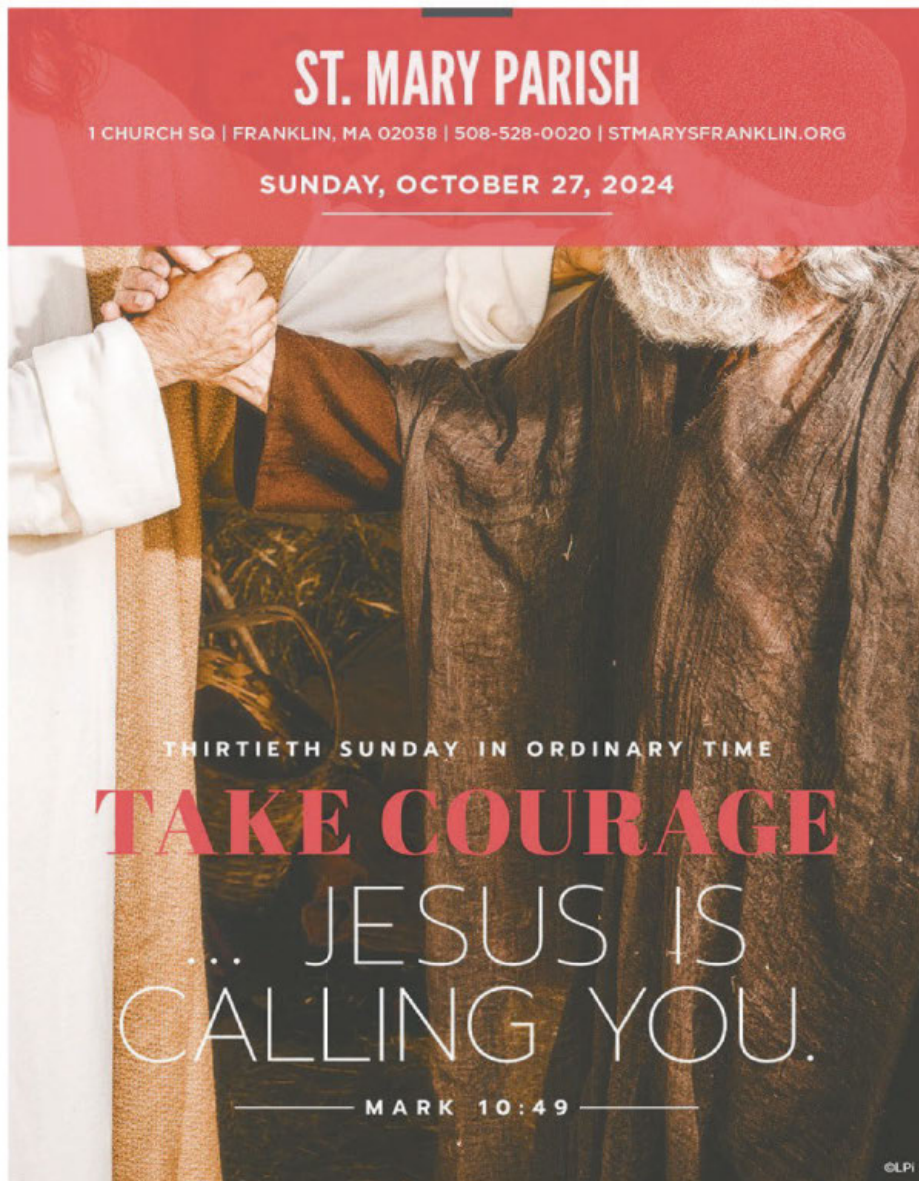


Saint Mary Parish



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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WEEKLY GIVING FOR OCTOBER 5 & 6, 2024

Weekly Budget	In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Total Offertory	Weekly Difference
\$12,211.00	\$5,740	\$5509.62	\$11,249.62	\$(-961.38)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 26

4:00 pm Ann Nancy McCarthy, John McCarthy and Sharon McCarthy-Ballou

Sunday, October 27

7:30am Joseph, Francis, Alfred, Raymond and Dominic Padula

10:30am Thomas Gentili and Barbara and John McGovern

Monday, October 28

7:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, October 29

7:00am Irene Atkinson

Wednesday, October 30

7:00am Denise Ann Merullo

Thursday, October 31

7:00 am No Intentions

4:00pm *All Saint's Day Mass Vigil*
Perry and Paul Padula, Steve, William and Robert Dias

Friday, November 1

7:00 am *All Saint's Day Mass*
Christine Fitzgerald

7:00pm *All Saint's Day Mass*
Bill Walsh

Saturday, November 2

4:00 pm *All Souls - Mass of Remembrance*

Sunday, November 3

7:30am Hope Pineda and Faustino and Lupe Pineda

10:30am Kathleen Finnegan

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of October 27, 2024

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Baptisms

On Sunday, October 20, 2024, Josephine Margaret Cook, Ultan Domenick DiLeo, Lincoln Albert Drinkwater, Liam Michael Molinari, Rosemary Josephine Stearns and Timothy Jacob Call were Baptized by Deacon Ron. May God Bless them.

Hurricane Helene Relief

This weekend, Cardinal Sean has requested that we have a second collection for those suffering from the destruction and loss from Hurricane Relief. Collection baskets are located at all the entrances of the church.



Proceeds will go to the Catholic Charities Disaster Relief Fund. 100% of funds raised are sent directly to Catholic Charities agencies in disaster-stricken communities to care for those impacted.

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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. The next Zoom Baptismal class is on Wednesday, Nov. 13, 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.



Grand Annual collection continues next week!

