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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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](http://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.

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St. Mary's Church Wi-Fi is:  
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#### St. Vincent De Paul

Assistance

508-918-2291

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 7

4:00 pm Ed Therault

Sunday, September 8

7:30am Bill Kennally

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

Monday, September 9

7:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, September 10

7:00am Maria & John DePonte

Wednesday, September 11

7:00am D'Orazio Family

Thursday, September 12

7:00 am James Hill

Friday, September 13

7:00 am Deceased members of the Colace Family

Saturday, September 14

4:00 pm Mary Verna Kaufman

Sunday, September 15

7:30am Randy & Anne McDonald  
10:30am Kevin O'Neill

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of September 8, 2024

**Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/  
Mk 7:31-37

**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/  
Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/  
Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,  
23-24/Lk 6:27-38

**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk  
6:39-42

**Saturday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/  
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

**Next Sunday:** Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9  
(9)/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

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 in the Chapel).

Year of Prayer

In his twenty-seventh teaching on prayer, Pope Francis talks about praying in communion with Mary, the Mother of God. The pope speaks about the Eastern Churches which often depict Mary as the *Odigitria*, the one who “shows the way;” although she is not the “way” herself.

Pope Francis tells us that, because of Jesus’ words, while he was on the Cross, to his mother and his beloved disciple: “Woman, there is your son,” Mary is the Mother of the Church, our Mother. We are reminded, therefore, that Mary is always there, interceding for us, as a mother intercedes for her children. We are encouraged to ask her to pray for us. <https://bit.ly/PFPrayer27>



Happy Grandparents Day!

## - 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](mailto:baptism@stmarysfranklin.org). You can reach Deacon Ron at [gerwat@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://stmarysfranklin.org) or call the Rectory at 508-528-0020.

### 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!



### Protecting God's Children

*Protecting God's Children® for Adults* is a program designed to assist members of the Catholic community in creating safe environments for our children and vulnerable adults. It is our sincere belief that all people deserve to be treated with dignity as well as to live and learn in an environment that is free from abuse. This program, which consists of videos, group discussion and specific safety recommendations, helps us to put our beliefs into action.

*Protecting God's Children® for Adults* is open to all St. Mary's parishioners and is mandatory for many of our parish ministers. This program will be offered on Monday, September 16 (6:30 to 9:30PM) and Sunday, September 22 (1:30 to 4:30PM) in the Parish Pastoral Center (school); you need only attend one session.

Please call Leo Racine, Pastoral Associate, at the parish office (508-528-0020) or email him at [pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org](mailto:pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org) for more information and to reserve a spot at a session; registration will be online.





## The Season of Creation

During this month of September, which corresponds to the 2024 Season of Creation, we will feature passages from Pope Francis' 2015 environmental encyclical *Laudato Si*.



This week we read a direct appeal from Pope Francis: "I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all."



**Did you know...** A woman in an unplanned pregnancy needs tremendous love and support to make the brave decision to keep her child. Showing her compassion and telling her you will be there for her without judgement, could make the difference in her decision to parent. If you or someone you know thinks she may be pregnant, please contact us at 508-455-0425 for help.

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## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, September 14th, 2024 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
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# Friends OF THE POOR<sup>®</sup> WALK/RUN



## 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."***

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## CYO Basketball Registration

CYO Basketball Registration will open for Boys and Girls in 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade this week. The season runs from October 2024 to March 2025. To register or get more information on our program including eligibility requirements, please visit our St. Mary CYO page at: [www.stmarysfranklincyobasketball.com](http://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 are interested in becoming a member of our Board, please contact: **Dave Benoit** at [davebenoit76@gmail.com](mailto:davebenoit76@gmail.com)



## Bible Study Group

Our Fall 2024 Bible Study begins Monday, September 9, from 11:00am to 12:00 noon at Magnolia Heights, 485 East Central Street, Franklin.

There will be a total of nine Monday sessions during which we will study the Old Testament Book of Genesis. 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](mailto:pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org).





# Parish FUNDRAISER



**Knights of Columbus**  
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**Back to School Pancake Breakfast to support the St. Mary Youth Group**

**Sunday, September 22nd from 8am - 10 am**  
**Sacred Heart Hall**

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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.



*Kickoff Event*

# FOOTBALL WATCH PARTY

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GRADES 9-12

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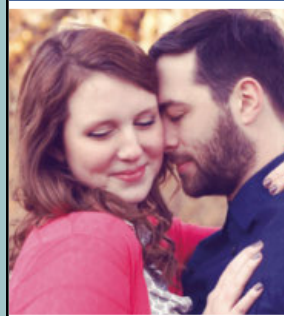
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