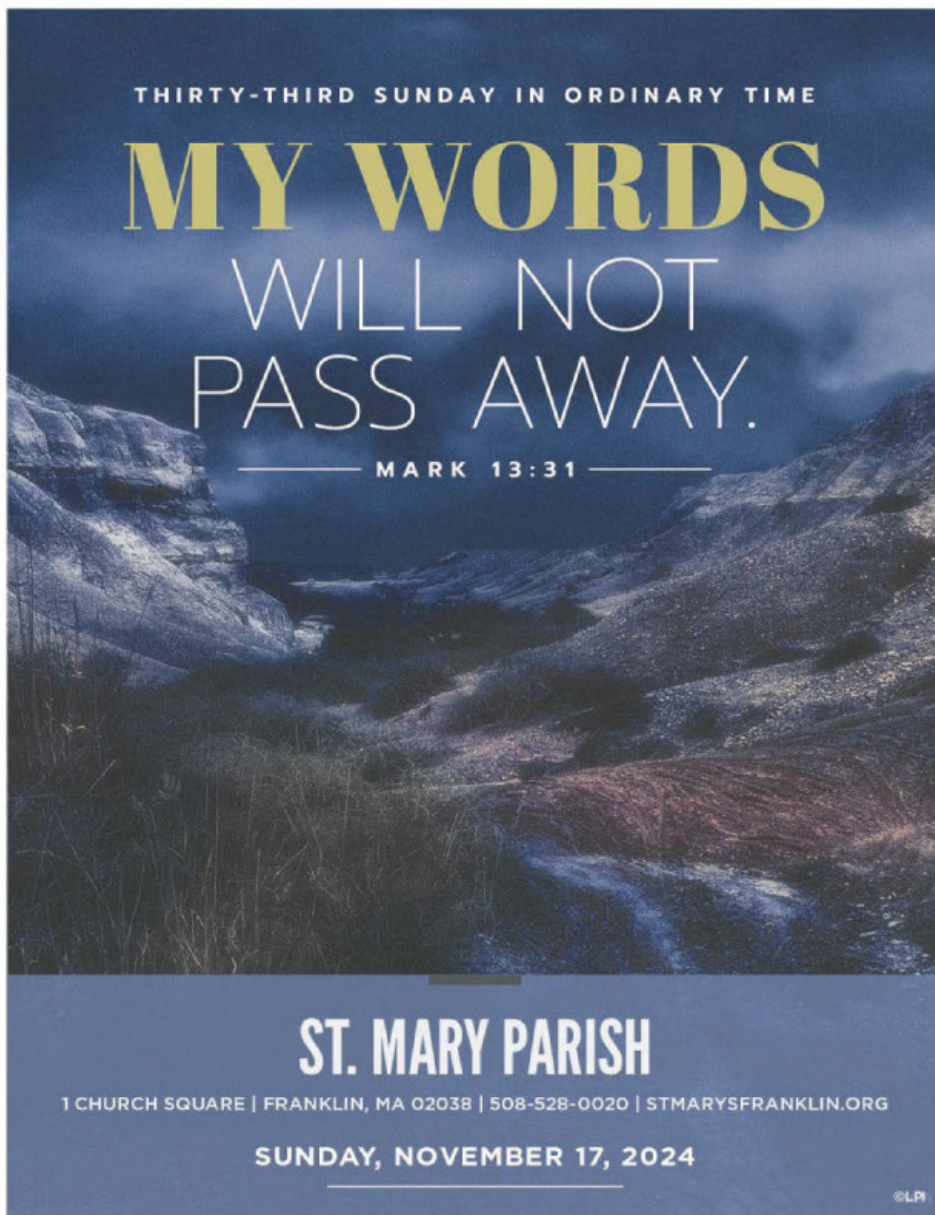


Saint Mary Parish



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.

St. Mary's Church Wi-Fi is:

StMarysChurchMesh

Password: **STMarysGuest**

St. Vincent De Paul

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ALL MASSES WILL BE THE CHAPEL AND HALL

There is no Live Streaming available at this time.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, November 18

7:00am Paul Leblanc

Tuesday, November 19

7:00am Joao and Rosa Chaves

Wednesday, November 20

7:00am Virginia (Cookie) Gomes

Thursday, November 21

7:00 am James Peter Holt

Friday, November 22

7:00 am Robert F. Hirsch

Saturday, November 23

4:00 pm Paul Hannon

Sunday, November 24

7:30am Antonio Pereira

10:30 Sabino Coscia
CYO Basketball Blessing



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



On November 3rd, Maeve Pearl Donovan, Gabriel Millard Ferullo and Hannah Mary Scott were Baptized by Deacon Ron. Last weekend, Charlotte Jean Tusia was Baptized by Fr. John. May God watch over them always.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of November 17, 2024

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

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37



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, Dec. 11, 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.

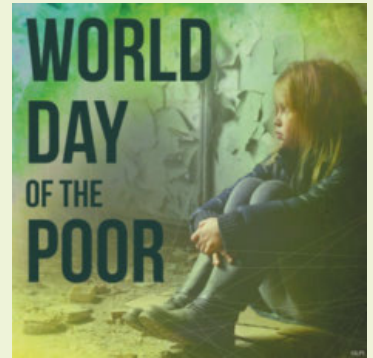
Anointing of the Sick

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

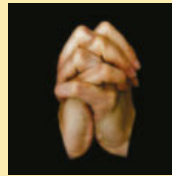
Register Online at stmarysfranklin.org or call the Rectory at 508-528-0020.

