

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

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St. Vincent De Paul

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WEEKLY GIVING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14 & 15

Weekly Budget	In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Total Offertory	Weekly Difference
\$12,211.00	\$5,396.35	\$5,158.62	\$10,554.97	\$(-1,656.03)

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, September 30

7:00am Aurora Simpson

Tuesday, October 1

7:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, October 2

7:00am Peter Brunelli

Thursday, October 3

7:00 am Jack Gero

Friday, October 4

7:00 am John Edward Costello

Saturday, October 5

4:00 pm Vanessa Marie Cusson, Catherine Cusson, Walter J. Cusson, Walter "Al" & Mary Cusson, John & Elena Willinski

Sunday, October 6

7:30am Anthony & Jennifer Carrano

10:30am Kevin O'Malley



On Sunday, September 22, 2024, Peyton Elizabeth Compagna, Adeline James Fazio, Declan Michael and Harper Ann Ryan and Tyler Joseph and Liliana Marie Stanikmas were Baptized by Fr. Bob Poitras. May God Bless them always.



On Friday, September 20, 2024, Katherine Manis and Matthew Stebbins were Married with a Wedding Ceremony at St. Mary Parish. Fr. Bob Poitras was the celebrant.

The Priests and Parishioners of St. Mary wish Katherine and Matthew a long, happy and healthy life together.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of September 29, 2024

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-1

- 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.



The Season of Creation

The Season of Creation comes to a conclusion on Saturday, October 4, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi.

During this month of September, which corresponds to the 2024 Season of Creation, we have featured passages from Pope Francis' 2015 environmental encyclical *Laudato Si*. This final week, we read about St. Francis' importance as a model for us: "I believe that Saint Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically...[h]e shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace."

Rosary Rally

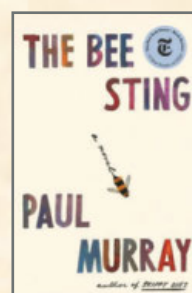
On Saturday, October 12, at 12 Noon, St. Mary Parish will hold a Rosary Rally. All are invited to meet at the Blessed Virgin Statue in the front of the Rectory to pray the Rosary together.

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

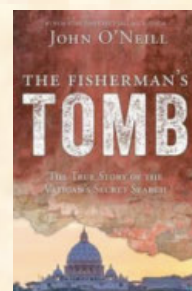


Book Club

The next meeting of St. Mary's Book Club's will be Thursday, October 3, from 6:00-7:00pm in the Olive Branch Room in Sacred Heart Hall. The book up for discussion is *The Bee Sting* by Paul Murray.



November's book is "*The Fisherman's Tomb, The True Story of the Vatican's Secret Search*," by John O'Neill. It is a wonderful True Detective Story. For more information please call Joe Ewald at: 508-298-2405





1st Grand Annual collection is October 12th & 13th

Our 1st Grand Annual Collection is coming soon. Every registered household will soon receive a Grand Annual Appeal letter and envelope in the mail.

This annual appeal supports not only operating expenses but also building maintenance and repair. This year, we hope to do some deferred maintenance including re-pointing sections of the exterior of the church as well as power washing areas that need to be cleaned. Additionally, we would like to replace the church sign with a new one that is even more welcoming to new members who find their way to St. Mary's.

Will you consider a special gift of \$500 or more?

The Grand Annual Appeal makes all of this possible. Last year, you were asked to consider a gift of \$500 or more. While I realize this may be a challenge for some, many in our parish supported at this level. I ask for your generous support again this year so that we can reach our goal of raising \$175,000. Those who are struggling should support to the best of their ability. I know the well-being of our parish is important to you and I am grateful for any support you are able to give.

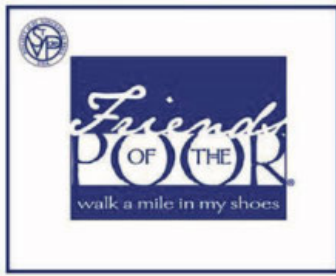
The Grand Annual Collection will be taken up three times this year as has been our tradition. The first collection will be held on the weekend of October 13th followed by additional collections on the weekends of November 3rd and December 1st.

Please return the Grand Annual envelope dated October 13th indicating your total gift and first payment. You may place this envelope in the Sunday Collection or return it to the parish by mail. Enclosed are envelopes for the two additional collections. You may also contribute through Online Giving: stmarysfranklin.org.

We truly appreciate any assistance you can give and are counting on the many, who are able, to support this appeal. Thank you for your support.



Consider making your gift Online: www.stmarysfranklin.org



Many thanks to everyone involved in the 2024 SVdP Friends of the Poor Walk. It was great to see so many come out and walk with us this year! All of your help and contributions are greatly appreciated. A special thanks to St. Mary's Knights of Columbus for their help and support.

If you did not get a chance to donate, you can **send a check to:** SVdP, 1 Church Square, Franklin, MA 02038 OR donate **online to** the St. Mary's SVdP team at:

<https://events.idonate.com/stmaryfranklinfop>

Because of your generosity and support, we are able to help our neighbors in need! God Bless.

"Faith becomes tangible when it finds its expression in love and, especially, in the service of our brothers and sisters in difficulty."

Pope Francis



Year of Prayer

This week, Pope Francis discusses the "Our Father," a vocal prayer Jesus taught to his disciples and which we still pray today.

The pope tells us that the "prayer of the lips that is whispered or recited together, is always accessible, and is as necessary as manual labor." He says that it is "like an anchor where one can hold on to the rope and remain, faithful, come what may." Pope Francis warns against the pride of scorning all vocal prayer in favor of meditation or mental prayer. He reminds us that "the words we speak take us by the hand; at times they restore flavor, they awaken even the sleepest of hearts; they reawaken feelings we had forgotten." (<https://bit.ly/PFPrayer30>)



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:

- Peanut butter
- white rice
- paper towels
- tissues
- toilet paper

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.



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." The 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 can also use this QR Code that directs you to a link where you can donate, or donate online by accessing: www.givebutter.com/FranklinTootsieRoll





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.

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

A football player in a blue jersey with the number 07, wearing a white helmet, is shown in a celebratory pose with his right arm raised, pointing upwards. The background is a dark, starry space.

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
Tailgate Party
ST MARY'S RECTORY BACKYARD
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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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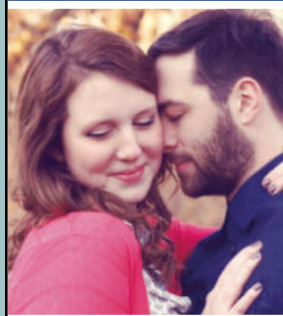
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