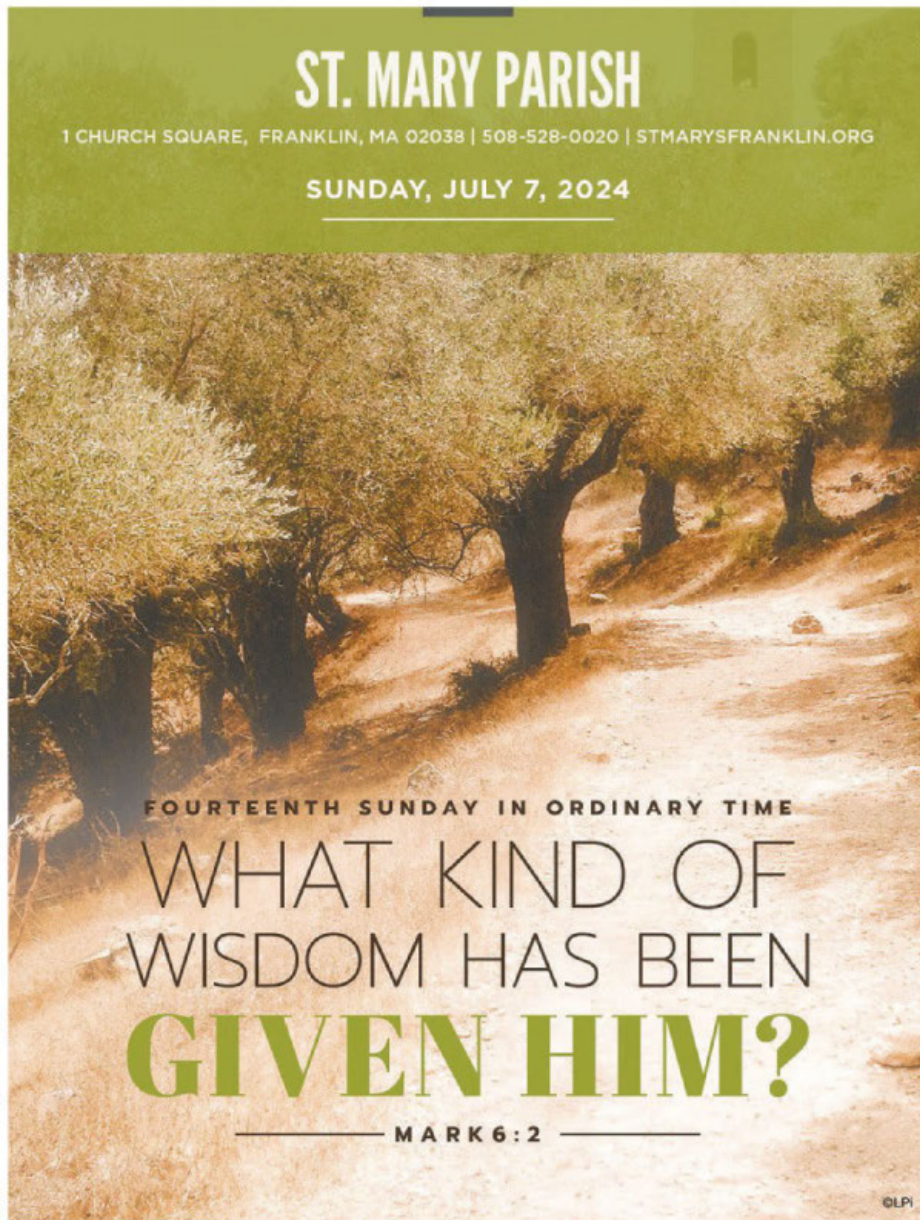


Saint Mary Parish



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, July 6

4:00 pm Nicolina Bevilacqua Musto

Sunday, July 7

7:30am Anne Marie Crisafulli

10:30am Leon Bertone

Monday, July 8

7:00am Pietro Ferrara

Tuesday, July 9

7:00am Pam McCauley

Wednesday, July 10

7:00am Lena Fandetti

Thursday, July 11

7:00 am Peter McDermott

Friday, July 12

7:00 am Susan Rittenhouse

Saturday, July 13

4:00 pm Clary & Cianci Families

Sunday, July 14

7:30am Victoria Kachenmeister

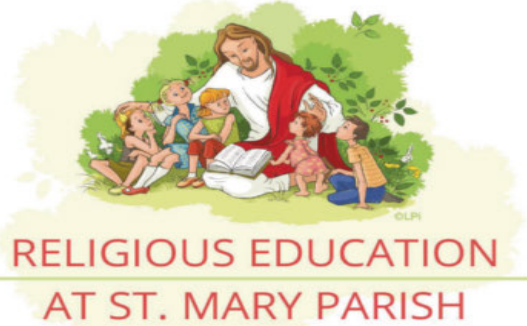
10:30am Susan Cornetta Pauplis

WEEKLY GIVING FOR JUNE 23, 2024

Offertory	\$ 4,243.00
Online	\$ 5,878.62
Drop Off	\$ 1,493.00
Grand Total	\$ 11,614.62



Last weekend, Roman Sullivan was Baptized by Fr. Jack and Zoe Rae Haddad, Molly Noelle Gavin, Carson Patrick Higgins, Christopher James Fruci and Joseph John Fruci were Baptized by Fr. John. May God watch over them always.



