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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# CHOSEN

ONES WHO CALL  
OUT TO HIM  
DAY AND NIGHT.

— LUKE 18:7 —



### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00pm Sunday: 7:30am and 10:30am  
Monday - Friday 7:00am

Wi-Fi: StMarysChurchMesh Password: STMarysGuest

### RECTORY HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Very Rev. Robert A. Poitras  
pastor@stmarysfranklin.org

**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. John Tany  
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**Deacon:** Deacon Ron Gerwatowski  
gerwat@verizon.net

**Pastoral Associate:** Leo Racine  
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### RECTORY STAFF

508-528-0020

**Finance & Operations Manager:** Patricia Murphy  
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Terry.kerr@att.net or 508-541-3286

**Cemetery Caretaker:** Joe Spencer  
508-498-8271

### FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

508-528-1450

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#### Director:

Jim Flanagan - jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org

#### Secretary

Liz Bertoni - reled.secretary@stmarysfranklin.org

### ASSISTANCE

**St. Vincent De Paul:** 508-918-2291

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Register Online at [www.stmarysfranklin.org](http://www.stmarysfranklin.org) or call the Rectory at 508-528-0020.



### Baptism

Baptisms are held on Sunday at 12:30pm. First time parents need to attend a Baptism Class held by Deacon Ron. Classes are held one evening each month via Zoom. To schedule a Baptism email: baptism@stmarysfranklin.org or call: 508-528-0020. To schedule a Baptism Zoom Class, contact Deacon Ron at: gerwat@verizon.net

### Penance

Penance/Reconciliation 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 arrange a meeting with the priest in preparation for marriage and schedule a date.

### OCIA - Order 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

If you have a family member, friend, or neighbor who is unable to attend church due to age or infirmity, please call the rectory or email the Pastoral Associate (pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org). 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 and select Emergency Anointing of the Sick. Please do not leave messages on this line.

**World Mission Sunday 2024**  
October 20th

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This week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a Pontifical Mission Society. For more information, please visit, [www.propfaithboston.org](http://www.propfaithboston.org)

## READINGS THIS WEEK

### Readings for the week of October 19, 2025

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

Sat: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14



### Saturday, October 18

4:00pm Sabino Coscia

### Sunday, October 19

7:30am John Duly

10:30am Eleanor Healey

### Monday, October 20

7:00am No Intention

### Tuesday, October 21

7:00am Brian St. Peter

### Wednesday, October 22

7:00am Michael Doherty

### Thursday, October 23

7:00am Michael Doherty

### Friday, October 24

7:00 am Joan Glatz

### Saturday, October 25

4:00pm Fr. Andy Remillard

### Sunday, October 26

7:30am Antonio Pereira

10:30am Thomas Gentili



Last week, Molly Jean Cherry, Ruby Dawn Copponi, Patrick Joseph Deasy, Maisley Jane Richard, Riley Claire Slevin and Nora May Tracy were Baptized by Fr. Bob. God Bless these children.



## Grand Annual Collection a Success

Our 2025 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.**



Consider making your gift Online:  
[www.stmarysfranklin.org](http://www.stmarysfranklin.org)



### CORI Weekend This is CORI Weekend!

It is our parish policy, following Archdiocesan requirements, to collect signed and completed CORI forms from all of our employees and volunteers every fiscal year. If you are part of the leadership of a parish organization, volunteer, Religious Ed. Teacher, or minister in some way at Mass, you are required to complete a CORI form this year.

We will have CORI forms available for you to complete and sign in the elevator lobby, in Sacred Heart Hall after all Masses this weekend. 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 if you have any questions.

**Abundant Hope** provides life-affirming support to all women who come to our door. Whether it be for pregnancy confirmation or material support, we are ready to serve all women in need. Services are always free and confidential.

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### Day of Prayer for Harmony in our Nation and Peace in the World

**- West Region -**

On Wednesday, October 22nd, from 7am to 7pm, the following parishes will remain open with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout that day. If you are in the area, please stop in for a period of prayer for harmony in our nation and peace throughout the world.



