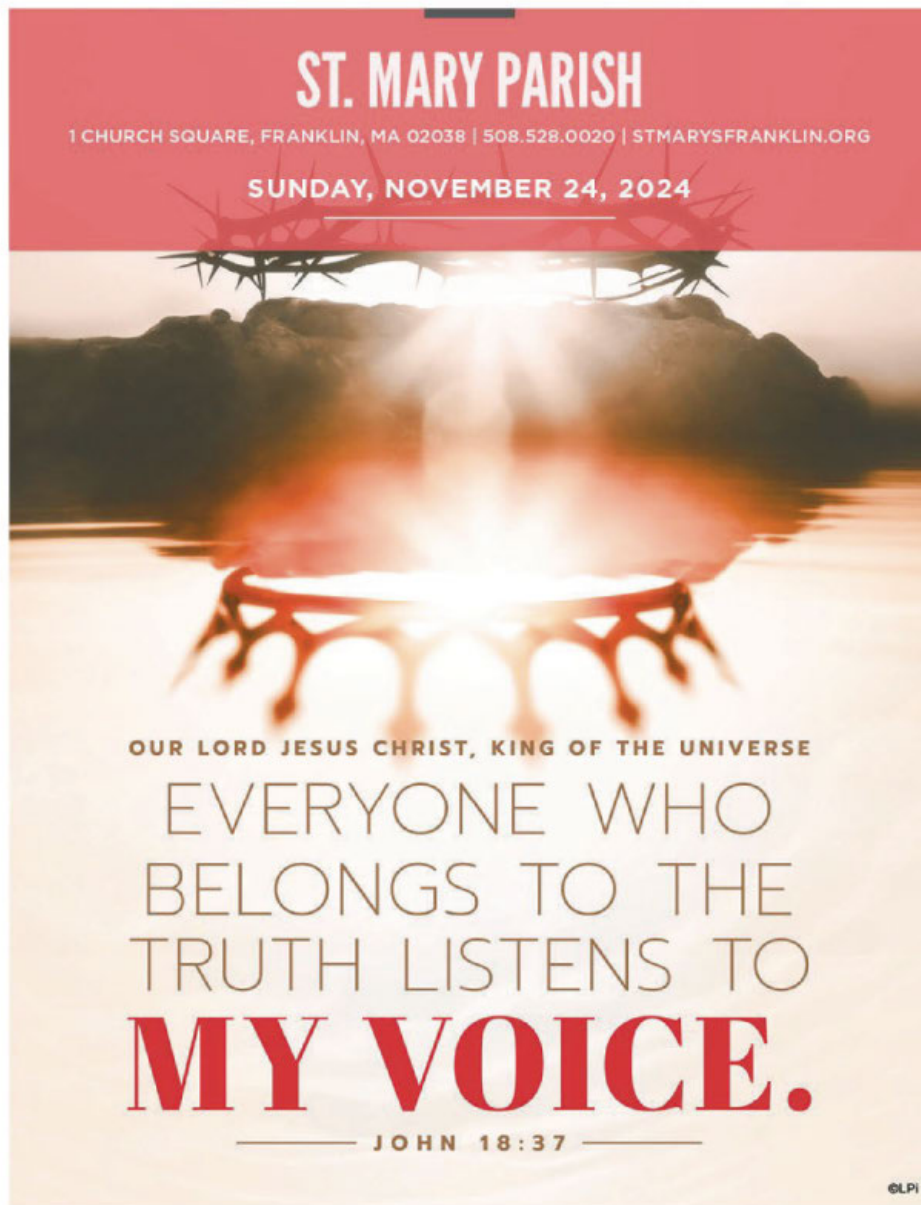


Saint Mary Parish



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.

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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 23

4:00 pm Paul Hannon

Sunday, November 24

7:30am Antonio Pereira

10:30 Sabino Coscia &
CYO Basketball Blessing

Monday, November 25

7:00am Pietro Ferrara

Tuesday, November 26

7:00am Frank Atkinson

Wednesday, November 27

7:00am Norm Gonthier

Thursday, November 28

7:00 am Francis Ribao

Friday, November 29

7:00 am Rita and Tony Merullo

Saturday, November 30

4:00 pm Ronald, Alfred, Raymond and
Dominic Padula

Sunday, December 1

7:30am Margaret Dias, Janet & Raymond
Padula, Elaine & Ronald Padula

10:30 Antonio & Concetta Caravaggio &
Guy & Mary Vozzella & Michael E.
Costello Jr.

