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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**A POOR
WIDOW ALSO
CAME.**

MARK 12:43

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Mass Schedule In the Chapel

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 OCTOBER 27, 2024 (POST FIRE)

Weekly Budget	In-Pew Collection	Electronic Collection	Total Offertory	Weekly Difference
\$12,211.00	\$6,650.00	\$6,163.62	\$12,813.62	\$(+602.62)

ALL MASSES WILL BE THE CHAPEL AND HALL
There is no Live Streaming available at this time.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 9

4:00 pm Paul Lombardi

Sunday, November 10

7:30am Tina Baker

10:30 Altar and Sanctuary Care Ministers

Monday, November 11

7:00am Barbara and John McGovern
Christine Fitzgerald

Tuesday, November 12

7:00am Yueline Voltaire
Bill Walsh

Wednesday, November 13

7:00am Jeffrey Vorderer

Thursday, November 14

7:00 am Frank DiPrete

Friday, November 15

7:00 am Kathleen Mary Girard

Saturday, November 16

4:00 pm Bobby & Nancy Cormier

Sunday, November 17

7:30am Robert Hirsch

10:30 Kathleen Finnegan and
Carol, Domenic & Carmina Pizzi



St. Mary Fire Damage Fund

Please consider supporting Saint Mary Parish during this very difficult time and contribute to the *Saint Mary Parish Fire Fund*. All proceeds will go directly towards the reconstruction and repair of our beautiful and sacred church.

As always, thank you for your generous donation to St. Mary Parish and for making-up any missed, weekly Parish support. The fiscal health of your Parish depends upon it.

You may donate by mailing checks to **St. Mary Parish, 1 Church Square, Franklin, MA 02038**, donate online to the *St. Mary Fire Fund* at: <https://www.osvhub.com/stmarysfranklin/giving/funds> or by using the QR code to the right.



St. Mary Fire Fund

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of November 10, 2024

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

- 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. 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.

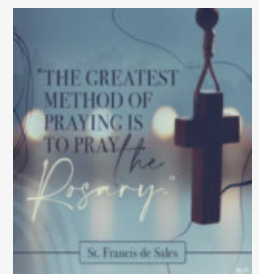
Become a Parishioner of St. Mary Parish

Register Online at stmarysfranklin.org or call the Rectory at 508-528-0020.



Year of Prayer

In his 36th teaching on prayer, Pope Francis tells us how prayer was fundamental in the relationship between Jesus and his disciples. Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, by word, (teaching them the *Our Father*), and by example. He is often depicted in the gospels as going off to pray.



The pope also says that Jesus continually prayed for his friends, "carrying them in his heart, even in their errors, even when they fail." Pope Francis reminds us that Jesus does the same for us, teaching us how to pray and that he prays for us; we "are at the centre of his prayer." <https://bit.ly/PFPrayer36>

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.

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.

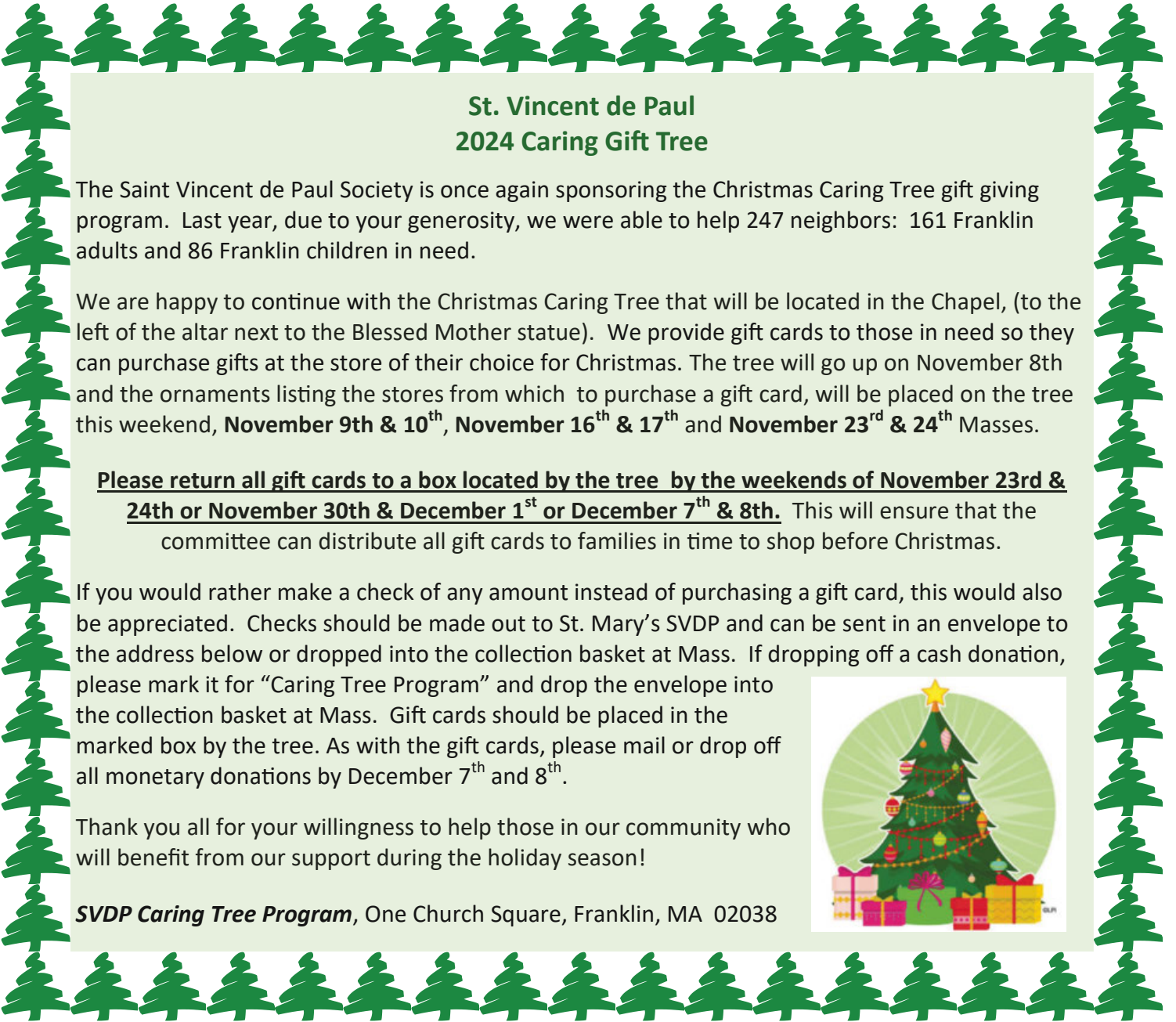
We are happy to continue with the Christmas Caring Tree that will be located in the Chapel, (to the left of the altar next to the Blessed Mother statue). We provide gift cards to those in need so they can purchase gifts at the store of their choice for Christmas. The tree will go up on November 8th and the ornaments listing the stores from which to purchase a gift card, will be placed on the tree this weekend, **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



