

Saint Mary Parish

Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:00 p.m.

Sunday

7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
12 Noon

Daily Masses

Monday-Friday
7:00 am

All weekend Masses are
Live Streamed at:

stmarysfranklin.org

Confession

Saturday: 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Emergency Anointing of the Sick

508-528-0020, #4

Rectory Hours

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
508-528-0020

St. Mary's Church Wi-Fi is:
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St. Vincent De Paul

Assistance
508-918-2291

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MARK 1:35



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 3

4:00 pm Norbert and Doris Beaulieu

Sunday, February 4

7:30am Susan McMullan

10:30am Scout Sunday

12:00 noon Rosemary Downey

Monday, February 5

7:00am Nicholas Penza

Tuesday, January 6

7:00am Jerry D'Angelo

Wednesday, January 7

7:00 am Denise Merullo

Thursday, February 8

7:00 am Joe Sousa

Friday, February 9

7:00 am Ken Girard

Saturday, February 10

4:00 pm C.J. Gibbons

Sunday, February 11

7:30am Joseph Merullo Jr.

10:30am Roland Jules Pruvot - 40th
W. Katherine Pruvot

12:00 noon William Kreckler

WEEKLY GIVING

Online Donation: \$ 4,989.62

Sunday Collection \$ 4,066.25

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\$ 10,608.87

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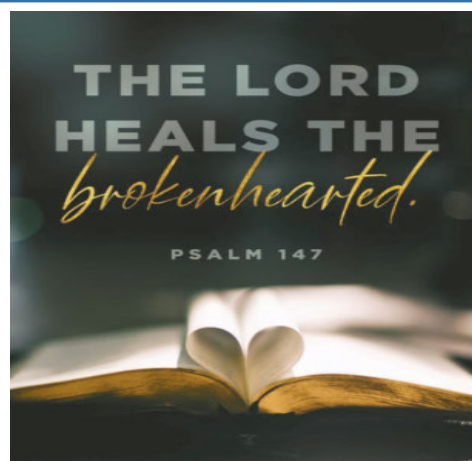
Online Donation \$ 525.00

\$ 853.00

Grand Annual (78%) \$137,981.33



Kinsley June Laliberte was Baptized on January 28th at St. Mary Parish by Deacon Ron. May God watch over her always.



READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of February 4, 2024

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45



Baptism

Baptisms are held on Sundays at 1:30pm. First time parents need to attend a Baptism Catechesis Class held by Deacon Ron via Zoom. Classes are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The next Zoom Baptismal class is on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 7-8pm. Contact Deacon Ron gerwat@verizon.net.

To schedule a Baptism, please email: Baptism@stmarysfranklin.org or call the office at 508-528-0020.

Penance

Penance/Confession is held each Saturday from 8 to 9 a.m. in the Chapel's Reconciliation Room 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. Please call the Parish office at 508-528-0020 to schedule the wedding and rehearsal date and to arrange a meeting with the priest in preparation for marriage.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you are interested in become a Catholic, please email Father Jack at jsullivan@stmarysfranklin.org

Sacrament to the Sick for the Homebound

Please call the rectory to speak to the Pastoral Associate 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.

Anointing of the Sick

If you or a loved one would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Offices at 508-528-0020. For after hours Emergency Anointing of the Sick please call 508-528-0020, option 4. Please do not leave messages on this line.

Become a Parishioner of St. Mary Parish

Register Online at stmarysfranklin.org or call the Rectory at 508-528-0020.



Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday Services and Masses

All services in the Main Church

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

7:00am	Mass
12:15pm	Ash Wednesday Service
4:15pm	Ash Wednesday Service
7:00pm	Mass



Many Thanks!

A little bit of dignity... a little bit of love... is all some need to heal. -Dr. Jim O'Connell

St. Mary's Respect Life Committee thanks all parishioners who donated to the winter clothing drive for the Homeless in our area. You helped our neighbors in need this winter by donating **Socks, Gloves, Hat or a Warm Scarf!**

All donations will immediately be distributed to area shelters and other programs that serve the homeless, as the need is great.

