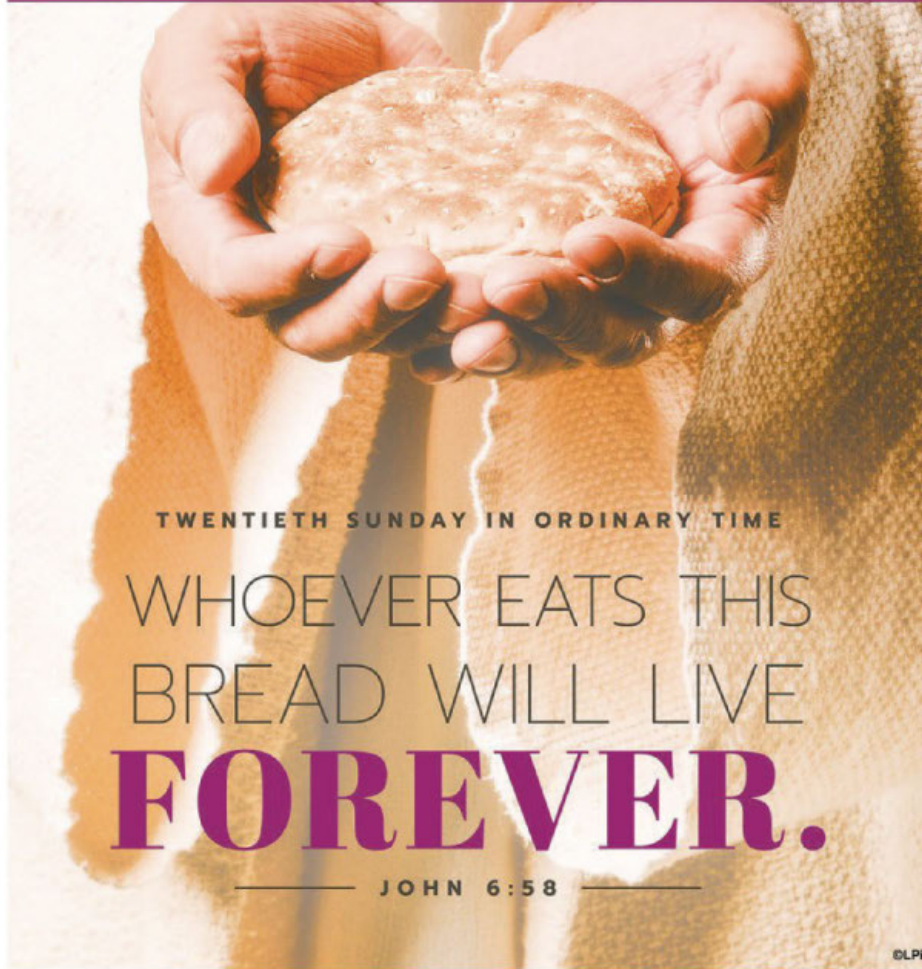


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SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024



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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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508-918-2291

WEEKLY GIVING

Weekly Budget	July 27 - 28 In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	July 27 - 28 Total Offertory	Weekly Difference
\$12,211.00	\$4,012.00	\$4,916.62	\$8,928.62	(\$3,282.38)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 17

4:00 pm John Charles Wagner

Sunday, August 18

7:30am Roy & Louise Scipione

10:30am Albino & John Michael Carlucci

Monday, August 19

7:00am Claire & Alfred Ortorlano

Tuesday, August 20

7:00am John & Olinda Botelho

Wednesday, August 21

7:00am Margaret Caruso, Celeste Embree
& Gael Shaughnessy

Thursday, August 22

7:00 am Luz Matlin

Friday, August 23

7:00 am Rosaria Vandenberg

Saturday, August 24

4:00 pm Paul Hannon

Sunday, August 18

7:30am Mimma & Vito Bertone

10:30am Antonio Pereira

Baptism

On August 17, Nora Caterina Keenan was Baptized by Fr. Bob and on August 18, Leita Ann Kirby, Miles Finn Malvar, Luca Anthony Ortiz, Harrison Douglas Walch and Evangeline Jo Joyce were Baptized by Deacon Ron. May God watch over them always.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of August 18, 2024

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

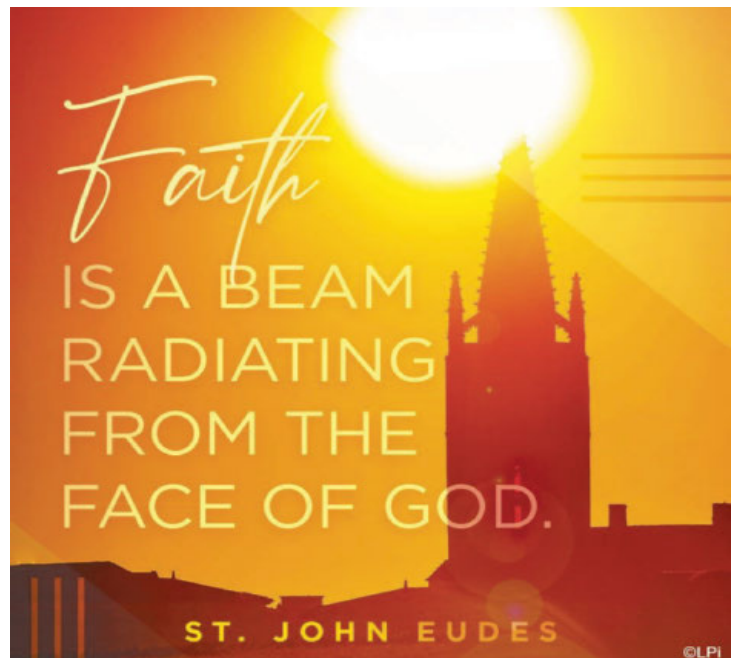
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/

Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69



- 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, Sept. 11, 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

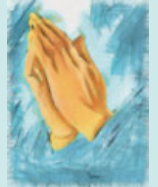
Register Online at stmarysfranklin.org or call the Rectory at 508-528-0020.



