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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 10

4:00 pm C.J. Gibbons

Sunday, February 11

7:30am Joseph Merullo Jr.

10:30am Roland Jules Pruvot - 40th Anniv.
W. Katherine (Topsy) Pruvot

12:00 noon William Kreckler

Monday, February 12

7:00am Florence Fraumeni

Tuesday, February 13

7:00am Christine Fitzgerald

Wednesday, February 14

7:00am Ash Wednesday - No Intentions

Thursday, February 15

7:00 am Tony and Rita Merullo

Friday, February 16

7:00 am Rose & Joao Chavez

Saturday, February 17

4:00 pm Richard and Stephen Tomasetti

Sunday, February 18

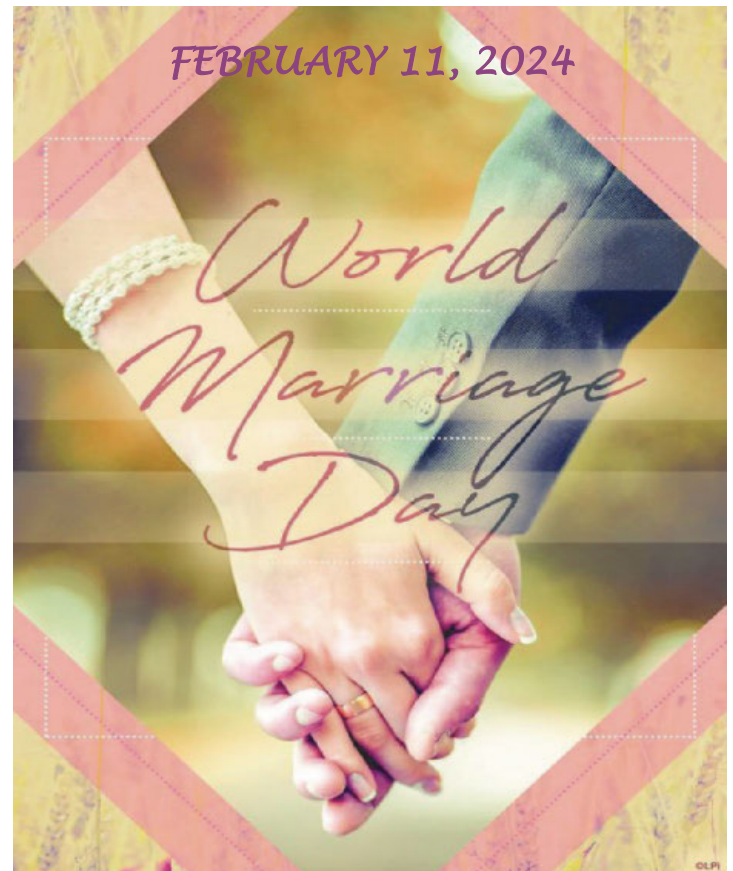
7:30am Tony Sbarra

10:30am Itala Taddeo

12:00 noon Rae Ann and Charles C. Donoghue



Nora Frances Leary and Guinevere Stephanie Psathas were Baptized on February 4th by Deacon Ron. May God watch over them always.



READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of February 11, 2024

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

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

- SACRAMENTS -



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, March 13, 2024 at 7-8pm. Contact Deacon Ron deaconron@stmarysfranklin.org.

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

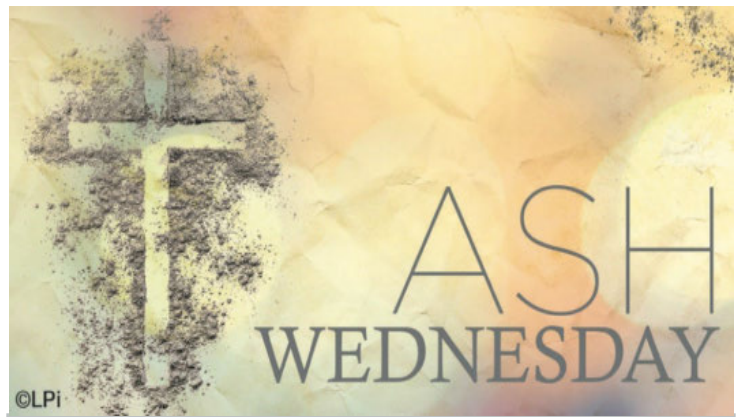
Please call the rectory to speak to the Pastoral Associate if you have a family member, friend, or neighbor who is unable to attend church due to age or infirmity. We will provide pastoral visits, with administration of the Sacraments.

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.



