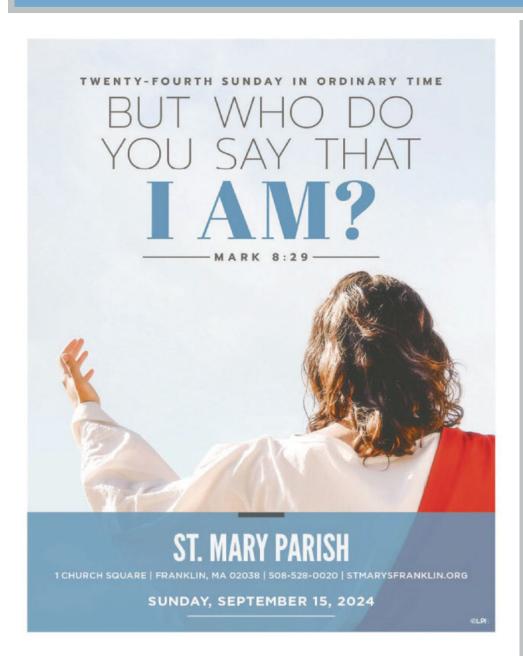
#### **Saint Mary Parish**



#### **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: StMarysChurchMesh Password: STMarysGuest

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WEEKLY GIVING				
Weekly Budget	In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Total Offertory	Weekly Difference
\$12,211.00	\$6,151.75	\$5,577.62	\$11,729.37	-481.63

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 14

4:00 pm Mary Verna Kaufman

Sunday, September 15

7:30am Randy & Anne McDonald

10:30am Kevin O'Neill

Monday, September 16

7:00am Carissa Langille Saunders

Tuesday, September 17

7:00am Louis and Anthony Marano

Wednesday, September 18

7:00am Charles and Hilda Clark, Carol Hayes

Thursday, September 19

7:00 am Richard Marasco

Friday, September 20

7:00 am Nola Voltaire

Saturday, September 21

4:00 pm Paul Hannon

Sunday, September 22

7:30am Elaine Padula

10:30am Mr. & Mrs. Edgar G. Chevalier and

Mr. & Mrs. William J. Cupelo

Baptism

On September 8th, Molly Noelle Gavin was Baptized by Deacon Ron. May God Bless her always.



On Saturday, September 7, 2024, Olivia Bouchard married Samuel Danis with a wedding Mass at St. Mary Parish. Fr. Jack Sullivan was the celebrant.

The Priests, Staff and Parishioners of St. Mary wish Olivia and Samuel a long, happy and healthy life together.

#### **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.

#### **READINGS THIS WEEK**

Readings for the week of September 15, 2024

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

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17 Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50 Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37



#### **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, October 9, 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.

#### **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. This program will be offered tomorrow, Monday, September 16 (6:30 to 9:30PM) and next 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 <u>pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org</u> for more information and to reserve a spot at a session; registration will be online.



#### **Catechetical Sunday**

Today, September 15, is Catechetical Sunday here in the United States. This year's theme is "Lord, when did we see you hungry", a quote from Chapter 25 of Matthew's gospel. (https://bit.ly/Hunger2024.)

As Catholics, we are called to put our faith into action, inviting others to share our faith in Jesus Christ. Besides being a catechist (Religious Ed. teacher), one concrete way to do this in Franklin is to participate in the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Friends of the Poor Walk/Run on September 28th. See the bulletin or <a href="https://bit.ly/FriendsWalk2024">https://bit.ly/FriendsWalk2024</a>, for more information.

#### Year of Prayer

In his twenty-eighth teaching on prayer, Pope Francis reminds us that we are always surrounded by that "cloud of witnesses" (*Heb* 12:1), the saints.

The pope says that a saint is a "man or woman who encountered Jesus and followed Jesus." Saints bring us to Jesus and show us that we, too, can be holy. Pope Francis tells us that there is a "mysterious solidarity" in Christ, that there is connection between those believers who have gone before us and those of us who are pilgrims in this life. The pope, referencing the Catechism, encourages us to pray to the saints, asking them to intercede for us and for the whole world. <a href="https://bit.ly/PFPrayer28">https://bit.ly/PFPrayer28</a>



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

September 2024 is The Season of Creation Month. We will feature passages from Pope Francis' 2015 environmental encyclical *Laudato Si*.

Creation is the subject of this week's passage: "In the Judaeo-Christian tradition, the word "creation" has a broader meaning than "nature," for it has to do with God's loving plan in which every creature has its own value and significance. *Nature* is usually seen as a system which can be studied, understood and controlled, whereas *creation* can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all, and as a reality illuminated by the love which calls us together into universal communion."



# Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities

#### October 12th and 13th after each Mass

The Sacred Heart Council #184, Knights of Columbus will be doing their annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" for individuals with "Intellectual Disabilities." When you see Knights in yellow vests that read "Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities," you should smile. These Knights are collecting donations to help recognize the dignity of every person.

This is a chance to provide people with intellectual and physical disabilities with more resources to live a happy life. The Knights of Columbus has also partnered with the Special Olympics. Please consider contributing to this worthy cause.

You may donate online by accessing:

www.givebutter.com/ FranklinTootsieRoll

You can also use this QR Code that directs you to a link where you can donate.



# Pancake Breakfast



#### **Knights of Columbus**

Sacred Heart Council

Back to School Pancake Breakfast to support the St. Mary Youth Group

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

\$5 Donation per person; children under 12 are free

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#### **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.





#### 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









## **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.

#### **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



#### **Bible Study Group**

Our Fall 2024 Bible Study began on 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.



#### **Book Club**

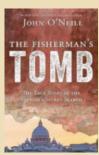
The St. Mary's Book Club next meeting will be October 3, from 6:00-7:00pm in the Sacred Heart Hall. The book is "The Bee Sting" by Paul Murray. The ending is very dramatic so our discussion will be interesting for sure!



Since we only read books that are available at Franklin Public Library, it is a good idea to order your November book now. In November we will be reading "The Fisherman's Tomb: The True Story of the Vatican's Secret Search," by John O'Neill. It's a true story that's part detective, mystery and

religious.

If you have questions, contact Joe Ewald at 508-298-2405, Joan Maguire at 508-528-3789 or Faith Flaherty at faithflaherty@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. 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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#### Are You a 9-12 Grader?

Let's kickoff the **St. Mary Youth Group** season with a tailgate and Patriots Game watch party! The Youth Group Kickoff Event is *Sunday, September 29th* from *3:30 - 7:30pm* at the back yard of the Rectory.

Food, Games, and Giveaways, including an autographed football by Patriots defensive tackle *Deatrich Wise Jr.*, courtesy of the New England Patriots. It's going to be an exciting and fun afternoon that you don't want to miss! GO PATS!!!



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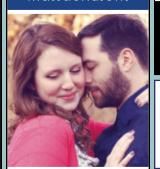
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