In 2017, Pope Francis established The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the World Day of the Poor. It is a day for Catholics to reflect on how poverty is central to the Gospel message.



The pope's chosen theme for this year is "*The prayer of the poor rises up to God.*" You can find a link to the Pope's World Day of the Poor message at <https://bit.ly/PFNov17>. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is agency a US agency who "to assists the poor and vulnerable overseas." You can learn more about CRS at <https://www.crs.org/>.

Year of Prayer



"Perseverance in love" is the name of Pope Francis' 37th teaching on prayer. Pope Francis reminds us that St. Paul urges us to "*Pray constantly, always and for everything, give thanks.*" The Pope knows that it is not easy, but he encourages us to keep the fire of love and prayer, and thus of Christian life, continuously burning in our hearts, even in the midst of life's work.

He says that there is "circularity" between faith, life and prayer which helps to keep alive "that flame of Christian love that God expects of us." Pope Francis reminds us that we can pray a simple prayer as we work: "*Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner!*" <https://bit.ly/PFPrayer37>.

Questions about Becoming a Catholic?

If you have questions about Catholicism and the process of becoming a Catholic, Fr. John Tanyi leads our Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) program.



Please e-mail Fr. John at parochialvicar@stmarysfranklin.org or call: 508-528-0020 and ask for Fr. John.

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. This fundraiser provides gift cards to those in need so they can purchase presents at the store of their choice for Christmas. The tree is now in the Chapel. You can pick-up an ornament(s) listing the stores from which to purchase a gift card. Ornaments are available this weekend and next, **November 23rd & 24th** during all Masses.

Please return all gift cards to a box located by the tree by the weekend of 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 donate a check instead of purchasing a gift card, please make-out checks to "St. Mary's SVDP." You can either drop the check into the collection basket at Mass, or mail it to the SVDP at **SVdP Tree Program**, One Church Square, Franklin, MA 02038. If dropping off a cash donation, please mark it for "Caring Tree Program." 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!



Nutcracker Ballet Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 12:30pm Bellingham High School

The Catholic Women's Club is inviting all interested women to join us for an afternoon at the Nutcracker Ballet. The Ballet is being presented by the Patti Eisenhower Dance Center (PEDC Nutcracker 2024) at Bellingham, High School, 60 Blackstone Street, Bellingham

Tickets are discounted at \$20.00

If you are interested, please email/text/call Claudia Selley at 917-841-0971 or Claudia.brennick@gmail.com.



Big Y Shopping Bag Program to Benefit SVdP Food Pantry

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!





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.



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



K of C Keep Christ in Christmas Children's Artwork Contest

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the **"Keep Christ in Christmas"** Poster contest. Boys and Girls ages 5-14, are eligible to participate. Each poster should carry the theme of **Christ in Christmas** and be the original artwork of the child creating the poster.

Applications and poster paper available at the Religious Ed. office in the school. Deadline to turn in your artwork is **December 19th**. Prizes awarded to the top winner in each age group (5-7, 8-10, 11-14) and a chance to win at a state level in the Knights of Columbus Organization.

Last year, one of our St Mary Artists won the State Finals!

Questions, please stop by the CCD office or call Mike Swan 505-404-4792.





Knights of Columbus Advent/Christmas Gift Card Drive December 14th and 15th

The Knights of Columbus (Sacred Heart Council #1847 - St. Mary's Church in Franklin, MA) is holding our annual **Advent/Christmas Fundraiser** for those in Franklin and surrounding communities who are "in need" during the holiday season... and it will be the only charity card drive of the year!

ALL proceeds from the event will **benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society** - and (to make sure we maximize the impact for those in need) the Knights will be **DOUBLING** the impact by making a matching donation equal to the total amount collected!

The Knights will have a table set up outside the church **after each Mass at St. Mary's on the weekend of December 14th & 15th**, and you'll have the opportunity to make donations in several ways:

- Purchase Stop & Shop gift cards (5% gets donated to St. Vincent de Paul)
- Purchase & Donate Stop & Shop gift cards, cash or checks (100% donated to St. Vincent de Paul)
- **ONLINE GIVING OPTION:** Visit <https://kofc1847.org/food-card-drive-donations> or use the QR Code:



We thank you in advance for your continued support and charitable donations for those less fortunate - especially during the Christmas season!



Italy Trip 2025 Postponed until 2026

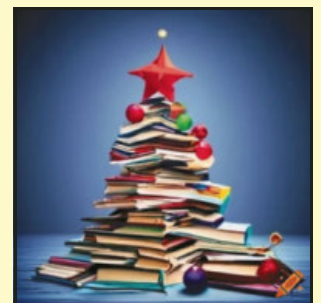
It is with great sadness that I must make the call to postpone our 2025 Pilgrimage tour for St. Mary's Parish. Given the all the difficulty that has been caused by our recent church fire, I believe it is in the best interest of the parish to postpone our 2025 tour plans. My hope would be to revisit this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

Book Club December Meeting

St. Mary's Book Club's next meeting will be December 5th from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. No assigned book. Instead, we will have a Christmas Yankee Swap. Bring a book you've read, (don't buy one). Wrap it up, and come with a poem.

We are meeting at a member's home. Call Joe Ewald @ 508 298-2405 to get the address. Have a blessed Christmas.



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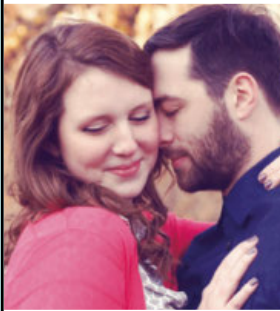
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