#### **Saint Mary Parish**

# THE THINGS THAT COME FROM WITHIN ARE WHAT DEFILE.

MARK 7:15 .



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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: StMarysChurchMesh Password: STMarysGuest

St. Vincent De Paul Assistance 508-918-2291

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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#### **SEPTEMER 1, 2024**

WEEKLY GIVING				
Weekly Budget	In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Total Offertory	Weekly Difference
\$12,211.00	\$5,117.31	\$5,866.62	\$10,983.93	(\$1,227.07)

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Saturday, August 31

4:00 pm Edward Vroman

#### Sunday, September 1

7:30am Chiarina, Carmine & Filomena Pisani
10:30am Michael Costello Pietro & Cristina Ferrara

#### Monday, September 2

7:00am Jerry D'Angelo

#### Tuesday, September 3

7:00am Alan B. Deering

Wednesday, September 4

7:00am John William Sullivan Jr.

#### Thursday, September 5

7:00 am Phyllis DiPrete

#### Friday, September 6

7:00 am Barnabas Okuku

#### Saturday, September 7

4:00 pm Ed Therault

#### Sunday, September 8

7:30am Bill Kenneally
10:30am Linda Padula, Ronald & Elaine Padula
Carl J. Hohmann & Tammy J.
Hohmann



On August 25, Corbin McGregor Boulay, Peyton Rose Deasy, Hannah May Mercier and Adalynn Rae Rozak were Baptized by Fr. John, and John Daniel Kelleher IV was Baptized by visiting priest, Fr. Matt Westcott. May God watch over them always.



#### **Bible Study Group**

Did you know that the Bible has two creation stories? Or that Abraham had a son, Ishmael, who was older than Isaac? If you are interested in these or other

stories of the early history of Israel, please join our Bible Study group.

This fall we are studying the Old Testament Book of Genesis. There will be nine Monday sessions, beginning on Monday, September 9 and ending on Monday, November 18. The meetings are held from 11:00 to 12:00 noon in the chapel at Magnolia Heights,(485 East Central Street), the retirement residence here in Franklin.

There is no cost for the group. Contact Leo Racine, our pastoral associate, for more information and to register. He can be reached at: 508-528-0020 or pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org.

#### **READINGS THIS WEEK**

#### Readings for the week of September 1, 2024

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30 Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37 Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44 Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11 Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39 Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5 Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

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#### 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.



#### **The Season of Creation**

Today is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and the first day of the ecumenical Season of Creation. Let's unite in prayer to ask God for the strength of will, generosity and

resourcefulness to care for our world and all its peoples.

To inspire us, here's a passage from Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical, Laudato Si', "The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home."



#### Year of Prayer

Pope Francis' next two teachings about prayer focus on the Trinity, the Father, Son and Spirit. In the first teaching, the pope tells us that Jesus,

God as one of us, opens us up to a dialogue with God, a God who is ever near, whose "style" is expressed in three words: *closeness, compassion* and *tenderness*, the "style" of a parent who truly loves her or his children.

In the second teaching of the Trinity, Pope Francis, tells us that the Spirit is the gift that Jesus, before he died, promised to send us. The pope says that "the Spirit 'reminds' us of Jesus [who brings us into relationship with God] and makes him present to us…"; thus, we share in the life and love of the Trinity and call upon the Spirit to help us learn how to pray, to dialogue with our Triune God. <u>https://bit.ly/</u> PFPrayer25 and <u>https://bit.ly/PFPrayer26</u>

#### **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: <u>deaconguy@verizon.net</u>.



## CYO Basketball Registration

CYO Basketball Registration will open for Boys and Girls in 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade on the first week of September. The season runs October to March. To register get more information on our program including eligibility requirements, please visit our CYO website: www.stmarysfranklincyobasketball.com.

