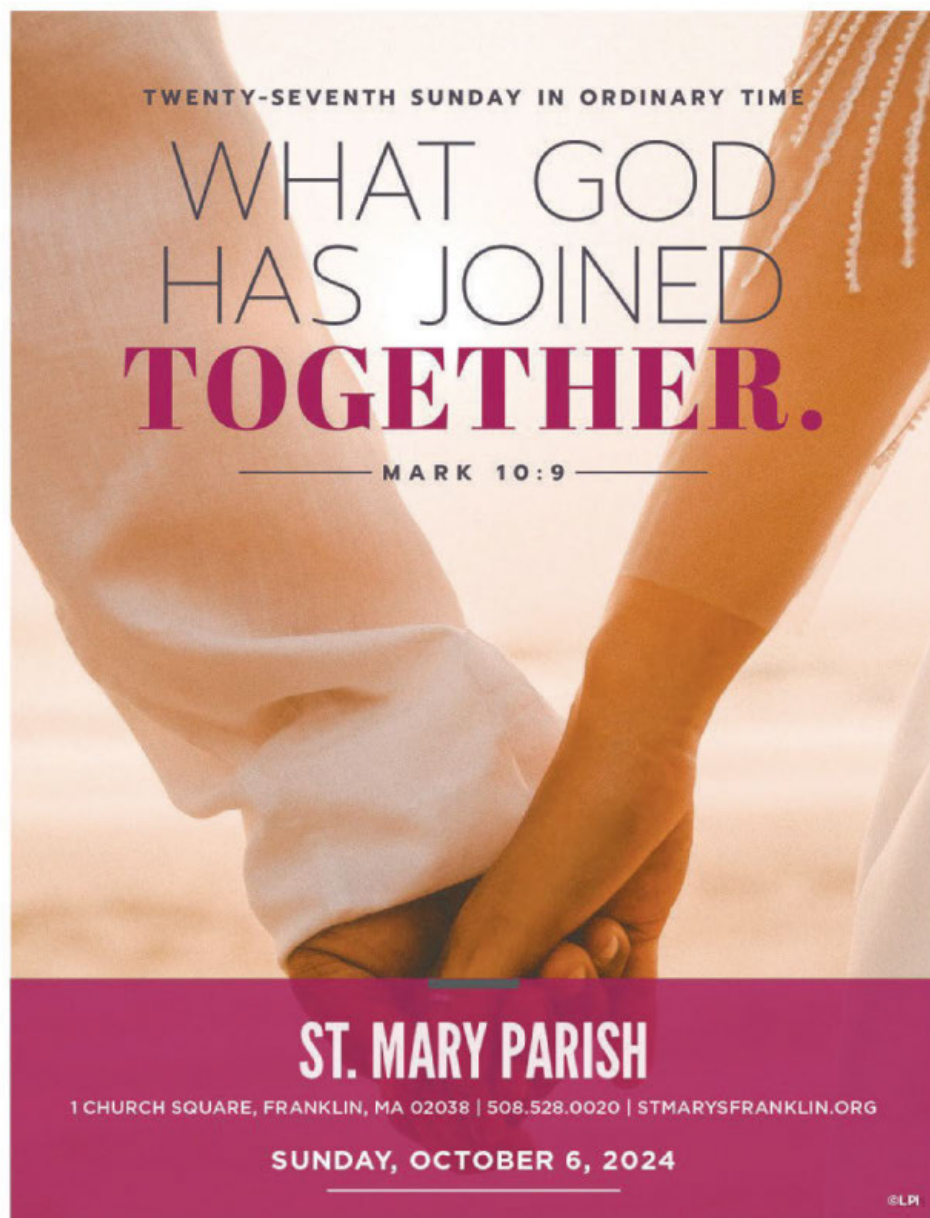


Saint Mary Parish



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.

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WEEKLY GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER 21 AND 22, 2024

Weekly Budget	In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Total Offertory	Weekly Difference
\$12,211.00	\$4,756.00	\$5,941.62	\$10,697.62	\$(-1,513.38)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 5

4:00 pm Vanessa Marie Cusson, 10th Anniversary, Catherine Cusson, 40th Anniversary, Walter J. Cusson, Walter "Al" & Mary Cusson, John & Elena Willinski

Sunday, October 6

7:30am Anthony & Jennifer Carrano
10:30am Kevin O'Malley

Monday, October 7

7:00am Jerry D'Angelo

Tuesday, October 8

7:00am Peter Hazlett

Wednesday, October 9

7:00am Anna Gallo and Members of the Gallo Family

Thursday, October 10

7:00 am

Friday, October 11

7:00 am

Saturday, October 12

4:00 pm Theresa Morasco

Sunday, October 6

7:30am Peggy Yanuskiewicz
10:30am Angela Trenouth



On Sunday, September 29, 2024, Emily Grace Clem, Luca Anthony Di Saia, Colin Howard Donovan, Emma Folan Moran, Zachary Michael Muse and Noah Isabella Thomas were Baptized by Deacon Ron. 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.

Live Stream is Not Working

Live Stream for Masses is currently down. We have ordered new hardware and anticipate it being back up in October. In the meantime, you can watch Masses on CatholicTV.org

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of October 6, 2024

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-2

- 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.