Ash Wednesday Services and Masses

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

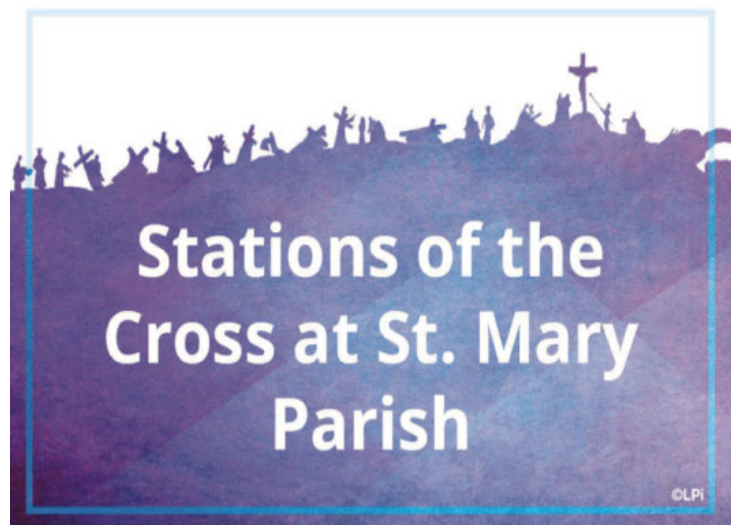
7:00am Mass

12:15pm Ash Wednesday Service

4:15pm Ash Wednesday Service

7:00pm Mass

All Services will be held in the Main Church



Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday during Lent, at 7pm in the Chapel beginning on February 16, 2024. Each week, a different parish organization will say the Stations.

Sin and Loneliness

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

When I was in high school, we read "The Metamorphosis" by Franz Kafka. It's a depressing little novella about a man who (spoiler alert!) turns into a cockroach and dies of neglect, his family gradually ceasing to recognize the creature he has become. "Never underestimate how badly human beings need touch," our teacher told us. "Without each other, we curl up and die."

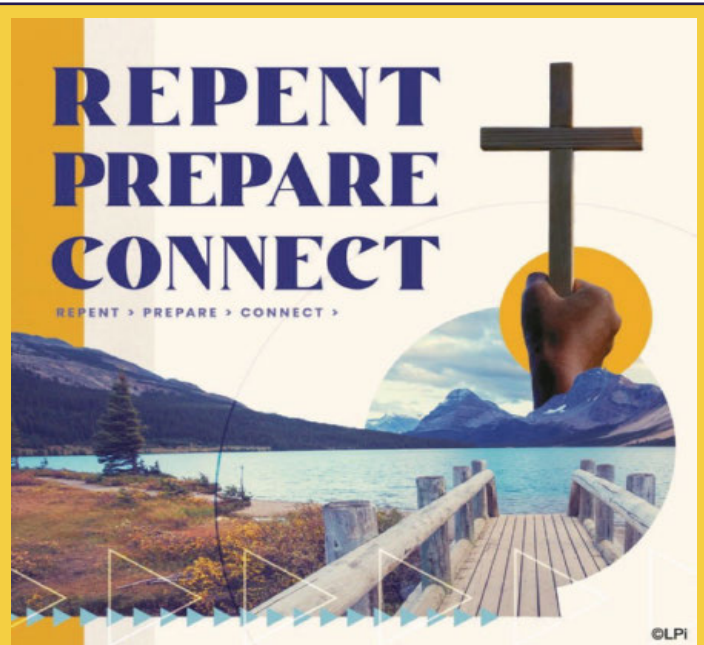
Our need for communion with each other is written into our biology — breathing and heart rate of newborns regulates when they lie against the skin of their mothers, and we instinctively reach out to embrace someone who has been wounded. But it is also written into our souls. Consider the early days of the pandemic, and the emotional starvation we all experienced, prevented from gathering in groups to worship, to celebrate and to mourn. And when we did encounter other people, we kept a mutual distance. "I feel like a leper," we grumbled to our families when we returned home, because we finally understood it: the real tragedy of leprosy is not pain and disfigurement. The real tragedy of leprosy is loneliness.

"If you wish, you can make me clean," begged the leper as he knelt before Christ (Mark 1:40). He wasn't begging for deliverance from pain and disfigurement. He was begging for deliverance from isolation.

"If you wish, you can make me clean," we beg God in confession, not because we are physically withering and dying but because we are so desperate to once again be held in His embrace. "Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.'" — Mark 1:41

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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. 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.



Bereavement & Caretaker 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 **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.

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.

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**.

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.



Women's Faith Formation

The 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. All women are welcome and encouraged to attend!

If you would like more information or are not already on our email list, please mail: womensfaithformation@google.com to receive the Zoom link.

Zoom Rosary

Every Monday Night 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.



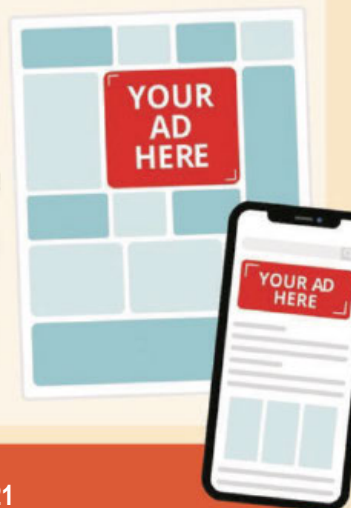
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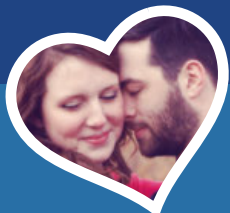
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