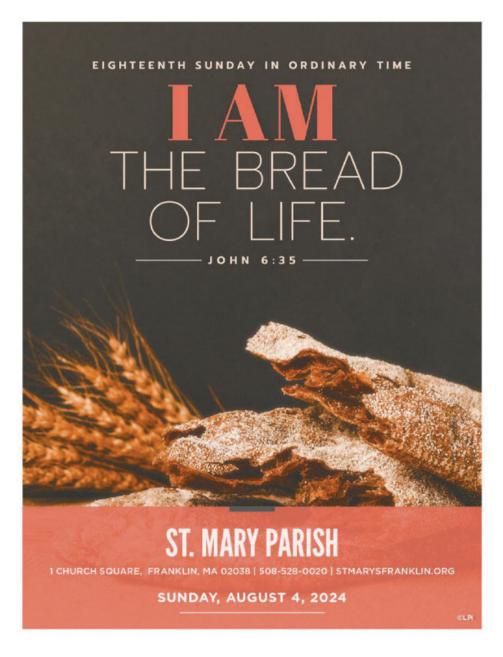
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Saturday 4:00 p.m.

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

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WEEKLY GIVING					
Weekly Budget	July 27 - 28 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	July 27 - 28 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference	Total Difference YTD
\$12,211.00	\$5,153.00	\$5034.62	\$10,187.62	(-\$2,023.38)	+\$14.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 3

4:00 pm Bill Dolan and Dick Barter

Sunday, August 4

7:30amBryan McDonald

10:30am Helen L. Carberry

Monday, August 5

7:00am Jerry D'Angelo

Tuesday, August 6 7:00am Bill Vieira

Wednesday, August 7

7:00am Pia & Louis Scarperi

Thursday, August 8

7:00 am Maria & Jose Pereira

Friday, August 9

7:00 am Edward Manning

Saturday, August 10

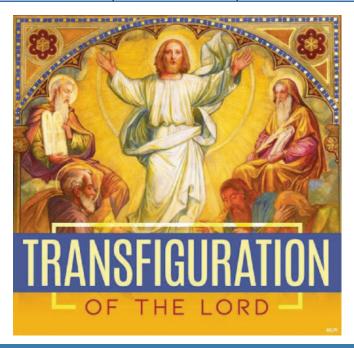
4:00 pm Charles C. & Rae Ann Donoghue

Sunday, August 11

7:30amMarilyn & David Pauley 10:30am Cydney Nicole Fields



On July 28th, Mila Marie Niedzwiadek was Baptized by Deacon Ron. May God watch over them always.



READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of August 4, 2024

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54

(24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/

Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16

-19/Mk 9:2-10

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt

15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt

16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab,

39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn

12:24-26

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

(9a)/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51



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

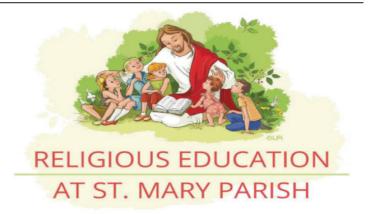
Please call the rectory or email the Pastoral Associate (pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org) if you have a family member, friend, or neighbor who is unable to attend church due to age or infirmity. We will provide pastoral visits.

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.



Registration for St. Mary Religious Education is open and will continue until August 10th. Please see the St. Mary website for information or call Karen or Liz at: 508-528-1450.

www.stmarysfranklin.org/religious-ed

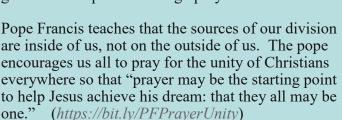
Teachers!!! -- We are always looking for volunteers to help with the Religious Education Program. Please consider joining our team and working with so many wonderful kids!! Please call our office if you are available to teach.

Registration

August 10th Deadline is Approaching

Year of Prayer

Pope Francis delivered this teaching on prayer during the week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January 2021. The pope tells us that unity is to be gained through "diplomatic efforts and academic dialogue." In fact, he says that "unity is above all, a gift, it is a grace to be requested through prayer."



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

It's so easy to do the right thing because we want to tick all the right boxes. We want to live by the law. We want to accomplish the work of God. Or, at least, we say that we do.

