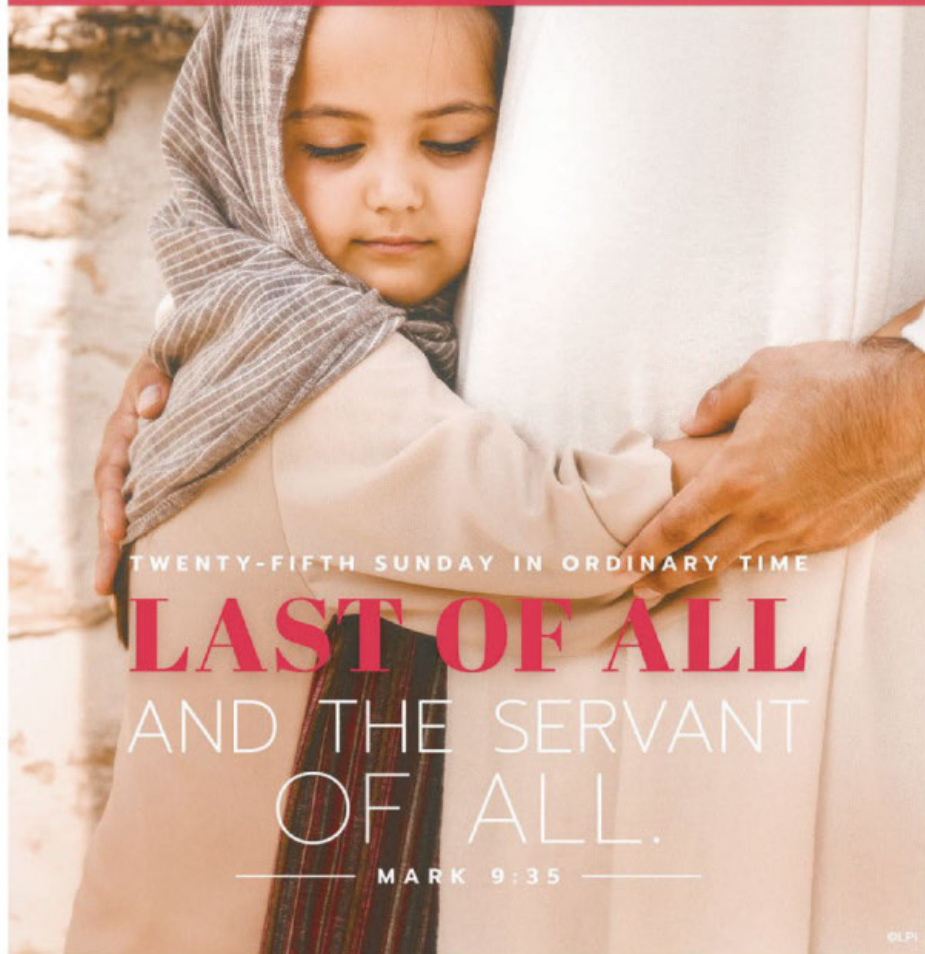


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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024



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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MASS INTENTIONS

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. Culpelo

Monday, September 23

7:00am Marjorie Ariot

Tuesday, September 24

7:00am Theilla Noel

Wednesday, September 25

7:00am Antonio Pereira

Thursday, September 26

7:00 am Robert Wirt

Friday, September 27

7:00 am Angeline Arouj

Saturday, September 28

4:00 pm Jesse & Richard Barter

Sunday, September 29

7:30am Frank T. Hirsch, Robert & Gwendolyn
Hirsch & Francis & Jeanette Padula

10:30am St Vincent De Paul Society

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of September 22, 2024

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

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-
18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35,
44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104,
163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/
Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-
22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14
and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14
(9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-4



On September 15th, Caroline Charlotte Bradford, Hallibel Jean Monkman, and Adrianna Rose Smith were Baptized by Deacon Ron. May God Bless them 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 and Parishioners of St. Mary wish Olivia and Samuel a long, happy and healthy life together.



