

# Saint Mary Parish

## ST. MARY PARISH

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**YOUR SERVANT.**

MARK 10:43

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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.

508-528-0020

St. Mary's Church Wi-Fi is:  
**StMarysChurchMesh**  
Password: **STMarysGuest**

#### St. Vincent De Paul

Assistance  
508-918-2291

MASS INTENTIONS



On Saturday, October 12, Paige Amelia Treggiari was Baptized by Deacon Guy. On Sunday, October 13, Callum Daniel Acton, John Patrick Finneran, Leo James Jenks, Olive Celestina O'Donnell, Enzo Michael Pedroza Vitale and Conor Nicholas Ryan were Baptized by Deacon Ron. May God Bless them always.

Are you a Interested in Joining the Choir?

The St. Mary Choir has resumed singing at the 10:30 Mass and are looking for new members. This is a talented and fun group of volunteer singers who warmly welcome new members. The choir meets every Thursday evening from 8:30-9:00pm in the Choir Loft.

If you are interested, please contact Music Director Terry Kerr at terry.kerr@att.net.

Year of Prayer

The struggle of prayer is the topic of Pope Francis' thirty-third teaching on prayer. The pope tells us that prayer "is not something easy, and this is why we flee from it." He cites distraction as one of the enemies of prayer and then tells us that the Catechism names other enemies like discouragement, disappointment about not being heard according to our will, and our resistance to the idea that prayer itself is a gift.

Along with St. Ignatius of Loyola and St. Anthony the Abbot, Pope Francis describes prayer in military and combat terms. But, he reminds us, that the Lord is always with us in our struggles. <https://bit.ly/PFPrayer33>

Live Stream is Now Working

Live Stream for Masses has been fixed and is in working order. You can view Masses on [www.stmarysfranklin.org/](http://www.stmarysfranklin.org/)

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of October 20, 2024

- Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Ps 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Dear Parishioners,

It is with great sadness that I'm writing to let you know that our beloved Fr. Jack Sullivan was called home to God last Sunday night.

Fr. Jack was a good and faithful priest of the Archdiocese of Boston for 50 years. Fr. Jack has served here at St. Mary's Parish for 12 years, first as a Parochial Vicar and most recently as a Senior Priest in Residence. When I spoke with him on Sunday afternoon he expressed how grateful he was to call St. Mary's, his home.

On Sunday afternoon Fr. John and I had the honor of visiting with him and administering communion. My friends, rest assured, Fr. Jack was very much at peace with knowing it was time for him, as he has said, "I want to go into the loving arms of Jesus, my Lord and risen savior."

I know I can confidently speak for Fr. John and all of our family of St. Mary's Parish as well that we will miss him, his sense of humor, his stories, his brief but packed with faith homilies, and his wisdom around the parish very much.

While this news leaves us heartbroken and sad let's not forget as Fr. Jack would want us to know, we are people blessed by the light of the resurrection of Christ and Alleluia is our song. As difficult and sudden as Fr. Jack's death is we can rest assured that Fr. Jack is at peace wrapped in the loving arms of our risen savior Jesus Christ. And that image should make us each smile through our tears. If we listen closely we can hear Jesus saying to his and our beloved Fr. Jack, "come my good and faithful servant and rest from your labors."

Please join me in praying in thanksgiving for the gift of Fr. Jack in our lives and for the comfort of his family and friends in this time of mourning. May our merciful God grant Fr. Jack and all of our faithful departed eternal peace.

Visitation will be at St. Mary Church in Franklin on Thursday, October 24 from 10:30-11:30am, followed by a funeral Mass at 12 Noon. Burial at St. Mary Cemetery.

Peace and prayers, **Fr. Bob**





## Grand Annual Collection a Success

Our 2024 Grand Annual Appeal is off to a great start with many households making their gift. If you have not already done so, please place your completed "Grand Annual Envelope" in the regular collection at Mass or mail it directly to the parish office. Additional envelopes are available at the entrance to the church.

**All families are being asked to consider a gift of \$500 or more.**

If you have not decided on your gift to the Grand Annual, we invite you to prayerfully consider making your gift this week. We truly appreciate any assistance you can give and are counting on the many, who are able, to support this appeal.

**Thank you to the many families that have already returned their Grand Annual Gift.**



### Palliative Care Presentation

October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
Sacred Heart Hall, St. Mary Parish

Are you or a loved one are living with a serious or chronic illness? If so, the St. Mary's Respect Life Commission invites you to hear Dr. Richard Ashburn speak on improving the quality of life for the patient and family with Palliative Care. Palliative Care is a special team approach to medical care that offers physical, emotional and spiritual support to the patient and family. ***Palliative Care can be of benefit in any illness or condition that limits physical or cognitive functioning.***

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. He will be joined by attorney, Patricia Steward, who will address the Catholic approach to decision-making for medical care and life-sustaining treatments.

