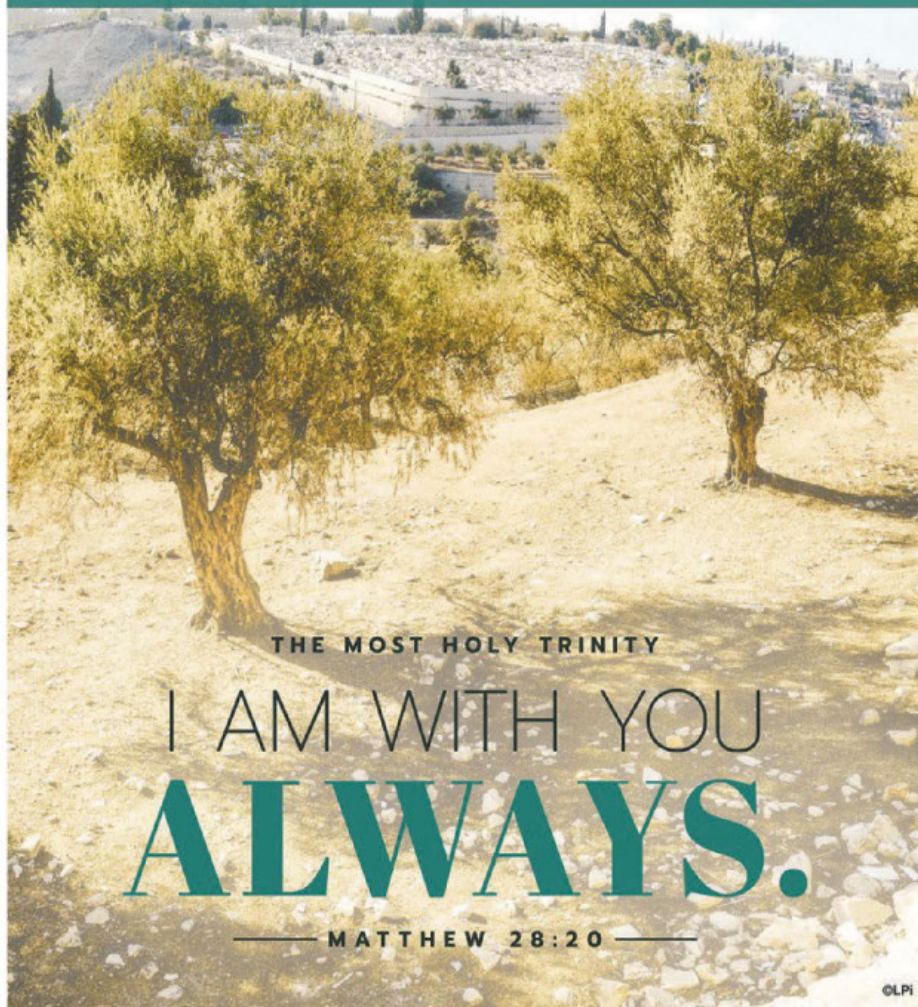


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SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024



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 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

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day Cemetery Mass (weather permitting)

9:00am Sabino Coscia

Tuesday, May 28

7:00am Antonio Pagliocca

Wednesday, May 29

7:00am Robert Laidley

Thursday, May 30

7:00 am The Daly-Driscoll Family

Friday, May 31

7:00 am Mona Ghiringhelli

Saturday, June 1

4:00 pm June Mulhern

Sunday, June 2

7:30am Elaine Padula, Frank T. Hirsch, Edmund & Jeanette Hirsch

10:30am Peter and Carol McDermott



Last weekend, Thomas John Kuczynski, Jaxon James Letourneau, Addison May Trujillo, Ilya Finula Vespa, Claire Rose Vespa and Morgan Shea Goodwin were Baptized by Deacon Guy. May God watch over them always.



READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of May 26, 2024

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

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Ps 147 :12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (13)/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

- SACRAMENTS -



Baptism

Baptisms are held on Sunday afternoons. 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, 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

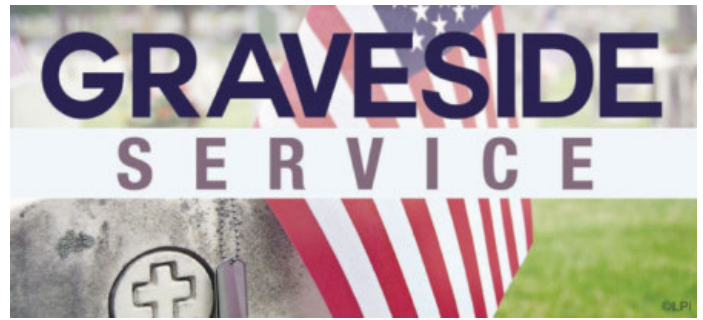
Please call the rectory or email the Pastoral Associate (pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org) if you have a family member, friend, or neighbor who is unable to attend church due to age or infirmity. We will provide pastoral visits.

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.



K OF C - MEMORIAL DAY CEMETERY MASS

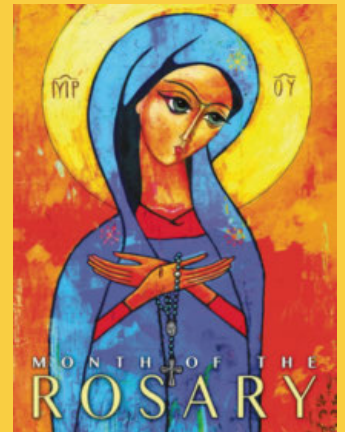
The Knights of Columbus is proudly sponsoring a Memorial Day Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery on **Monday, May 27 at 9:00am.** Please bring Lawn chairs for comfort. If it rains, Mass will be held in the Chapel.



Zoom Rosary

Deacon Guy continues a Zoom Rosary every Monday night at 7:00pm. This is open to parishioners, family & friends from all communities. You are welcome to join, relax, pray and/or and just listen.

Link info is on the Parish Web Site under Parish Life and Prayer. For more information contact Deacon Guy at: deaconguy@verizon.net.



The New Mass Schedule is Saturday 4pm and Sunday at 7:30am and 10:30am.

Welcome Rev. John Tanyi

My dear friends, Cardinal O'Malley has truly blessed St. Mary's by assigning to our parish a new priest. I am happy to announce that Fr. John Tanyi, ordained this weekend at Holy Cross Cathedral by Cardinal O'Malley, is St. Mary's new Parochial Vicar. I am grateful to Cardinal O'Malley for this assignment and upon his arrival in a few weeks, I look forward to welcoming Fr. John Tanyi and introducing all of you in person. Until then, here are some excerpts from a write-up on Fr. John from a recent Boston Pilot article. - **Fr. Bob**

"Mommy, one day you will call me reverend," Deacon John Tanyi said to his mother when he was seven years old. Thirty-nine-year-old Deacon Tanyi, was born John Tanyi Nquah Lebui in the coastal city of Tiko, Cameroon, a country in West-Central Africa. He grew up on a farm with seven siblings. His mother was a lab technician and his father was the headmaster of a Catholic school. Visiting the Catholic school compound with his father, Deacon Tanyi was fascinated by the white cassocks the priests wore. That was when his interest in a vocation began.

"The faith was ingrained in us," Deacon Tanyi likes to say that his family was his first seminary. He, his parents, and his siblings would wake up at 5 a.m. daily and walk almost an hour to attend Mass at 6:30 a.m. Before dawn, with only a torch to light the way, they prayed the rosary as they walked to church. He would work on his family's farm, growing corn, beans, yams, plantains, and cassava, and raising chickens and pigs.

Deacon Tanyi's parents made sure that he attended one of the finest Catholic secondary schools in Cameroon. "We were not poor, but we weren't rich," he said. "We had a decent living and our parents worked very, very hard to make sure we had all of what we needed." Around the time he graduated in 2002, he talked to his pastor who convinced him to become a missionary. He spent six years doing missionary work in Uganda. "It was a very good experience, but different," he said. "It is Africa, but Uganda is in East Africa. It is somewhat different from life in West and Central Africa where I come from, and a new language, new cuisine." He speaks seven languages: English, French, Luganda (the dominant language of Uganda), Swahili, Cameroonian Pidgin English, and the Cameroonian languages Bayangi and Ewondo. He is also currently learning Spanish.