Thank you for warming another's heart!

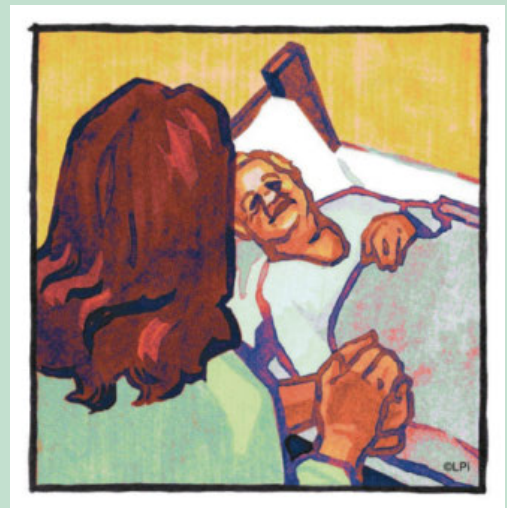
Everyday Stewardship

Sometimes we can feel like we are living the life of Job: everything is going wrong all at the same time. Everyone finds himself or herself in a valley once in awhile. How we got there is not nearly as important as how are we going to get out.

Everyday stewards are called to be grateful for all things, large and small. It is easier to be grateful for obvious things like family, health, and life itself, than it is to look for the ordinary gifts in our life. When we cultivate a sense of wonder and thankfulness for the many little things in life we find ourselves more resilient in times of trial. We can look out our window and see all those gifts in creation. We can look around our home and see all the things people take too easily for granted. Imagine life without some of the simplest things like clothing, warmth, water, and furniture. There are people in this world that long for all of those things. But God has given them for your benefit and for you to share with others.

Before Lent begins in a couple weeks, take the time to create a list of at least 10 things that you normally take for granted. Keep that list handy and maybe add to it from time-to-time. When life seems hard and that cloud seems to hang over our heads, bring out the list and let gratefulness lift you up and out of your plight so that once again you can be about your Father's work.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



National Marriage Week

The US Catholic Church celebrates **National Marriage Week** from February 7-14. The universal Church celebrates World Marriage Day on Sunday, February 11. Both of these occasions invite us to rejoice in the great gift of married life.



Married couples can find practical and spiritual support at the **For Your Marriage** website <https://www.foryourmarriage.org/> sponsored by the US Bishops. Included on the National Marriage Webpage is an at-home retreat for married couples, the goal of which is to examine the words that make up the sacrament of marriage as well as the experience of living them out, together.



St. Vincent De Paul Current Food Pantry Requests 508-918-2291

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all of the parishioners who have so generously donated to the SVdP Food Pantry. Donations from these lists help us to keep the pantry well stocked with many items for our neighbors in need.

Donations may be placed in the boxes at the doors of the church anytime during the month. The current needs of the pantry are:

Cereal
Canned Green Beans and Corn
Shampoo and Deodorant for Women
Men's Body Wash

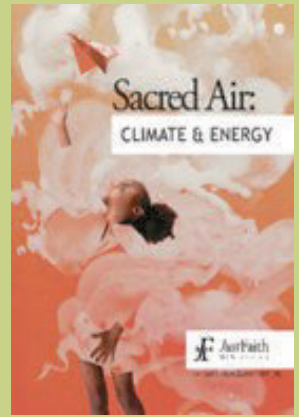
Thank you for joining us to serve those in our Community with the greatest needs. God Bless.



Sacred Air: Climate & Energy

How can I help to stop climate change?

Sacred Air: Climate & Energy is an eight-session JustFaith Ministries' small group program that explores the impact of the climate crisis on God's creation and God's people. As they learn and discuss tough topics such as air pollution and greenhouse gases, prayer and spiritual practices guide participants in noticing the breath of God that flows through them, granting them the life and energy to address the climate crisis with passion and resilience.



