

Saint Mary Parish

ST. MARY PARISH

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SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 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.

508-528-0020

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

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MASS INTENTIONS



Last weekend, Charlie David Last, Emilia Joe Lineman, James Bidhin Leroy and Everett Ryan Robitaille were Baptized by Deacon Ron. May God watch over them always.

Saturday, June 29

4:00 pm Paul Hannon

Sunday, June 30

7:30am Bob & Barbara McCauley

10:30am Rose, Joseph and Tony Musto

Monday, July 1

7:00am Jerry D'Angelo

Tuesday, July 2

7:00am Frankl and Irene Atkinson

Wednesday, July 3

7:00am Theillah Noel & Darling Frederick

Thursday, July 4

7:00 am Rodeline Toussaint, Saika Janvier,
Sandra Sylvain, Sarah Geneus &
Martin Wroy

Friday, July 5

7:00 am Ted Ristaino

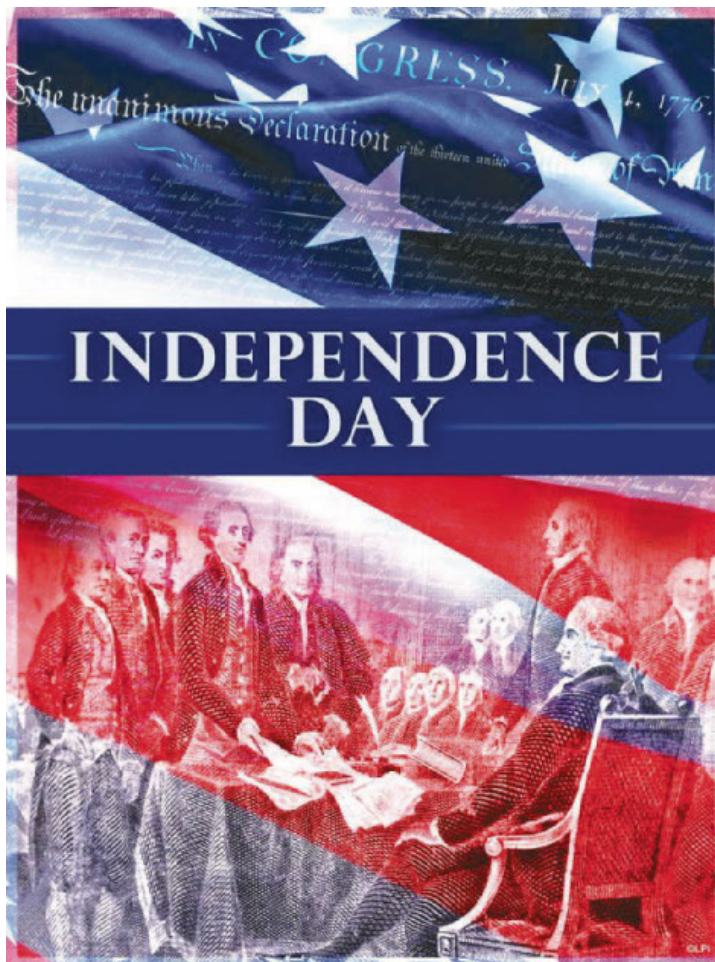
Saturday, July 6

4:00 pm Nicolina Bevilacqua Musto

Sunday, July 7

7:30am Anne Marie Crisafulli

10:30am Leon Bertone



READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of June 30, 2024

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 (2a)/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/ Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6

- 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, and the next Zoom Baptismal class is on Wednesday, July 10, 2024.

To schedule a Baptism, please call: 508-528-0020 or email: baptism@stmarysfranklin.org. You can reach Deacon Ron at gerwat@verizon.net

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.



Special Collection for Brazilian Flood Victims

This weekend, Cardinal Sean is requesting a special collection for Relief for the Victims of the Floods in Brazil. The people of Brazil are experiencing the impacts of unprecedented floods which are causing enormous suffering, loss of life and the displacement of more that 600,000 people from their homes. You can donate online, or drop your donation in the collection baskets.

Year of Prayer

Pope Francis' seventeenth teaching on prayer is focused on the prayer of blessing. The pope reminds us that, in the beginning, God saw all that he created and said that it was good, very good. He also blessed all living things.

Pope Francis says that while God blesses, we can give blessings as well; and soon we "discover that the blessing possesses a special power that accompanies those who receive it throughout their entire life, and disposes man's heart to allow God to change it." Thus, the Holy Father tells us quite clearly that we must bless God and others. In doing so, we pray with praise, adoration and thanksgiving. (<https://bit.ly/PFPPrayer17>)



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.

The **Caretaker's Support Group** meets at 1pm on the 1st Thursday of each month.

Both groups are run by Trish Collatos, Health and Wellness Nurse at the Senior Center and Nan Rafter. For more information, please call Trish Collatos at the Senior Center at 508-520-4945 or collatos@franklin.ma.gov.





St. Vincent De Paul Society St. Mary, Franklin

Interim Results 10/1/23 to 5/31/24

“I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.”

Mother Teresa

Thank you to all the parishioners, the Knights of Columbus, CCD classes and all the other organizations for your continued support of SVDP by generously donating food and financial assistance so we can help Franklin residents in need. Special thanks to Father Bob, Father Jack and Deacon Ron for spreading God’s message of the importance of helping others.

