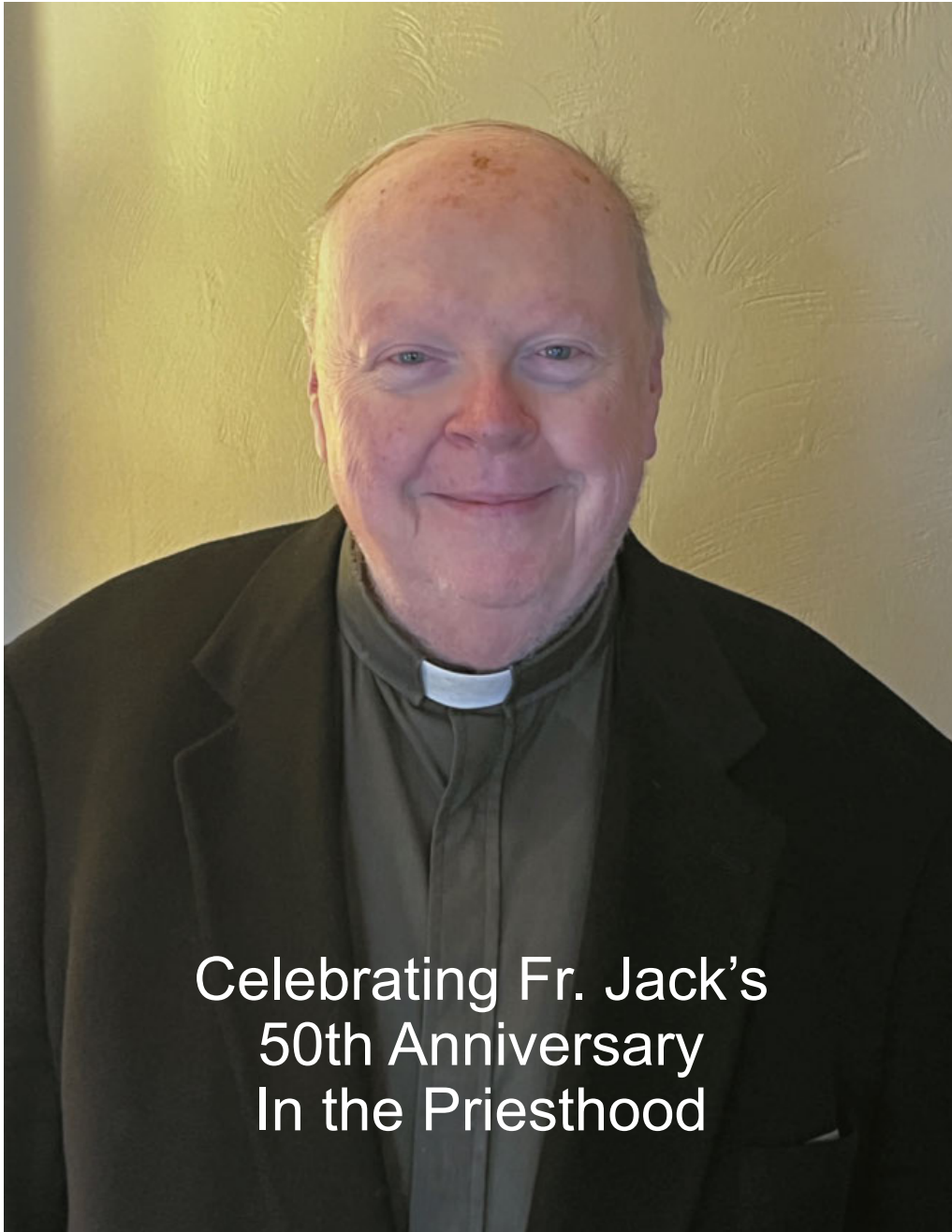


## Saint Mary Parish



**Celebrating Fr. Jack's  
50th Anniversary  
In the Priesthood**

### Mass Schedule

#### Saturday

4:00 p.m.

#### Sunday

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

#### Daily Masses

Monday-Friday

7:00 a.m.

All weekend Masses are  
Live Streamed at:

**stmarysfranklin.org**

#### Confession

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00a.m.

