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SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024

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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

Saturday, July 13

4:00 pm Clary & Cianci Families

Sunday, July 14

7:30am Victoria Kachenmeister

10:30am Susan Cornetta Pauplis

Monday, July 15

7:00am Richard Cogliano

Tuesday, July 16

7:00am Antonio & Mariantonia Carlucci

Wednesday, July 17

7:00am Antoinette & Ralph Biase

Thursday, July 18

7:00 am Antoinette & Ralph Biase

Friday, July 19

7:00 am Maria Giorgio

Saturday, July 20

4:00 pm Paul Hannon

Sunday, July 21

7:30am Anthony, Lisette & Ann Caravaggio

10:30am Flavio Taddeo

WEEKLY GIVING

June 30, 2024

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| Offertory | \$ 4,703.50 |
| Online | \$ 4,812.62 |
| Drop Off | \$ <u>1,430.00</u> |
| Grand Total | \$ 10,946.12 |
| Brazil Collection | \$ 979.25 |

July 7, 2024

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| Offertory | \$ 5,059.85 |
| Online | \$ 7,409.62 |
| Drop Off | \$ <u>546.00</u> |
| Grand Total | \$ 13,015.47 |



READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of July 14, 2024

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

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-3



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, August 14, 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.



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Religious Education
Registration is Now Open!



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>



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Shake Off the Dust

Our kitchen floor is at least 35 years old, and it's the ugliest color to come out of the '80s. But it's a good, durable floor, and my husband, bless his heart, guards it like it was a finely finished hardwood imported from Brazil.

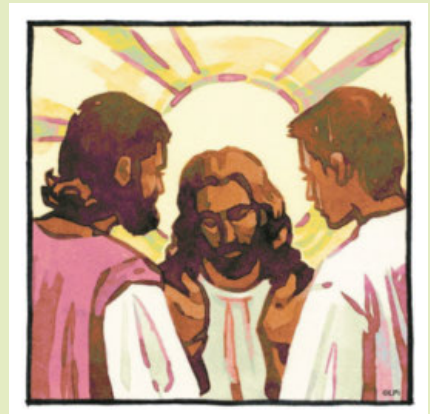
Every time the kids track mud and sand across its vinyl surface, he immediately gets down on his hands and knees and lovingly wipes the mess away. I'm too impatient to do this myself — we have kids, so we're going to have a dirty floor, is my attitude. But this is the hill upon which my husband dies. On hands and knees, scraping dirt off an almost 40-year-old floor, he is the silent, long-suffering sentry, and if it kills him, he will keep these floors pristine. He is Gandalf, and the dirt is the Balrog. You shall not pass.

"Shake the dust off your feet." This is what Christ tells his disciples to do when they — and his word — are rejected. Shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them. Why does he say that? It's not an act of dismissal. It's not a thumbed nose or a stuck-out tongue. No, it's an act of caution: Don't bring it with you. Leave it there.

When we walk through the world, we pick up a lot of dirt. Misguided notions, disordered priorities, habits, and desires that we never noticed until we realized they left a trail. We come into a situation intending to do what is right, but somehow it all goes sideways, and we walk away from it with detritus clinging to us in places we don't notice. They wouldn't listen. They'll see, we think. Oh, they'll see. They'll see how right I was. Pride and vengeance hitch a ride on the soles of our feet, and we track them all through the world.

What to do about this? You can be like me with my ugly old floor. You can shrug your shoulders and say, "It happens, I guess. I'm only human. I meant well."

But here's what would be better: be like my husband. Get down on your knees and get rid of the dirt. Stop the trail in its tracks. "So they went off and preached repentance." — Mark 6:12 ©LPi



Year of Prayer

Prayers of intercession are the focus of Pope Francis' nineteenth teaching on prayer. The pope reminds us that "those who pray never turn their backs on the world." While those who pray may seek solitude and silence, "they always keep the doors of their hearts wide open."

Pope Francis tells us that to intercede is to be like Jesus, who intercedes for us with God the Father. He says that to intercede is to be merciful. We are told that "the Church, in all of her members, has the mission to practice the prayer of intercession: to intercede for others." <https://bit.ly/PFPrayer19>.

Liturgical Ministers



Volunteers Wanted

St. Mary Parish wants you to become a more committed and active member of our Parish. We need volunteers for several Liturgical Ministries.

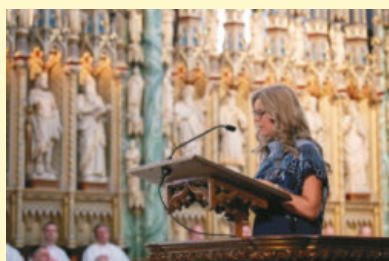
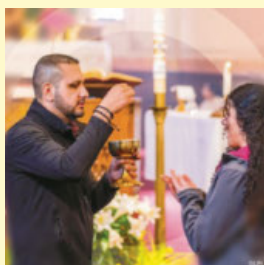
Lectors proclaim the Readings at each of the Masses and lead our Prayers of the Faithful.

Eucharistic Ministers assist with the distribution of Communion at Mass.

In order to serve as a Lector or a Eucharistic Minister, a parishioner needs to be a Catholic who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation, complete the volunteer form, attend a one-time session of Protecting God's Children and agree to complete a CORI form required each year for the Archdiocese of Boston.

All volunteers receive training, instructions and support for their role (s), and will be able to select which Mass or Masses they prefer to serve and the regularity scheduled. Interested parishioners should email Leo Racine, pastoral associate at pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org and/or John Ristaino, volunteer coordinator at johnmristaino@gmail.com,

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful and prayerful consideration in helping to fill these needs of our parish.



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**

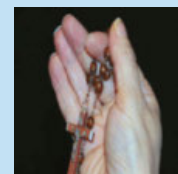
Thank you for joining us to serve those in our community with the greatest needs. God Bless.



Zoom Rosary

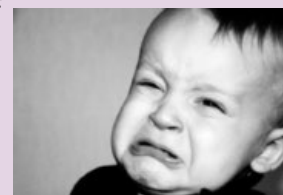
Deacon Guy continues a Zoom Rosary every Monday night at 7:00pm. This is open to parishioners, family & friends from all communities. You are welcome to join, relax, pray and/or just listen.

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



Fussy Little Ones?

Did you know that when you walk into the front doors of our church building, the glass-walled area is also a soundproof room? Parishioners who sit in this room in the church can see and hear the Mass perfectly, but any noises made while in the room cannot be heard in the rest of the church building. It's a great space to use when our littlest parishioners get fussy.





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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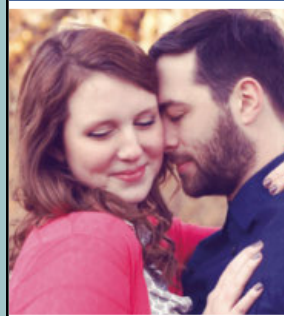
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