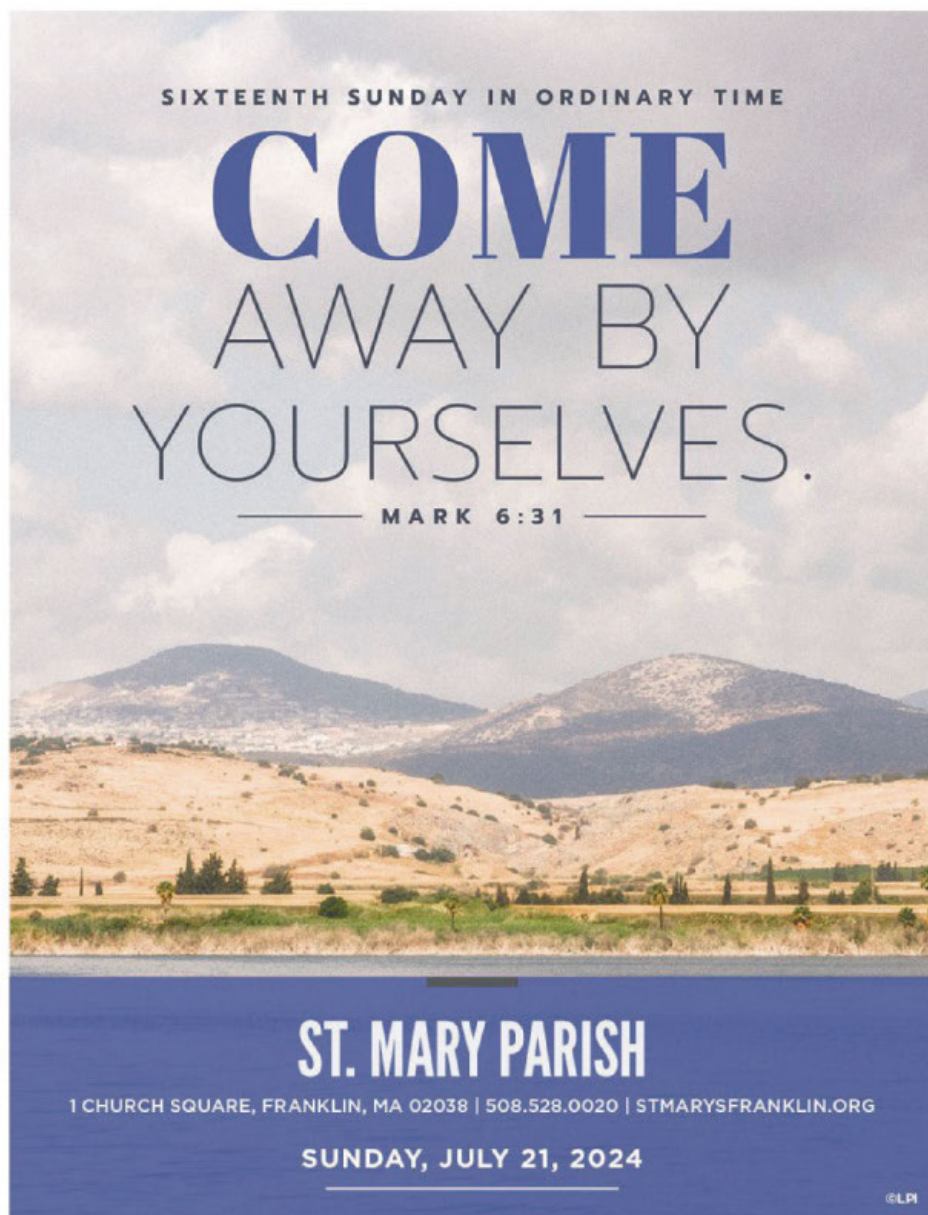


Saint Mary Parish



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.

508-528-0020

St. Mary's Church Wi-Fi is:

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 20

4:00 pm Paul Hannon

Sunday, July 21

7:30am Anthony, Lisette & Ann Caravaggio

10:30am Flavio Taddeo

Monday, July 22

7:00am Walter Foley

Tuesday, July 23

7:00am Banabas Okuku

Wednesday, July 24

7:00am Phyllis DiPrete

Thursday, July 25

7:00 am Antonio Pereira

Friday, July 26

7:00 am Maria Giorgio

Saturday, July 27

4:00 pm John and Mary Higgins

Sunday, July 28

7:30am Arthur Prescott

10:30am Mary Ristaino Ryan

WEEKLY GIVING

Offertory	\$ 4,491.00
Online	\$ 3,903.62
Drop Off	\$ <u>1,234.00</u>
Grand Total	\$ 9,628.62

**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>

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of July 21, 2024

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Monday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (see 16)/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

- 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, 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.

Year of Prayer

In his twentieth teaching on prayer, Pope Francis focuses on thanksgiving. He recounts the story of the ten lepers that appears in Luke's gospel, reminding us that while all ten were healed, only one returned to Jesus to say "thank you." The Pope tells us that those who give thanks "welcome everything as gift, as grace" and that, therefore, "the prayer of thanksgiving always begins from here: from the recognition that grace precedes us."