#### Note to High School Players

High School players must attend CYO tryout(s) in order to be considered for a CYO team. If you are trying out for your HS team and want to be considered for a CYO team, (should you not make your HS team) then you MUST attend tryout(s). Only individuals who have attended tryout(s) will be considered for CYO teams. No exceptions. If you have questions or interest in becoming a member of our Board, please contact: Dave Benoit at davebenoit76@gmail.com





## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, September 14th, 2024 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM St. Mary's Parish School Parking lot

ALL TOWNS WELCOME! RAIN OR SHINE. HARD DRIVES DESTROYED, CASH PREFERRED, CHECKS (Over \$30) Question? Contact: greendayrecyclingMA@gmail.com

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- \$5 each for Computers, Laptops, DVD Players, VCR's, Small Printers, Stereos, Radios, Alarm Clocks, Speakers, Video Game Consoles, Table Lamps, Fans, Hair Dryers, Curling Irons, Projectors, Power Tools, Drills, Cameras, Clocks, Trophies, Frying Pans, Holiday Lights, Other Small Electronics.
- \$10 each for Small Household Appliances, Vacuum Cleaners/Roomba, Toaster Ovens, Ceiling Fans, Floor Lamps, Air Fryers, Electric Grills, Hot Plates, Small Radiators, Keyboard Pianos, Coffee Makers, Ice Makers.
- \$20 each for Flat Screen Computer Monitors, Microwaves, Dorm Sized Refrigerators, Dehumidifiers, Air Conditioners, Water Coolers, Large Printers/Copiers, Leaf Blowers, Chainsaws, Heat Lamps, Artificial Christmas Trees, Fire Extinguishers, Propane Tanks (Empty).
- \$25 each for TVs up to 26," CRT Monitors, Outdoor Grills, Snow Blowers, Lawn Mowers, Rototillers, Power Washers, Large Yard Equipment, Water Tanks.
- \$30 each for TVs between 26" and 35," Washing Machines, Dryers, Stoves, Dishwashers, Other Large Appliances, Treadmills, Exercise Equipment,
- \$35 each for TVs over 36," Large Refrigerators, Ride-On Lawn Mowers.
- \$40 each for Projection TVs.
- NO CHARGE (Cash Donations Appreciated): Cell Phones, Bicycles in any condition, Video Game Media and Accessories, Wires, Cables, Chargers, VHS/DVD's, Car/Household Batteries, Keyboards, Tablets.

#### SEPTEMBER 1, 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 Friends of the Poor Walk is:

https://events.idonate.com/stmaryfranklinfop

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



#### Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Men

This next meeting of the St. Mary's Parish Men's Faith formation group (COR– Communication Resources) is on **Saturday, September 7 at 8am** in the Sacred Heart Hall. All men, wherever you are on your faith journey are welcome. We meet on the first Saturday of each month at 8:00 am.

The program is a great way for men to connect. In addition to faith formation, we build in plenty of time to socialize over coffee and bagels. If you have additional questions, please reach out to Regis Schratz at: <a href="mailto:rschratz@comcast.net">rschratz@comcast.net</a>.

## St. Vincent DePaul 508-918-2291

Thank you to all who so generously donate to the SVdP Food Pantry. The SVdP often requests certain items. Donations may be placed in the boxes at the doors of the church anytime during the month. The current needs of the pantry are:

Green Beans Juice Boxes \*Toilet Paper/Tissues \*Paper Towels Apple & Cranberry Juice (2 quart bottles)

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

\*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.



**Did you know...** that the ultrasonographers at Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center can see a baby's heartbeat at 6 weeks? We are the first step for women in an unplanned pregnancy. For pregnancy confirmation with licensed, medical professionals that include high-quality ultrasound and non-judgmental counseling, call us at 508-455-0425 to schedule. All services are FREE! **Serving the community since 2011 - from pregnancy testing to potty training!** 

### Book Club

The first meeting of St. Mary Book Club will be this Thursday, September 5 from 6-7pm. The first book to be discussed is Stephen Puelo's "**Voyage of Mercy**: *The USS Jamestonn, The Irish Famine and the Remarkable Story of America's First Humanitarian Mission.*"

We only read books that are available at Franklin Public Library, it is a good idea to order our October book now. The October book is "The Bee Sting" by Paul Murray. You might want to listen to the audio version as the narrator has a fun brogue. We look forward to discussing the books and hearing your opinion.

#### Dear Friends,

I'd like to introduce to you a young man from Franklin and a son of St. Mary's Parish, Mr. Sean McKeown. Sean is a seminarian, studying for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Boston. He is currently in his second year of preparation for Theology studies.