#### Emergency

#### Anointing of the Sick

508-528-0020, #4

#### Rectory Hours

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, May 18**

4:00 pm Allison Kane

**Sunday, May 19**

7:30am Nicholas Gaspar

10:30am John L. & Mary W. Sullivan, and all deceased members of the Sullivan and Healy family, especially Amy Lee & Dianne Maguire Sullivan

**Monday, May 20**

7:00am Frederick Mason

**Tuesday, May 21**

7:00am Albert and Mary Colonna

**Wednesday, May 22**

7:00am Jean Ivers

**Thursday, May 23**

7:00 am David Lombardi

**Friday, May 24**

7:00 am Antonio Pereira

**Saturday, May 25**

4:00 pm Mary Antoinette Cusson, 1st Anniversary and Paula Jo Willinski, 5th Anniversary

**Sunday, May 26**

7:30am Margaret Dias, Theresa Poles and Raymond Padula

10:30am Brian O’Friel

**LAST WEEK’S WEEKLY GIVING**

Offertory	\$ 4,963.01
Online	\$ 4,836.62
Drop Off	\$ <u>1,426.00</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,225.63</b>



Fr. Jack will observe his 50<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary of Ordination** by celebrating at the *10:30 A.M. Mass this Sunday, May 19*. There will be reception following the Mass in the Sacred Heart Hall to Congratulate Fr. Jack on his Anniversary. All are welcome to the reception.

Father Jack requests that all gifts be given to *St. Mary’s Parish Youth Ministry Fund*. You can donate **online** at **[www.stmarysfranklin.org](http://www.stmarysfranklin.org)**.

Other options are to place your donations with a notation for **“Youth Ministry Fund,”** in the collection baskets or mail/drop-off a check to the Rectory.



**READINGS THIS WEEK**

**Readings for the week of May 19, 2024**

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-2

## - 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, June 12, 2024 at 7-8pm. Contact Deacon Ron at gerwat@verizon.net

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

### Eucharist for the Homebound

Please call the rectory or email the Pastoral Associate (pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org) 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.

### 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

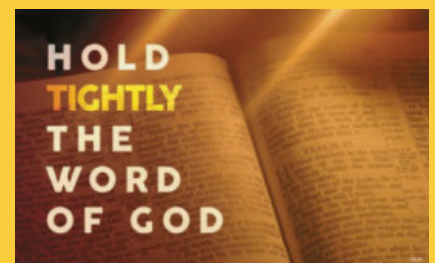
Register Online at stmarysfranklin.org or call the Rectory at 508-528-0020.



### Year of Prayer

This week, Pope Francis continues his teaching on the Psalms as prayer. In this teaching, the pope reminds us that *"the Psalter presents prayer as the fundamental reality of life,"* and the *"the scars of existence"* are present in the psalms.

Pope Francis says that prayer helps us to be fully human, as it references the transcendent, whom we proclaim to be God. And loving God, the pope tells us again, also means loving our brothers and sisters in the world. The Pope's teaching ends with the thought that the Psalms help us to keep from falling into the trap of living, or praying, *"as if God does not exist, and as if the poor do not exist."* To learn more go to <https://bit.ly/PFPrayer11>.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

When I was twenty-two years of age in August of 2000, I experienced World Youth Day in Rome. As for many of my generation, the event was life-changing for me. Surrounded by joyful, hope-filled young people from seemingly every nation and tongue, we were gathered around the Pope, sharing a common Faith and love. The Pope spoke to us of our shared family bond in the Church and invited us to give our lives in service to others. Now twenty-four years later, my life as a priest, like that of so many others from those special days, continues on that same path of love and unity — despite my many weaknesses. What makes that continuation possible?

This week's feast gives the answer: the Holy Spirit. The gift of God — His very life — the third person of the Trinity, is the Spirit who animates the entire Church and each member of it. He makes us one-in-love in a way that utterly exceeds human capacity. For example, he makes the apostles speak with tongues of fire, and everyone hears them in his own native tongue. The Holy Spirit is the means by which Jesus establishes a new family, one that crosses all possible boundaries of time, space, and culture. The Holy Spirit never tires in enthusing us for mission.

Aren't we longing to experience the Holy Spirit in a fresh way? Today we celebrate this untiring flame, once ignited on earth and burning still. So, we humbly cry out: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love!