After missionary work in Uganda, he studied international relations in Kenya, and was hired to teach at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa and Mount Kenya University. After his ordination, he hopes that he can continue writing about his favorite topic, the diplomacy of the Holy See. He recently wrote "The Cross and the Flag," about the international travels of Pope St. John Paul II, which will be published by St. Augustine's Press in June.

He graduated from Boston College in 2020, then joined Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary, where he received "spiritual nourishment" as well as academic training. His favorite part of being a seminarian has been getting to know people from different backgrounds. "He was ordained to the transitional diaconate in 2023, and assigned to St. Anne Parish in Salem.

"I really want to be close to Christ," he said. "To be close to Christ in prayer, to be close to Christ in front of the Blessed Sacrament. And I want my life, my ministry as a priest, to help people also grow in their faith." He also looks forward to reaching out to people who are lacking faith. "If through me," he said, "and the ministry that the church will give me, they can come back to the faith, that would be good."

Excerpts from: **Ordination Class 2024: Deacon John Tanyi, Wes Cipolla, Pilot Staff , 3/22/2024**



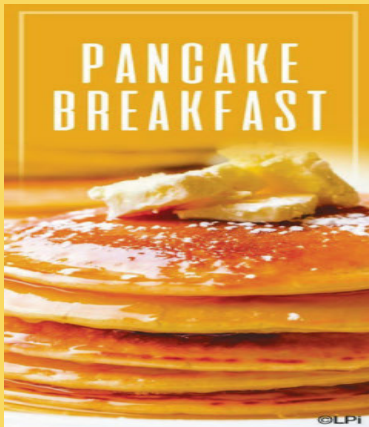


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Cardinal Sean has assigned the newly ordained priest Rev. John Tanyi as the Parochial Vicar of St. Mary's Parish. This appointment is effective June 1, 2024. On the same date Father Jack will be assigned as a Senior Priest in residence at St Mary's Parish, Franklin.

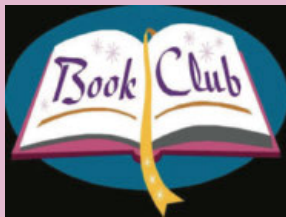
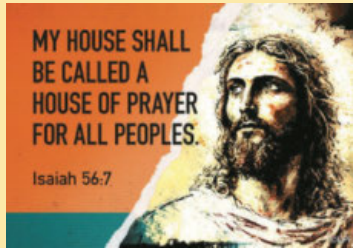
These appointments display Cardinal Sean's loving concern for St. Mary's Parish. As a parish family, we are most grateful.

Year of Prayer

In this teaching on prayer, Pope Francis moves from the Old Testament to Jesus. He presents Jesus in his moment of baptism by John in the Jordan River, reminding us that Jesus' first public act was a participation in a "choral prayer of the people," or people who recognized that they were sinners who were called to repentance.

Though he was not a sinner, Jesus' baptism "was an act of solidarity with our human condition." Jesus' own prayer that day was heard by God, who responded with the words "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22).

Pope Francis tells us that our own prayer, through Jesus, will bring us these same tender words from God. For more information go to: <https://bit.ly/PFPrayer12>,



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. **The next meeting is Thursday, June 6.** Any questions, please call Joseph Ewald at: 508-298-2405.



Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Men

This next meeting of the St. Mary's Parish Men's Faith formation group (COR- Communication Resources) is on Saturday, June 1st at 8am in the Sacred Heart Hall. All men, wherever you are on your faith journey are welcome. We meet on the first Saturday of each month at 8:00 am.

The program is a great way for men to connect. In addition to faith formation, we build in plenty of time to socialize over coffee and bagels. If you have additional questions, please reach out to Regis Schratz at: rschratz@comcast.net.



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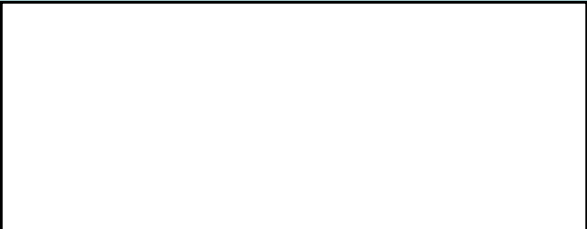
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