Hosted by the St. Mary Respect Life Commission. This presentation will also be available on Zoom.



### Blood Drive!



### Have you Made your Appointment to Donate Blood?

The next **Blood Drive** will be held in on **Saturday, December 14th 2024** at the Sacred Heart Hall in the Lower Church from 9am to 2pm. Please consider giving blood to save a life.

Sign-ups are required. You can make a blood donation appointment now at [redcrossblood.org/give](https://redcrossblood.org/give), and search by Zip Code. Thank you from The Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council #1847





### Tootsie Roll Drive

*Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities*

### Thank You!

The Sacred Heart Council #184, Knights of Columbus thanks all parishioners who generously donated to the annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" for individuals with "Intellectual Disabilities." The donations go towards helping to recognize the dignity of every person.

You can still use this QR Code that directs you to a link where you can donate, or donate online by accessing: [www.givebutter.com/franklinTootsieRoll](http://www.givebutter.com/franklinTootsieRoll)



### CORI Weekend October 26 & 27

Next weekend, October 26/27, is CORI collection weekend here at St. Mary's Parish. Every fiscal year, it is our parish policy, following Archdiocesan requirements, to collect signed and completed CORI release forms from all of our employees and volunteers every fiscal year. If you are volunteer, part of a parish organization or council, belong to the St. Vincent de Paul teach Religious Ed. or coach, a pastoral visitor, or minister at Mass, coach, you are required to complete a CORI form this year.

CORI forms are available to complete and sign after all Masses next weekend in the Sacred Heart Hall. Please remember to bring your driver's license (or other form of government-issued ID) with you, as you will need this to complete the form.

You can also print and complete the form ahead of time and have your signature verified (driver's license or other form of government-issued ID needed) after Mass on the CORI collection dates. Print the form, from the St. Mary website under "Child Abuse Prevention" to access the CORI Form. Call Leo Racine, Pastoral Associate, at 508-528-0020 for questions.



### 7th Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale



Apple \* Pumpkin \* Blueberry \* Pecan

- ✓ Order Pies for your Thanksgiving table.
- ✓ Donate Pies to benefit Franklin Senior Center and the Franklin Food Pantry for their Thanksgiving table.

Order pies in back of the Church after all Masses on the weekends of October 26 & 27 and November 2 & 3 or online NOW thru November 3rd at [www.KofC1847.org](http://www.KofC1847.org) or via QR Code

Pickup at the Religious Ed. Office on Tuesday, November 26th from 3-6pm

Proceeds to support the ongoing charitable efforts of the Knights of Columbus.

For more information, contact Mike Swan at 508-404-4792 or [mbswan@comcast.net](mailto:mbswan@comcast.net)





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### Project Rachel Ministry Retreat

Are you - or someone you know - seeking peace after an abortion? The *Project Rachel* ministry of the archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a **Come to the Waters of Healing**, one-day retreat on Saturday, November 16th from 9 am - 5 pm). Location is confidential. For more information on retreats or other services, contact *Project Rachel* at (508)651-3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).



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.

### Altar and Sanctuary Care Ministry

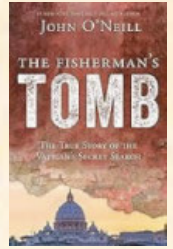
Are you looking to get involved at St. Mary's but don't have a lot of time to devote? Consider joining the **Altar & Sanctuary Care Ministry** to help launder the sacred linens or do light cleaning in the Church. The commitment is only a few hours, twice a month for 1-3 months per year. This is based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



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

### November Book Club

The St. Mary Book Club's next meeting is November 7, 2024 at 6pm in the Olive Branch Room in Sacred Heart Hall. November's book is "*The Fisherman's Tomb, The True Story of the Vatican's Secret Search*," by John O'Neill." It's a true detective story. Question, please call John Ewald at 508-298-2405



Cursillo is a joyful three day experience of learning, faith sharing, praying, and having fun, with the goal of deepening your faith and strengthening your ability to be Christ's witness in the world. Weekends run from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon at the Notre Dame Spirituality Center in Ipswich.

Applications are currently being accepted for the fall 2024 Women's and Men's weekends. The next Women's weekend is October 31- November 3. The next Men's Weekend is scheduled for December 5-8. For more information, visit [www.bostoncursillo.org](http://www.bostoncursillo.org) or contact Chris Graf at [cmg829@comcast.net](mailto:cmg829@comcast.net).



### St. Vincent DePaul

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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:



- Crackers
- Fruit Snacks (in small cans or containers)
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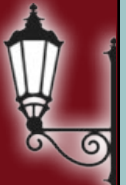
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