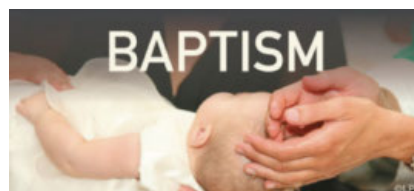
St. Mary Fire Damage Fund



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.

You can donate by using the QR Code to the below, or by mailing checks to **St. Mary Parish, 1 Church Square, Franklin, MA 02038**, or donate online to the

St. Mary Fire Fund at: <https://www.osvhub.com/stmarysfranklin/giving/funds>.



Last weekend, Charles Joseph Murphy and Mason James Souza were Baptized by Deacon Ron. May God watch over them always.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of November 24, 2024

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

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

- 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, 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.

St. Mary Parish

2024 Grand Annual

Final Grand Annual collection is next weekend!

Next weekend is our 3rd Grand Annual Collection. Envelope users should have received a special Grand Annual envelope in the monthly envelope mailing. If you are not a regular envelope user, there are additional Grand Annual envelopes available at the entrance to the church. Thank you for your support.

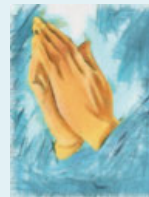
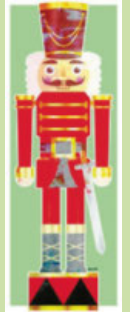
Nutcracker Ballet

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 Eisenhauer 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.



Year of Prayer

Pope Francis ends his series of teachings on prayer with this, his 38th teaching. In this teaching, *The Paschal Prayer of Jesus for Us*, the pope tells us that Jesus prayed a lot. "Jesus immersed himself in it [prayer] because dialogue with the Father was the incandescent core of his entire existence." Jesus even prayed during the days of his Passover, praying at the Last Supper, during his agony in the garden and on the cross. Pope Francis says that "Jesus' prayer is intense; Jesus' prayer is unique, and it also becomes the model for our prayer."

Finally, the Pope reminds us that Jesus has prayed for us, and has "welcomed us into the dialogue with his Father, in communion with the Holy Spirit." <https://bit.ly/PFPrayer38>



**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. This is the final weekend to pick-up ornaments.

Please return all gift cards to a box located by the tree by the weekend of December 7 & 8. 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.

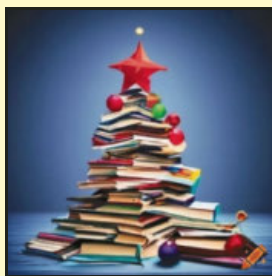
Thank you all for your willingness to help those in our community who will benefit from our support during the holiday season!



Book Club - December Meeting

St. Mary's Book Club's next meeting will be December 5th from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. There will be 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.



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 are available at the Religious Ed. office in the school. Deadline to turn in your artwork is **December 19th**. Prizes are awarded to the top winner in each age group (5-7, 8-10 and 11-14) with 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 is 508-404-4792.





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!



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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:



Canned Vegetables
Snack Sized Fruit Crackers
Spaghetti Sauce



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



Vatican II Document on the Church

Lumen Gentium (LG) is the Vatican II document on the Church was promulgated on November 21, 1964 and is marking its sixtieth anniversary this month. Some of *LG's* significant points are A) the Church is both a "sign and instrument" of God's relationship with the human race, and it is the "seed and beginning" of God's kingdom here on earth. B) the laity have the job of ensuring that the goods of the world are developed for all people in an equitable fashion, thus making their own "contribution to universal progress in human and Christian liberty," and C) all in the Church are called to holiness, regardless of their role in life, each person working to "steadfastly advance along the way of a living faith which arouses hope and works through love." *LG* points out that the important role that each of us plays in expressing and bringing about God's kingdom here on earth. <https://bit.ly/LGNov1964>.

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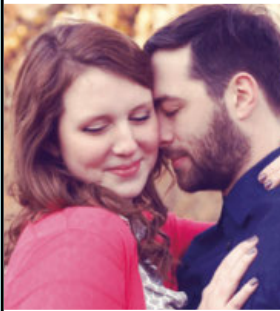
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