Our organization is thankful for you and the difference you make! Purchase a \$2.50 reusable Community Bag this November at our selected Big Y store, and \$1 will go towards helping our organization thrive!

bigy.2givelocal.com
Community Bag Program



Are your Shopping Bags getting worn? If so, upgrade your bags and help-out St. Mary Parish and your neighbor's in need!

The St. Mary Parish Food Pantry will receive \$1 for every \$2.50 reusable Big Y Community Bag purchased **throughout November** at: **348 East Central Street, Franklin MA.** Our Food Pantry is run by the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Many Thanks!





Thank You!

The members of the St. Mary Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council 1847 would like to thank everyone who ordered pies for our fund raiser. We greatly appreciate your generosity in helping to fund our charitable endeavors!

Pie pickup will be at the Religious Ed. Office on Tuesday, November 26th from 3-6pm.

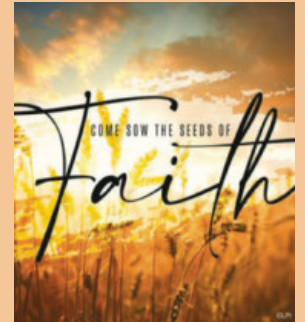


Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Men

This next meeting of the St. Mary's Parish Men's Faith formation group (COR—Communication Resources) is on **Saturday, November 16** 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.



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 information contact Deacon Guy at: deaconguy@verizon.net.



Blood Drive!



Make your Appointment Now!

Location Change to St. Mary School

The next **Blood Drive** will be held on **Saturday, December 14th, 2024** from 9am to 2pm in the **Modular Classrooms in the St. Mary School**. 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



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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.



Attention Middle and High School Students: Join Pantry Elves and Help Raise Funds for the Franklin Food Pantry

The Franklin Food Pantry, which provides supplemental food and household necessities, invites middle and high school students to volunteer for the Pantry Elves campaign! Since 2005, hundreds of students have participated in this holiday-inspired campaign, which has evolved into one of The Pantry’s largest fundraising events of the year. The annual campaign has been instrumental in raising funds to fight food insecurity during the holiday season and throughout the year.

This year, Pantry Elves will fundraise electronically from their friends and family members and will not canvass neighborhoods. Donations, which will be used to purchase fresh produce, dairy, meats and proteins, and household necessities, will be sent directly to The Pantry.

Pantry Elves registration is open through December 2, 2024, and volunteers will receive 12 hours of community service. To register, visit www.franklinfoodpantry.org/get-involved/volunteer/pantryelves, or contact Jen Johnson, Development Associate Franklin Food Pantry, at jjohnson@franklinfoodpantry.org.



Italy Trip 2025 Postponed until 2026

It is with great sadness that I must make the call to postpone our 2025 Pilgrimage tour for St. Mary’s Parish. Given the all the difficulty that has been caused by our recent church fire, I believe it is in the best interest of the parish to postpone our 2025 tour plans. My hope would be to revisit this pilgrimage offering in 2026.

We will cancel the November 19 planning meeting as well. I apologize for having to make this change so late, but I trust you will understand the difficulty our parish is currently experiencing.

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



Over the next year, we will review a number of documents from the Council, highlighting their important teachings. The first document to be released by the is the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (CSL)*, or *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. The CSL has several chapters which covers the 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 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. 4) Christ is present in the Eucharistic liturgy in the consecrated elements of bread and wine, in the person of the priest, the Word (scripture) and in the gathered assembly when it prays and sings.

All of us, clergy and laity alike, have great and wonderful responsibilities and roles in our prayer and worship of our God in the sacred liturgy. Let’s exercise them! You can read the entire *CSL* at <https://bit.ly/Vat2CSL>.

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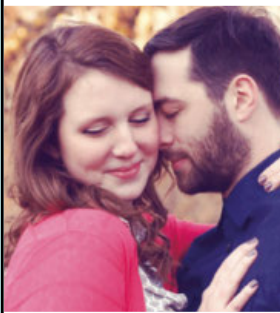
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