Sean spent all of his childhood living in Franklin and attending the Franklin Public Schools. He received his sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation at St Mary's parish in Franklin. He went on to

study and become a physical therapist assistant. Sean spent years traveling around the country and the world seeing more than 40 nations. After 8 years, Sean felt called to return to his faith in a deeper way. His love for PT was outshined by a strong desire serve God with his whole heart. This call was answered when he began seminary formation at St John's Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts. He is in his 2nd year of the 7 year formation process.

Our St. Mary's community rejoices that one of our young people has courageously answered God's call to share in the priesthood of Jesus Christ. Please join me in keeping Sean in our prayers as he continues his journey of discernment and study. Please continue to pray that more young men and women will not only hear God's call but have the courage to answer it through a life of service to God's Church.



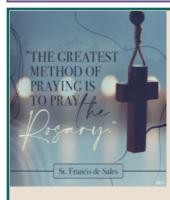
Peace and Prayers, Fr. Bob

#### The Women's Faith Formation Meeting

The Women's Faith Formation group will hold our opening meeting on September 14th from 9 - 10 am in person in the Sacred Heart Hall. We plan to watch a short video and then break into small groups for discussion. Light refreshments will be served.



This is an informal, welcoming group of women open to sharing insights with each other. We are looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones!

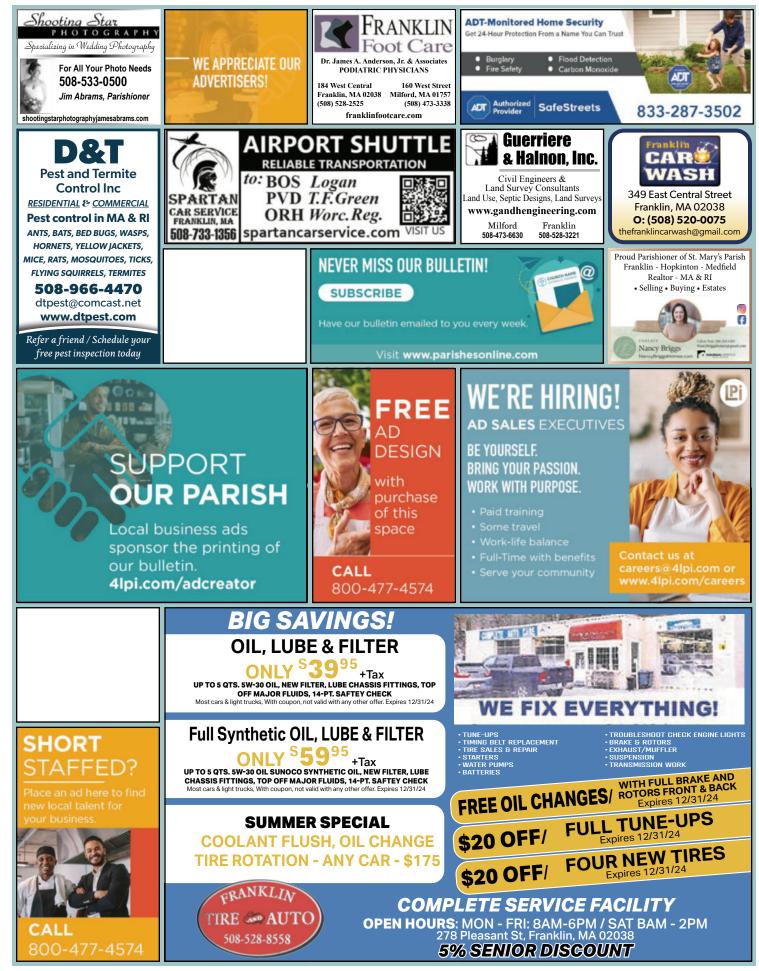


### **Rosary Rally**

On Saturday, October 12, at 12 Noon, St. Mary Parish will hold a Rosary Rally. All are invited to meet at the Blessed Virgin Statue in the front of the Rectory to pray the Rosary together.

(If it rains, the Rosary Rally will be held in the Chapel).







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