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, October 19th at 8am** in the Sacred Heart Hall. All men, wherever you are on your faith journey are welcome. We usually meet on the third 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: rschratz@comcast.net.

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The Women's Faith Formation Meeting

The Women's Faith Formation group will hold our opening meeting on Saturday, October 12th 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.

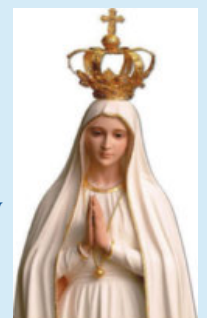
This is an informal, welcoming group of women open to sharing insights with each other. We are looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones!



Rosary Rally

Next 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.





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

Our 1st Grand Annual Collection is next week. 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

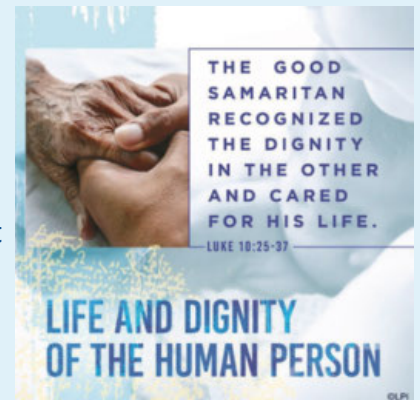


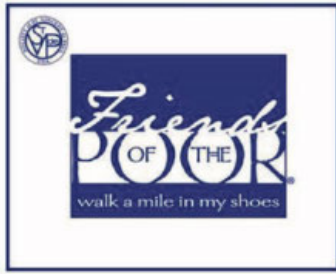
Palliative Care Presentation

October 20th at 7:00pm
Sacred Heart Hall, St. Mary Parish, Franklin, MA

If you or a loved one are living with a serious or chronic illness, come listen to Dr. Richard Ashburn speak on the option of Palliative Care. Palliative Care is a special type of medical care that offers physical, emotional and spiritual support to the patient and family. Dr. Ashburn is a physician and a member of the Inpatient Palliative Care Team at the South Shore Hospital and a Deacon at Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church in Hanover, MA.

Hosted by the St. Mary Respect Life Commission.





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

Altar and Sanctuary Care Ministry

Are you looking to get involved at St. Mary's but don't have a lot of time to devote? Consider joining the **Altar & Sanctuary Care Ministry** to help launder the sacred linens or do light cleaning in the Church. The commitment is only a few hours, twice a month for 1-3 months per year. This is based on your availability.

For more information, please reach-out to Kate Boragine at 508-440-5330.



Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

*Campaign for People with
Intellectual Disabilities*

NEXT WEEKEND!

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

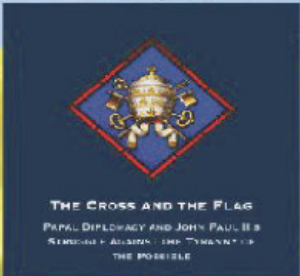


Bereavement Support Group

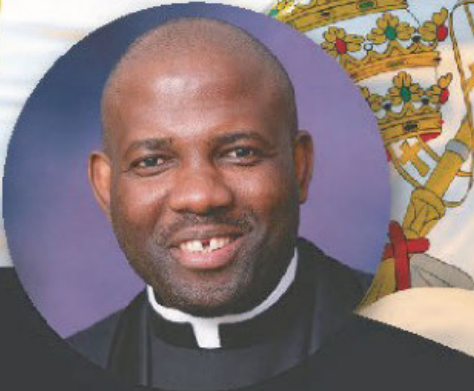
A seven week faith-based bereavement support group will be held at St Jude's Church in Norfolk, MA starting Thursday, October 24. This group is for anyone who has experienced a recent loss of a loved one. There is no charge for the group however, space is limited and registration is required.

For additional information or to register, please call Nan Rafter at 774-571-0092.




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Foreword By Mary Ann Glendon
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About the Author
 Fr. John Tanyi was Ordained in 2024 and is the parochial vicar at St. Mary Parish in Franklin, MA. He will be presenting his recently published book, *THE CROSS AND THE FLAG*. Come and enjoy the evening and get a signed copy of the book from the author.

		
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- 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 needs of our neighbors.

Year of Prayer

In his thirty-first teaching on prayer, Pope Francis talks about Christian meditation. He tells us that to meditate, to reflect and discover oneself is a human need and “dynamic.” For a Christian, to meditate is to seek meaning...in God. We are reminded that meditation is not an end in itself but a means to an encounter; thus, we are not to make a “god” out of the path that meditation provides.

Pope Francis tells us that the Holy Spirit is the guide for us in meditation, as in all prayer. Finally, the pope says that “there is no page of the Gospel in which there is no place for us.” <https://bit.ly/PFPrayer31>



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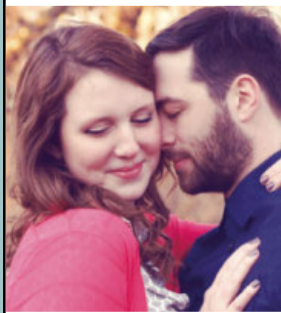
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