But Jesus tells us that in order to accomplish the work of God, we have to believe in the one he sent. And to believe in Christ is to be filled with the spirit of truth — to do what is right because it is right, not because we want to be filled with good feelings.

What is the difference between doing what is right because you want to be a good Christian, and doing what is right because you believe in Christ?

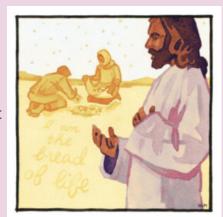
It's the difference between eating manna and the Eucharist. One fills your stomach and keeps you alive, and nothing more. The other satisfies a hunger you might not have even known you had, or if you did know, you called it by another name — sadness, unfulfillment, fear. One achieves a corporeal goal, and that's the end of it. The other accomplishes something invisibly, secretly, silently, and though there is physical evidence of its work all around us, you have to be shrewd to recognize it.

It's the difference between making a social media post condemning sin and enveloping a sinner (the one at our dinner table, the one on the street, the one staring back at us in the mirror) with love and

concern. It's the difference between simply going to Mass and living the Gospel. It's the difference between speaking to God and saying a prayer. It's the difference between telling someone they're wrong and telling them about the truth.

There's nothing wrong doing what is right because we long for heaven, and there's nothing wrong with eating manna if you're starving. But that alone isn't enough. We must also long for the bread of heaven, the bread that gives life to the world.

Jesus said 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.'" — John 6:35 ©LPI





Retreat for Grieving Parents

The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents will sponsor a one-day retreat on **Saturday, September 28, 2024** from 9:30am to 6:30pm. The organization's website (<u>www.emfp.org</u>), tells us that the Emmaus Ministry "serves the spiritual needs of parents whose children of any age, have died by any cause, no matter how long ago."

Parents can register for this retreat at https://bit.ly/2024RegEmmaus. For more information , please contact Leo Racine, pastoral associate at 508-528-0020 or pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org.

Save the Date



St. Vincent de Paul

Annual Fund Raiser
Friends of the Poor Walk
Saturday
September 28, 2024

Registration for the event begins at 8:30am on the Town Common. Blessing for the Walk will be at 9:00 a.m. Walk Participants can Collect donations and Walk with us or donate online. The registration link for the 2024 Friends of the Poor Walk will be available soon.

All money raised stays in Franklin, to assist anyone in need of help. Put your feeling of compassion into action and join us for this walk!

"Go to the poor; you will find God."

St. Vincent de Paul



Support for Mothers of Children Experiencing Addiction

You are invited to a Zoom support gathering specifically tailored for mothers who have children struggling with substance abuse issues. This gathering aims to provide a supportive space where we can share experiences, insights, and faith to help each other navigate the stress of dealing with a loved one in active addiction or recovery.

Sponsored by Recovering Connections, a Catholic Charities Program, the Zoom gathering will take place **Tuesday August 20 from 7-8pm** and will offer coping strategies and the opportunity to share experiences in a confidential and compassionate space.

This is Free of charge. To register and get the Zoom link, email Mary Campion: Mary_Campion@ccab.org. If you can't make the meeting but would like more information, email Mary or call 617-464-8501.



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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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









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:

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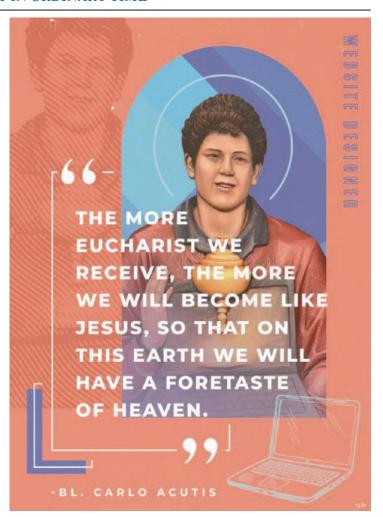












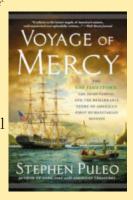
Book Club

St. Mary's Book Club is takin 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 Puelo'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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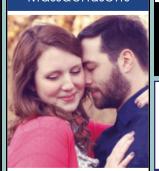
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