well-being to the well-being of other people because his wealth and comfort were not meant to be only about himself.

In our first reading and the Gospel, we learn that we are being invited by God to share our gifts. We cannot be complacent simply because we have enough and fail to see that others do not. Whatever we have in our lives from our work and effort, we must make sure to generously share this all with others.

Fr. Brian

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 24		
4:00 pm	Pearce "Pat" Murphy and Terri	
-	Johnson — Memorial	
Sunday, September 25		
7 : 30 am	Pietro Ferrara — Memorial	
10:30 am	Ned and Clare Keefe — Memorial	
12:00pm	In Memory of Frank McCarthy	
Monday, September 26		
7: 00 am	Antonio Pereria — Memorial	
Friday, September 30		
7: 00 am	Thomas Thibeault — Memorial	
Saturday, October 1		
4 : 00 pm	Patricia Currul — Memorial	
Sunday, October 2		
7 : 30 am	John and Maria Deponte —	
	Memorial	
10:30 am	Richard Prindeville —	
	20th Anniversary	
12:00pm	Bronislaus E. Szkudlarek—	
-	Memorial	

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.

Readings for the week of September 25, 2022

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.



The Mass Intentions for the year 2023 are now available on-line. If you are unable to go online, please contact the office at 508-528-0020.

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.

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31 Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50 Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62 Thursday: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

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SVDP reminder of Food Resources for Franklin Residents Information as of 9/1/2022

Franklin Food Pantry

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

<u>YMCA:</u> "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.

<u>Meals on Wheels</u> for seniors and homebound Call 800-286-6640

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

Zoom Rosary enters a 3rd 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 <u>Rosary web page</u>. Please consider joining us in praying the Rosary. All are Welcome!

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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 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.

The Women's Faith Formation group is please to announce that we will be viewing the Symbolon series: "The Catholic Faith Explained" by Dr. Edward Sri. This series from the Augustine Institute consists of ten videos on a variety of topics. We will view one 1/2 hour video each session and allow time for discussion and sharing. Our meetings will be via Zoom and are on a new night - the second Wednesday of the month from 7 - 8 pm. Please visit our web page (https://www.stmarysfranklin.org/womens-faith-

<u>formation</u>) for further information and to access the Zoom link. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 12th. All women are welcome to attend!

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

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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 <u>mbswan59@gmail.com</u> or 508-404-4792, or the Membership Chairman Phillip Prescott at <u>prescottpw@yahoo.com</u> 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.psjs.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.

Adult Choir: The St. Mary Parish Adult Choir will soon begin their Choral Season for 2022 - 2023!! Our first rehearsal will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2022 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 2, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

As the choir returns from their summer 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 22nd and check it out.

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!

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Catholic Church, along with the world-wide ecumenical community, annually celebrates the *Season of Creation* from September 1 to October 4 . Here's another video resource to help you put this year's *Season of Creation* in the context of care for the environment, as well as in its Christian context. The US Bishops, in collaboration with Catholic Relief Services (CRS), have developed a series of videos on Catholic Social Teaching. You can view the one on Care for God's Creation at <u>https://bit.ly/CSTCreation</u>.

1st Grand Annual collection is October 1st & 2nd. Our 1st Grand Annual Collection is coming soon. Every registered household will soon receive a Grand Annual Appeal letter and envelope in the mail. Despite the continued challenges of the Corona Virus Pandemic, the parishioners of Saint Mary's have generously supported our parish and courageously lived out the Gospel message in an uncertain world.

Our Sunday Eucharist is again flourishing, parishioners are active in ministry, and we look with hope to the future of our parish. Our finances, however, continue to be our greatest challenge. Our total operating income is still behind pre-Pandemic levels.

While we are making progress, our expenses are rising to meet the costs of staff positions and hours, necessary supplies and building maintenance and operation costs. Will you consider a special gift of \$500 or more? Our goal this year is to encourage all parishioners to take a "step-increase" in their Grand Annual Gift. This year we are asking you to consider a special gift of \$500 or more. This will allow us to reach our Grand Annual goal \$150,000.

The Grand Annual Collection will be taken up three times this year as has been our tradition. The first collection will be held on the weekend of October 2nd followed by additional collections on the weekends of November 6th and December 4th. Please return the Grand Annual envelope ated October 1/2 indicating your total gift and first payment. You may place this envelope in the Sunday Collection or return it to the parish by mail. We truly appreciate any assistance you can give and are counting on the many, you are able, to support this appeal.

> *Thank you for your support.* Consider making your gift stmarysfranklin.org

CYO In The News

Registration is now open for Boys and Girls in 5th -12th grade for CYO Basketball. (Dec-Mar) To register please visit our CYO website: <u>http:// www.stmarysfranklincyobasketball.com/</u>. 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 <u>www.stmarysfranklincyobasketball.com</u> <u>Note</u> 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



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



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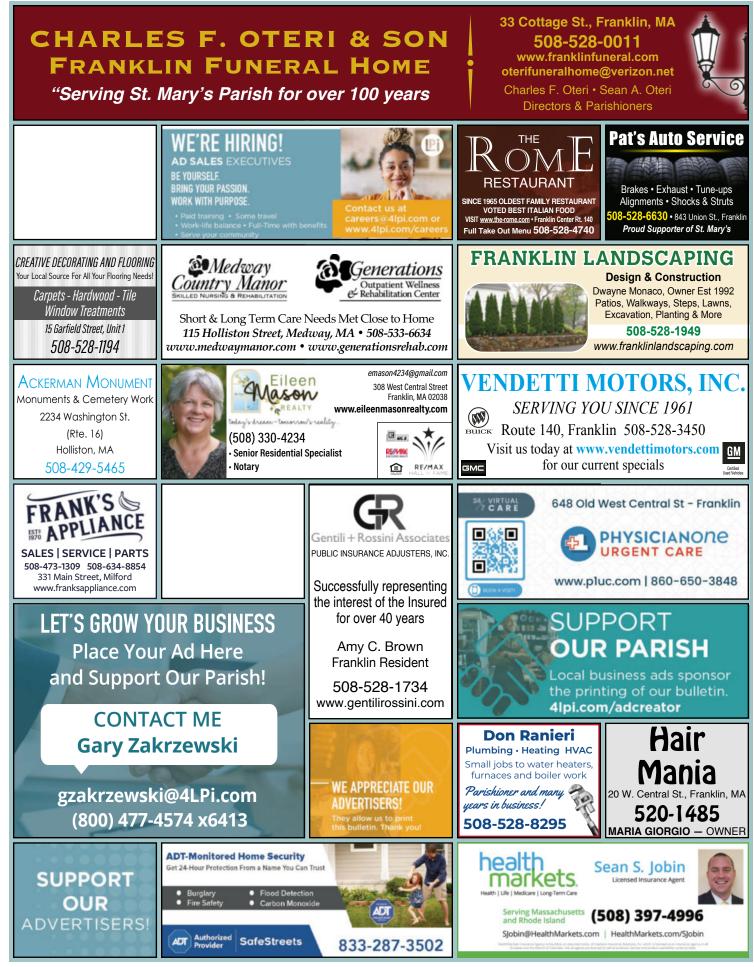
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