Our pastoral associate, Leo Racine, will be one of the facilitators for this engaging program which will be held via Zoom on Sunday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 beginning tonight on February 4, 2024. The program is free to St. Mary parishioners. Please contact Leo Racine at 508-528-0020 or pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org for more information and to begin the registration process.

Catholic Women's Club Communion Breakfast

St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club will hold their annual Communion Breakfast on Laetere Sunday, March 10, 2024 following the 10:30am Mass. Breakfast will be held at the "3" Restaurant, West Central Street, Franklin, MA.

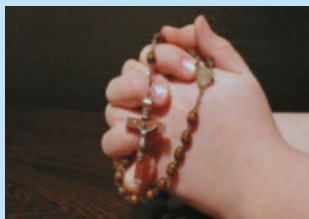
Our guest speaker will be St. Mary's pastor, Rev. Robert Poitras. If you plan to attend, the cost is \$30/pp. Please make out your check to "*St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club*" and mail it to:

Patricia Tomasetti,
3 Mackintosh Street,
Franklin, MA 02038.



Zoom Rosary

Monday nights at 7:00PM



Deacon Guy continues a Zoom Rosary every Monday night at 7:00pm. This is open to parishioners, family

& friends from all communities. The Zoom Rosary takes about 30 minutes and has a different Mystery each week.

There is no expectation of attendance or level of participation. You are welcome to join, relax, and just listen. *Link info* is on the Parish Web Site under *Parish Life and Prayer*. For more information contact Deacon Guy deaconguy@verizon.net.

LENT PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Lent is nearly here! Ash Wednesday is February 14 and reminds us that we belong to God and are called to be reconciled to him and to live in his ways.

During the six Wednesdays of Lent, (February 21 through March 27), St. Mary Parish will celebrate Evening Prayer, complete with the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for individual confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation). The Lenten Evening prayer will be held on Wednesdays beginning **February 21 through March 27, from 7:00 to 8:00PM in the Chapel.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at 7:00pm, followed by Evening Prayer.

Evening Prayer is one part of the *Liturgy of the Hours*, the Church's official daily prayers. It consists of psalms and canticles, prayers, petitions, a reading and songs and lasts about 20 minutes. Following this prayer, participants will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A simple Benediction just before 8:00 will complete the service. Please join us for some quiet, reflective time during this season of Lent.

Caretaker & Bereavement Support Groups

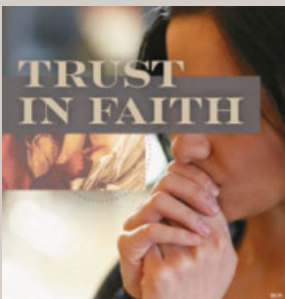
The Franklin Senior Center is offering a **Caretaker's Support Group** and **Pathways to Healing, Bereavement Group**. These groups are open to all ages, not just seniors.



The **Caretaker's Support Group** meets at 1pm on the 1st Thursday of each month. The first meeting will be held on February 1st at 1pm.

The **Pathways to Healing Bereavement Group** meets at 1pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. February meetings are 2/14 and 2/28 at 1pm.

Both groups are run by Trish Collatos, Health and Wellness Nurse at the Senior Center and Nan Rafter. The Franklin Senior Center is located at 10 Daniel McCahill St, Franklin, MA. For more information, please call Trish Collatos at the Senior Center at **508-520-4945** or pcollatos@franklin.ma.gov.



Women's Faith Formation

The St. Mary's Parish, Women's Faith Formation group will be holding our next meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, February 14th at 7pm. We plan to view a video from Bishop Barron

titled "*Three Habits to Get the Most Out of Lent.*" Discussion will follow.

If you either interested in attending or are not already on our email list, please email: womensfaithformation@google.com to receive the Zoom link. All women are welcome and encouraged to attend!

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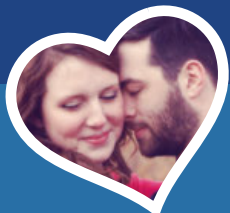
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