Saint Mary, Dedham  
Saint Michael, Hudson  
St. John Hopkinton  
St. Bridget, Lexington  
Immaculate Conception, Marlboro  
St. Jude, Norfolk  
St. Catherine, Norwood  
Ascension (OL of Fatima), Sudbury  
Sacred Heart, Waltham  
St. Patrick, Watertown  
St. Margaret Mary, Westwood  
Saint Mary Church, Wrentham



### St. Vincent DePaul *Many Thanks!*

The St. Vincent DePaul Society would like to thank all those who participated and donated to our Friends of the Poor Walk. It's not too late...you can donate via our online collection link at the St. Vincent DePaul page on our parish website or use the QR code:



### St. Vincent DePaul Society 508-918-2291

The St. Vincent DePaul Society would like to thank all the parishioners who have so generously donated to the SVdP Food Pantry. Donations from these lists help us to keep the pantry well-stocked with many items for our neighbors in need.

The St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry is looking for the following items to help our Franklin neighbors in need.

Black beans  
Rice  
Juice  
Raman Noodles  
Fruit cups - snack size

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

### 10th, 25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass

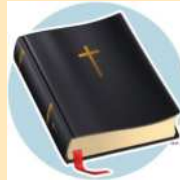
Archbishop Richard Henning invites all couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, 50th or other milestone wedding anniversaries to attend Mass on **Sunday, October 26 at 3:00 PM** at the **Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston**. The couple will renew their marriage commitment and receive a special blessing. For more information, please email [marriageprep@rcab.org](mailto:marriageprep@rcab.org).



The Catholic Women's Club will hold their bake sale the weekend of **October 25th and 26th** after all the Masses in Sacred Heart Hall. All proceeds go to their scholarship fund.

### Bereavement Group Meetings

Nan Rafter will be leading a seven week, faith-based, peer support bereavement group at St. Jude's Church in Norfolk, beginning on Thursday, October 30; preparing for the holidays will be one of the themes explored in this group. Call Nan at 774-571-0092 for more information and to register. There is no charge to participate in this group.



### Boston College Scholar Talk to Focus on Book of Psalms

Dr. Andrew Davis, a Scripture professor from Boston College, will give a talk on the Bible with a special focus on the Book of Psalms. This will be a great opportunity to:

- Learn how to pray with Scripture
- Understand how God speaks through it
- Find peace and joy in God's Word
- Get tips on how to talk about the Bible with your kids

Date: Thursday, October 30

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. Matthew's Parish, Southborough, MA

We'll have refreshments and **wine** for the adults. Youth Ministry will be offering babysitting in the Parish Center with our volunteers while you enjoy the evening. *The night will be a great opportunity to grow in faith, fellowship, and benefit your family. If you're interested go to: [www.stmatthewcatholic-southboro.org](http://www.stmatthewcatholic-southboro.org)*

*Hope you can join us for what's sure to be an awesome night of learning, fellowship, and community.*



*Next Weekend!*

## *8th Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale*



**Apple \* Pumpkin \* Blueberry \* Pecan \* Cherry**

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

You can order pies in the back of the Church after all Masses on the weekends of October 25 & 26 and November 1 & 2 or online from October 4 thru November 2 at:

**<https://kofc1847.org/payments-thanksgiving-pie-sale> or the QR Code below.**

A couple changes this year; we are adding Cherry as another choice to complement our **delicious** Apple, Pumpkin and Blueberry pies. The price this year is **\$20.00** per Pie, with **PECAN** at a cost of \$25. We have done all we can to hold the costs down.

You can pickup the pies at the Religious Ed. Office on **Tuesday, November 25th from 2-6pm**. 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) or Jim Lane at 774-571-9804



## **Catholic Social Teaching**

The US Bishops, in their 2011 document: *Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions*, tell us that “the social teaching of the Church is an essential part of Catholic faith.” As we understand and incorporate the social teaching of the Church in our lives, we enhance our “capacity to be a Church that is true to the demands of the Gospel.”

We are reminded by the bishops that Catholic Social Teaching (CST) has its roots in the call of the prophets “who announced God's special love for the poor and called God's people to a covenant of love and justice.” CST is further developed and seen in Jesus' own teachings and actions, as he identified himself with the poor and marginalized in his society. Over the next few months, we will look at the seven themes of CST, seeking to know a little more about these basic tenets of our faith and growing our capacity to be Church.





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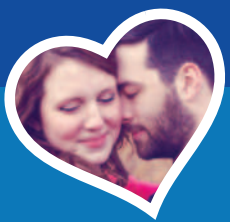


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