Registration for St. Mary Religious Education has officially begun and will continue until August 10th. Please see the St. Mary website for additional information or call 508-528-1450.

<https://www.stmarysfranklin.org/religious-ed>

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of July 7, 2024

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

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

- 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.

Year of Prayer

Pope Francis turns to the prayer of petition in this, his eighteenth teaching on prayer. He writes that asking for things for ourselves is natural. He also quotes the Catechism, stating that "by prayer of petition we express our awareness of our relationship with God."



The Holy Father reminds us that "every fragment of creation bears the desire for God" but that we "are the only ones who pray consciously, who know that we are addressing the Father..." Pope Francis encourages us ask God for help; he says that God always responds, and that we must "learn to remain in expectation of the Lord"...to wait. To read more, go to <https://bit.ly/PFPrayer18>.



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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, Fr. John 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.

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

A Prophet and His Native Place

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place." It could be the slogan of high school reunions everywhere. I speak from experience — I didn't go to my high school reunion, but I do live in the same area in which I grew up. Ghosts from the past lurk in every grocery aisle and gas station. Former classmates fill my prescriptions at the pharmacy. I am always sure to see an old teacher or two at the Fourth of July parade.

If my teenage self knew that this was her future, she would be horrified. She wanted to grow up and move away, not because she didn't like living in this town, but because she wanted to reinvent herself. And you can't reinvent yourself in your native place. In your hometown, you'll always be exactly what you are — no more, no less.

The same was true for Jesus, who was probably the only person actually worthy of admiration at his high school reunion. When he returned to his native place, he was what he had always been — God and man, Messiah, miracle-worker. This is not something he became, it was always within him.

But the people of Nazareth cannot accept it. Why? Well, probably for the same reason that I wanted to reinvent myself when I was 16. We don't often see anything worth venerating in the "right now" of our lives. We think happiness is a promotion or a pay bump away. We think we'll finally be holy when we find the time to take that silent retreat. We think we will be beautiful when we lose ten pounds.

The Nazarenes lived with God right under their noses, and they didn't realize it. So, when he came in all his greatness, the dissonance was too much to bear, and they rejected him. They didn't want that God — the one they had dismissed or overlooked or ignored. They wanted a different one. A shinier one. One that didn't look like the "right now" of their lives.

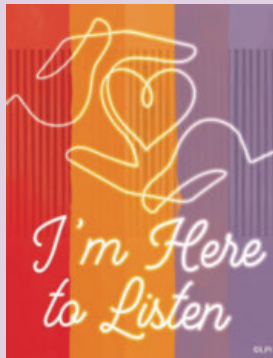
But that's where God is, folks. He's in the right now, and nowhere else. He's waiting there for you, with all the happiness, holiness, and beauty your life needs.

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." — Mark 6:4 ©LPi



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 parishioner Nan Rafter. For more information, please call Trish Collatos at the Senior Center at **508-520-4945** or collatos@franklin.ma.gov.



Textile/Rag Recycling

July 13th 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
St. Mary School Parking Lot

There will be a textile clothing drive to dispose and recycle unwanted clothing on Saturday, July 13 from 9am - 11am at the St. Mary School parking lot. Girl Scout, Abigail Drake has been working on a Gold Award project in which she teaches members of the public how to be more sustainable with textiles.

This Recycling Drive is in compliance with a Massachusetts law passed in November of 2022 that made it illegal for MA residents to throw textiles away with general garbage. Drop by this event to dispose of worn and thrift store-grade clothing and learn more sustainability, clothing and the law.



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:

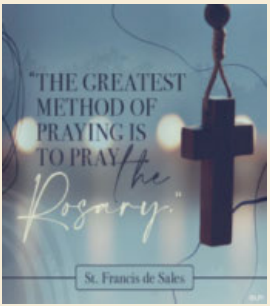
- Paper Towels**
- Laundry Detergent**
- Complete Pancake Mix**

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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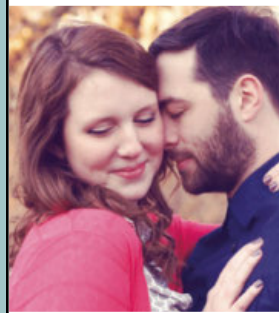
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