Father John Muir

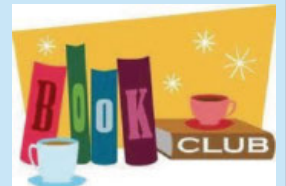
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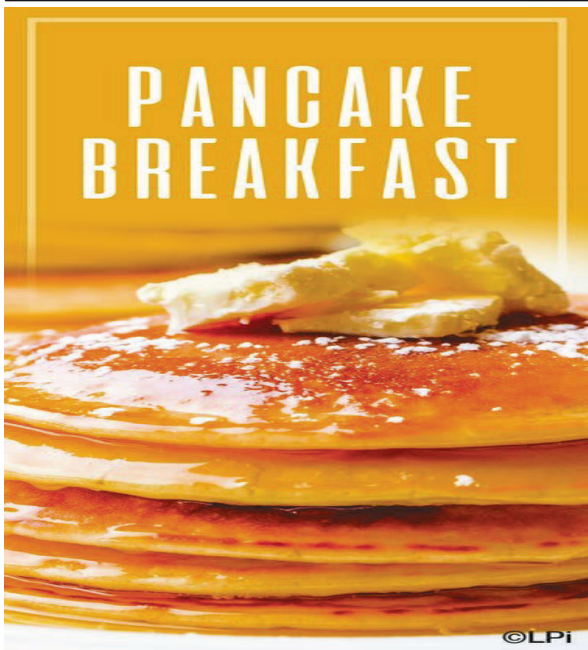


The Summer Mass Schedule is Saturday 4pm,  
Sunday 7:30 and 10:30am.

**Book Club**

St. Mary's Book club is getting ready to plan for next year's readings. The club meets the first Thursday of the Month: September thru June, from 6-7pm in the Olive Branch Room in the lower church. Members select casual-reading books that are available at the Franklin Library. If you are interested, come help us choose next year's books. Any questions, please call Joseph Ewald at: 508-298-2405.





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**Parish Pastoral Council Update**

Thank you to all who submitted nominations for the Parish Pastoral Council. Voting will be held on the weekend of June 8th and 9th. Election flyers with the candidate's information and picture will be in an upcoming bulletin and information boards with will be displayed with in the church.



**FHS EMPTY BOWLS CLUB FUNDRAISER**

Thursday, May 23, 2024  
6pm



**Become a Knight**

If you're interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

Our local council Sacred Heart Council #1847 will be holding a membership drive at all Masses the weekend of June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join, go to [www.KofC.org/joinus](http://www.KofC.org/joinus) and under "Local Information," enter our council #1847.

We are a very active organization, having attained the state's highest honor of Star Council two years running for outstanding achievement in membership, insurance, programming, and overall operations.

Tickets for the 9th Annual Empty Bowls Dinner to benefit the Franklin Food Pantry are on sale now! The event will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at the Franklin High School cafeteria from 6 to 8 pm. There will be a simple **dinner** of soup and bread, **music from FHS students**, a **ceramic bowl** for each attendee, a silent auction, and more. All proceeds from the event will support the Franklin Food Pantry.

Online tickets are \$22 for adults and \$12 for students/children 18 years old and younger. Prices for the day of the event are \$25/\$15. Please go to the Franklin Food Pantry website to purchase tickets: [franklinfoodpantry.org](http://franklinfoodpantry.org)

Show support for the community by becoming an Empty Bowls sponsor. Sponsorship opportunities start at \$250. For more information email Jen Johnson, [jjohnson@franklinfoodpantry.org](mailto:jjohnson@franklinfoodpantry.org).



### Basketball Free Throw Champion!

Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council 1847 wish to congratulate **Molly Flynn**, our Knights of Columbus STATE, 9 year old girls Free -Throw Basketball Champion.

Molly competed in the annual KofC basketball free -throw competition this year. She started her journey in the local event, moved to the Districts and Regionals before she faced off in the States and won!! We are all proud of this young lady's accomplishment. Congrats Molly watch out Kaitlin Clark !!!



### St. Vincent DePaul

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:

- Tissues
- Paper Towels
- Spaghetti / Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce

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



## Blood Drive!

St Mary's  
Catholic Church



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#1847**

**Saturday June 8, 2024**

**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Sacred Heart Hall**

Appointments Needed. Please sign-up *now* at [redcrossblood.org/give](http://redcrossblood.org/give) and search by Zip Code.



May is  
**Mental  
Health  
Month**

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. The national organization, **Mental Health America** (<https://mhanational.org/>) has developed a theme for this month, "Know Where to Start".

This organization provides many resources to help people be informed and take action to advocate for mental health causes. **Sanctuary Mental Health** (<https://sanctuarymentalhealth.org/>) is an international Christian organization that looks to "equip the church to support mental health and well-being." Their resources seek to "meaningfully engage the topics of faith and mental health". The **United States Bishops' Conference** has a webpage on its website devoted to mental health, <https://www.usccb.org/mental-health/>; there is a Novena for Mental Health on this site.

**The Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, dial 988.**



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