Above all, Pope Francis says that "if we are bearers of gratitude, the world itself will become better." This brings hope. For more information go to:

<https://bit.ly/PFPrayer20>



TAG US! #StMarys02038

St. Mary Parish has set #StMarys02038 as our official hashtag.

Please use it when posting about Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Weddings, special parish events and any other shareable reasons which brings you to St. Mary's.

Spread the word and TAG US:

#StMarys02038



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

A Deserted Place

In one of my favorite shows, "Parks and Recreation," there is a scene where one of the characters, Jerry, is tasked with stuffing hundreds of envelopes with flyers as part of his volunteer work for a local city council campaign.

Jerry's efficient, almost mechanical completion of the job amazes his coworkers, who gather to watch in awe while he folds, inserts, seals, and stamps — over and over again. After several hours, the huge pile of envelopes is finally ready for mailing ... and Jerry realizes that he has stuffed them all with the wrong piece of paper.

"I always say, it ain't government work unless you do it twice," he quips as he restarts the task.

In any work, no matter how worthy or fulfilling it is, there is a point where the task transforms into mere routine. It can happen with anything: ministry, marriage, parenthood, even prayer. There is no shame in this. It doesn't mean that we don't enjoy these pursuits or feel passion for the mission inherent in them.

It only means that we are human, and we get tired.

When the Apostles return from their travels, Jesus recognizes their exhaustion. He encourages them to "come away to a deserted place." He inhabits a human body, so he knows the weariness to which it is subject. He knows what it is to be tired, to be hungry. He knows that it's hard to do the work when your body is failing you.

It's important for us to recognize those times when Jesus is calling us to a deserted place — and it's important for us to follow him there, even if we are pursued by feelings of doubt and guilt, just as the Apostles were followed by crowds hungry for their ministry.

Solitude is not selfishness. Contemplation is not idleness. To withdraw does not mean to run away. The work we do — whatever it is — deserves our whole strength. If we have lost that, there is only one place we are sure to find it again.

"He said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.'" — Mark 6:31

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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.

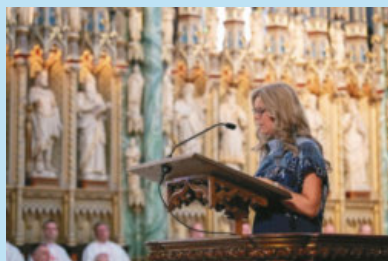
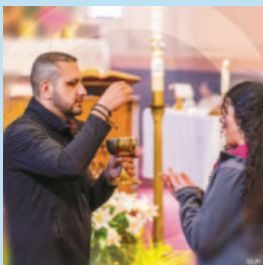
Lectors proclaim the Readings at each of the Masses and lead our Prayers of the Faithful.

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 johnmrstaino@gmail.com,

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

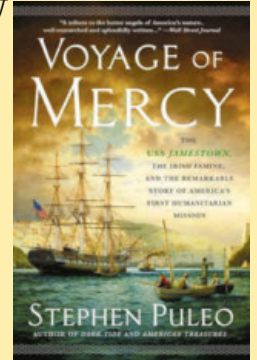


Book Club

St. Mary's Book Club is taking a summer hiatus. We will start up again on September 5, 2024. We meet religiously on the first Thursday of each month from 6-7pm, in the Olive Branch Room in Sacred Heart Hall.

The first book to be discussed is Stephen Puleo's "**Voyage of Mercy: The USS Jamestown, The Irish Famine and the Remarkable Story of America's First Humanitarian Mission.**" Puleo also wrote "Dark Tide: The Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919."

For more information please call Joe Ewald at: 508-298-2405



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Thank you to all who so generously donate to the SVdP Food Pantry. The SVdP often requests certain items. We request these items as the SNAP benefits (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly food stamps) do not cover paper products, laundry detergent and personal hygiene items. As a result we request these items to help supplement the needs of our neighbors.

Donations may be placed in the boxes at the doors of the church anytime during the month. The current needs of the pantry are:

- Crackers/snacks**
- Spaghetti Sauce**
- Paper towels/tissues**
- Laundry detergent (Regular and Free and Clear)**

Thank you for your help in supporting those most in need in our community. God Bless





Pontifical Mission Societies of Boston

As part of the annual Missionary Co-Operative Program, John O'Neill will speak at all our Masses next weekend about *The Society of the Propagation of the Faith*, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies represented here in the Archdiocese of Boston. John will share stories of the missions and help us build a spiritual connection to others whose daily lives may be different from ours.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is the official mission agency of the Catholic Church dedicated to assisting and supporting laypeople, priests, and religious in their evangelizing mission work. May our hearts and minds be opened by the Holy Spirit to support and pray for people, especially children, in the missions. More information on the Society is available at: <https://www.propfaithboston.org>



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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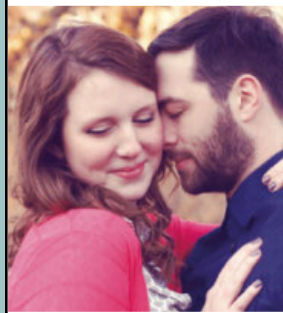
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