Saturday, October 5th at 1pm

St. Mary School Parking Lot, Pleasant St., Franklin

Bring your pet to be blessed by Fr. Bob in honor of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures.

- 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, 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. *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 today, **Sunday, September 22** from 1:30 to 4:30PM in the Parish Pastoral Center (school); registration will be online. Please contact Leo Racine, Pastoral Associate, at the parish office (508-528-0020) or pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org for more information and to reserve a spot at a session; registration will be online.



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.

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*. Today we are reminded that everything in our world, all we see and experience, is interconnected: "We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature." (139)



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. When these Knights are collecting donations to help to 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.



Did you know... Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center works with over 50 community partners including St. Vincent De Paul, Knights of Columbus, and Early Head Start to ensure that our clients receive all of the help they need. Are you part of an organization that would like to partner with us? Contact us at 508-455-0425 for more information.

All services are FREE! **Serving the community since 2011 - from pregnancy testing to potty training!**



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.



Year of Prayer



“The Church is a great school of prayer,” Pope Francis declares in his twenty-ninth teaching on prayer. He reminds us that, while we may have learned our first prayers from our parents “the life of a parish and of every Christian community is marked by liturgical moments of community prayer,” which also help to shape us in our spiritual development.

The pope states clearly that “everything in the church originates in prayer and everything grows thanks to prayer.” It is “the church’s essential task to pray and to teach how to pray.” He calls prayer the “oil” that keeps the “lamp of faith” burning brightly. <https://bit.ly/PFPrayer29>

Friends OF THE POOR[®] WALK/RUN



St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, September 28, 2024

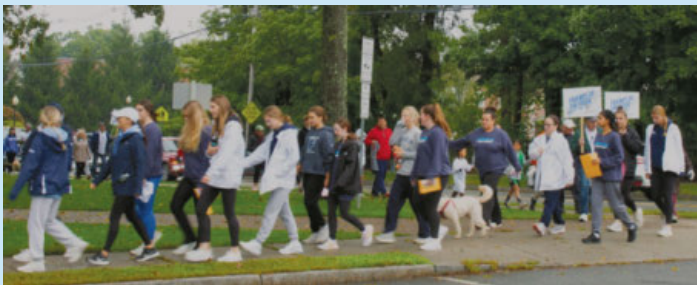
Registration for the event begins at 8:30am on the Town Common. Blessing for the Walk will be at 9:00 a.m. Walk Participants can **Collect donations** and **Walk with us** or **donate online**. The registration link for Friends of the Poor Walk is:

<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."

St. Vincent de Paul



Pancake Breakfast



Knights of Columbus
Sacred Heart Council

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

Sunday, September 22nd from 8 - 10am
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children under 12 are free

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Saturday, September 21 is World Alzheimer's Day. The Day represents "a global effort to raise awareness and challenge the stigma around Alzheimer's disease and other dementia." The Alzheimer's Association reports that more than 55 million people around the world are afflicted with this disease. You can help!

There is a Walk to End Alzheimer's scheduled for October 21, 2024 at Patriot's Place in Foxboro. Register for the walk, offer to volunteer, or sponsor a walker. See the website, <https://bit.ly/AlzheimersWalkFoxboro>, for more information.



CYO Basketball Registration

CYO Basketball Registration will open for **Boys** and **Girls** in 5th - 12th 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 site: 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




Kickoff Event
FOOTBALL WATCH PARTY

ST MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY
STARTS AT 3:30 PM **SEPT 29** FOR GRADES **9-12**

GRADES 9-12
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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 next *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!



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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.



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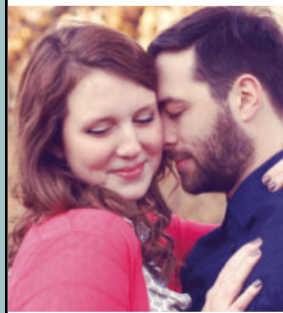
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