Next week is the 2nd collection for our Grand Annual Appeal. 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.

Complete your CORI Form This Weekend after all Masses

This 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. If you are volunteer, part of a parish organization or council, a pastoral visitor, belong to the St. Vincent de Paul, teach Religious Ed., coach or minister at Mass, you are required to complete a CORI form this year.

CORI forms are available to fill-out and sign after all Masses THIS weekend in the Sacred Heart Hall by the elevator entrance. Please remember to bring your driver's license (or other form of government-issued ID), as you will need this to complete the form. Call Leo Racine, Pastoral Associate, at 508-528-0020 for questions.



**St. Vincent de Paul
2024 Caring Gift Tree**

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is once again sponsoring the Christmas Caring Tree gift giving program. Last year, due to your generosity, we were able to help 247 neighbors: 161 Franklin adults and 86 Franklin children in need.

We are happy to continue with the Christmas Caring Tree that will be located in the front alcove of the church, left of the main altar. We provide gift cards to those in need so they can purchase gifts at the store of their choice for Christmas. The tree will go up on November 8th and the ornaments listing the stores from which to purchase a gift card will be placed on the tree in time for the **November 9th & 10th, November 16th & 17th and November 23rd & 24th Masses.**

Please return all gift cards to a box located by the tree by the weekends of November 23rd & 24th or November 30th & December 1st or December 7th & 8th. This will ensure that the committee can distribute all gift cards to families in time to shop before Christmas.

If you would rather make a check of any amount instead of purchasing a gift card, this would also be appreciated. Checks should be made out to St. Mary's SVDP and can be sent in an envelope to the address below or dropped into the collection basket at Mass. If dropping off a cash donation, please mark it for "Caring Tree Program" and drop the envelope into the collection basket at Mass. Gift cards should be placed in the marked box by the tree. As with the gift cards, please mail or drop off all monetary donations by December 7th and 8th.

Thank you all for your willingness to help those in our community who will benefit from our support during the holiday season!

SVDP Caring Tree Program, One Church Square, Franklin, MA 02038



**Catholic Women's Club
Bake Sale This Weekend!!!**

The Catholic Women's Club is sponsoring a Bake Sale this weekend, after each Mass. Proceeds go to their many charitable work as well as for their high school scholarship program.

Please come to the Sacred Heart Hall after each Mass this weekend and purchase some delicious goodies!



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Year of Prayer

Pope Francis continues his instruction on the struggles of prayer. The pope addresses three particular challenges in this talk: *distractions*, *times of barrenness* and *sloth*.

About Distractions, Pope Francis says that they can be fought with the virtue of “**vigilance**,” by staying alert. Barrenness is triggered by a sense that “*Jesus is dead: we are alone.*” And Sloth is about laxity and carelessness in our practice of prayer. The pope says that in alternating instances of enthusiasm and discouragement, (barrenness and sloth) we must “learn to always walk...persevere in difficult times.” <https://bit.ly/PFPrayer34>



7th Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale



Apple * Pumpkin * Blueberry * Pecan

Taking Orders THIS Weekend after all Masses in the back of the church.

- ✓ 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 this weekend of October 26 & 27 and next, November 2 & 3 or online NOW thru November 3rd at www.KofC1847.org or via QR Code

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

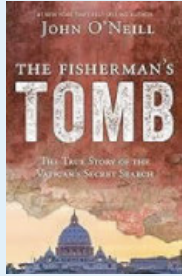
Proceeds to support the ongoing charitable efforts of the Knights of Columbus.

For more information, contact Mike Swan at 508-404-4792 or mbswan@comcast.net



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.



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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:

- * Cereal
- * Pancake Syrup
- * Chef Boyardee Items
- * Progresso Soup
- * Women's Body Wash

Thank you for your help in supporting those most in need in our community. God Bless our neighbors.



Blood Drive!



Have you Made your Appointment to Donate Blood?

The next **Blood Drive** will be held in on **Saturday, December 14th, 2024** in 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, and search by Zip Code. Thank you from The Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council #1847

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.

Vatican II Documents on Liturgy

The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) was a gathering of bishops from around the world. Their agenda was to strengthen and invigorate the Catholic Church in both its internal workings and relationships, and in its association with the world-at-large.

Over the next fifteen months, we will review a number of documents from the Council, highlighting their important teachings. The first document released by the Council is the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (CSL)*, or *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. The *CSL* has several chapters which cover such topics as general principles of liturgy and the specific sacraments (including the Eucharist).

Regarding the liturgy in general and the Mass (Eucharist) in particular, we are told: 1) it is Christ Himself who is the presider at liturgy and that we, His Body, participate in His work of worship and sacrifice; 2) there is a demand by the liturgy itself for fully active and conscious participation by the laity; 3) the liturgy is not a private function, but rather public prayer; and 4) Christ is present in the Eucharistic liturgy in the consecrated elements of bread and wine, in the person of the priest, in the Word (scripture) and in the gathered assembly when we pray and sing.

Through the sacred liturgy, both clergy and laity have great and wonderful responsibilities and roles in our prayer to and worship of our God. Let's exercise them!! <https://bit.ly/Vat2CSL>.

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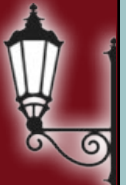
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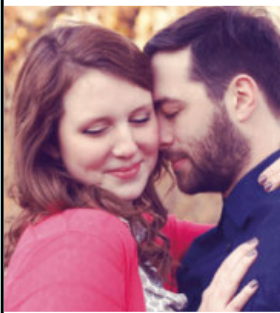
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