Questions about Becoming a Catholic?

If you have questions; St. Mary Parish has answers. Fr. John Tanyi leads our Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) program. If you would like more information on this journey please e-mail Fr. John at: parochialvicar@stmarysfranklin.org or call: 508-528-0020 and ask for Fr. John.

Year of Prayer



“Christ is present, and in the liturgy, you pray with Christ who is beside you,” Pope Francis says in this, his twenty-third teaching on prayer. The pope reminds us that our Christian spirituality is “grounded in the celebration of the sacred mysteries,” or in the sacraments, which themselves are visible/public manifestations of Jesus Christ.

According to the pontiff, our prayer in the liturgy is an encounter with Christ, as Christ is truly present in the liturgy. Pope Francis also tells us that “life is called to become worship to God, but this cannot happen without prayer, especially liturgical prayer.” <https://bit.ly/PFPrayer23>.



Dear Friends in Christ,

Earlier this year the Parish Pastoral Council and I took up a conversation about our weekend Mass schedule. My concern is the declining numbers for the 12pm Mass that our parish has traditionally held between September and May. During my first year as Pastor I witnessed that our 12pm Mass was not only our lowest attended Mass, but it is also a Mass with the smallest collection as well as the hardest Mass to find Liturgical Ministers for service. I think you would agree all three of these difficult realities made it worth our Parish Pastoral Council discussion on whether or not to return to the 12pm Mass this September.

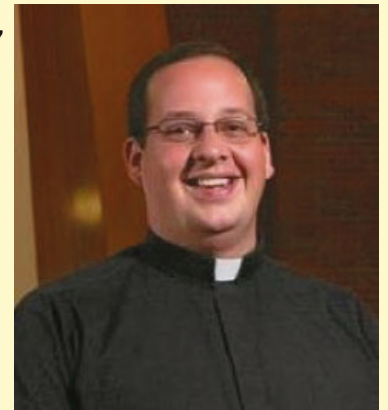
I am announcing today that after discussion and consultation with our Parish Pastoral Council and upon their advice, I have decided that St. Mary's Parish will suspend the 12pm Mass for the immediate future. Therefore, our Weekend Schedule will remain 4pm on Saturday and 7:30am and 10:30am on Sunday.

To those who were regulars at the 12pm Mass, I know this will be frustrating news, and I apologize for the inconvenience this change presents for you. However, we must, like all things, be unafraid to continue to move forward into the future together. When one season ends another begins. So, I pray we as a parish will find new blessings in this new season of Mass schedules at St. Mary's.

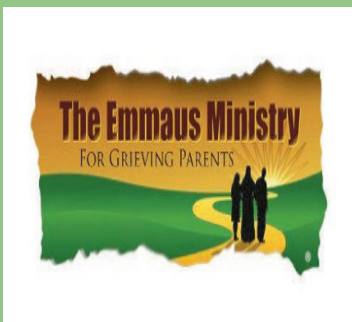
Also, I have created a Subcommittee of the Parish Pastoral Council which also includes members of our Parish Finance Council that will work on creating a new weekend Mass schedule for St. Mary's Parish in the future. This Subcommittee will research, review and present to the Parish, options for what a new St. Mary's Parish weekend Mass schedule could be in the future. Please keep this Subcommittee's work in your prayers and look for more information on how to include your input on these matters in the coming months.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Bob



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 at St. Mary's, Franklin. The organization's website (www.emfp.org), 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.

AUGUST 18, 2024



St. Vincent de Paul

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.



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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:

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Paper towels/tissues

Laundry detergent (Regular and Free and Clear)

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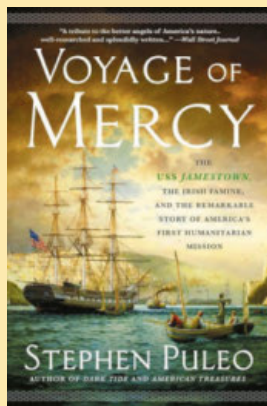


Book Club

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."

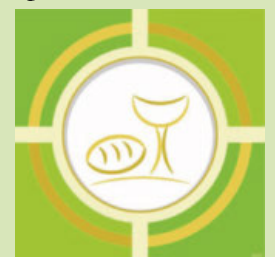
For more information please call Joe Ewald at: 508-298-2405



Volunteer Needed to bring Sunday Communion to Benchmark Senior Living Facility

Our parish pastoral ministry team seeks a volunteer to conduct a monthly Communion Service at the Benchmark Assisted Living facility on Forge Hill Road in Franklin.

Communion Services at Benchmark are held on Sunday mornings at 10:30. The new minister will be part of a rotation with three other ministers who currently serve the Benchmark community. This volunteer position offers one a tremendous opportunity to experience the joy of helping others experience the presence of God. Training and support will be provided. For more information, please contact pastoral associate, Leo Racine, at 508-528-0020 or email



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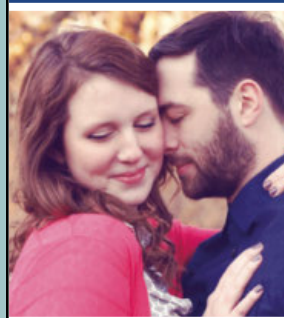
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