In the first eight months of our Fiscal Year 2024 we continued our mission of serving Neighbors in need. We meet in pairs with people seeking assistance to thoroughly assess the need either in their homes or at the church. Our 38 volunteers had calls with neighbors in need over 900 times.

Altogether financially, your donations served families 221 times for over \$44,000 with the largest items being housing, utilities, furniture, medical, automobile related and gift cards for Easter meals/food/gas. Any financial assistance was paid directly to the provider of services and not to the person seeking assistance.

Your generosity also helped our day-to-day operations as follows:

- Distribute over 437 bags of donated food and 43 Hygiene bags.
- Give out 41 Complimentary SVDP Thrift Store vouchers worth over \$2,000
- Caring Tree 103 families, 262 people helped for a total of over \$11,000 in Gift Cards
- Mother’s Day Bags for 46 people worth over \$2,000

We continue to have strong relationships with town organizations and businesses. In total we gave families 81 referrals to town, state and federal agencies that might help them.

We thank you, our fellow parishioners, for your generosity, and we want you to know your contributions are very appreciated by the people we serve.



Promoters of Hope, Apostles of Charity and Advocates of the Dignity of the human person.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Touch of Christ

For a long time, I didn't understand why the virtual Masses of the pandemic were so wearisome to me. Theoretically, shouldn't it be a tired mother's dream, fulfilling her Sunday obligation from the couch, not having to worry how much noise the kids are making?

But it wasn't. Seeing Mass without experiencing it left me hungry. It left me starving. Then a wise priest explained it to me. "Watching virtual Mass is like taking a virtual shower," he said.

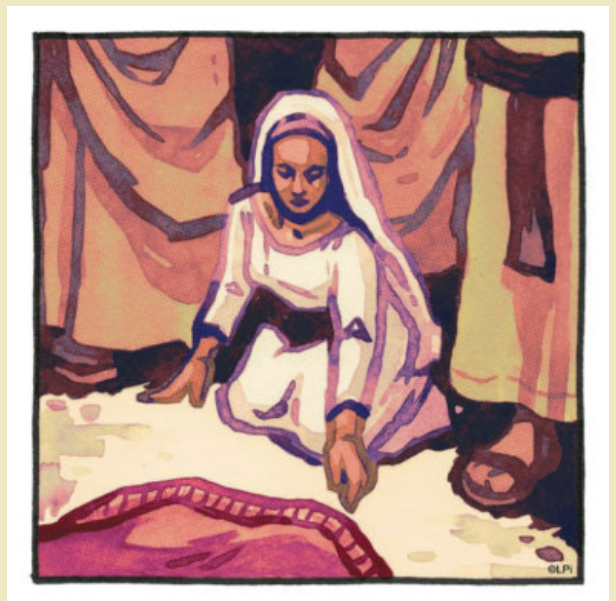
Grace might not be something we can see with our eyes, but it is very much something that is transmitted physically. Jesus has a human body for a reason. He needs to touch people.

We see that nowhere more clearly than in this Gospel. The crowds are pressing on him, everyone trying to get close, everyone trying to share his space. The hemorrhaging woman claws her way through, desperate to make physical contact with him, any part of him, even his cloak. The synagogue official begs Jesus to come and "lay hands" on his daughter, knowing that this is the only way for her to survive. He doesn't ask for Jesus' good thoughts or approving gaze. He knows that isn't what he needs.

In the Gospels, Jesus saves people chiefly through his own touch because he wants to show us — you and me, sitting in the pews — something very important about how we are saved. But where do you and I find the touch of Jesus Christ? Where do you and I find salvation?

It's in the water flowing over the infant's forehead. It's in the Host dissolving on our tongues. It's in the oil that is pressed to the skin of the confirmand, the dying man, and the brand-new priest. It's in the embrace of the newly married couple. It's in the extended hand of the priest as he says, "Your sins are forgiven."

It's still here, two thousand years later. It's still waiting for us to reach out and grasp it. "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." — Mark 5:28



Congratulations to our new Parish Pastoral Council Members

We thank all the nominees and parishioners who participated in the process to make St. Mary a vibrant, family-friendly, spiritual community. Please welcome our new members.

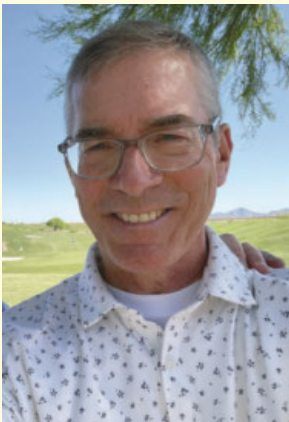
Patricia Colford



Kara Gulla



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Lauren Kelleher



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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:

Paper Towels
Laundry Detergent
Complete Pancake Mix

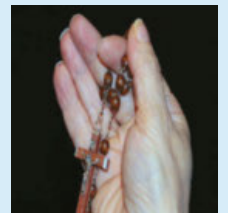
Thank you for joining us to serve those in our community with the greatest needs. God Bless.



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.



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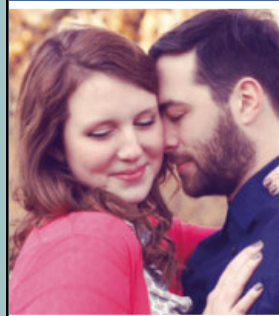
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