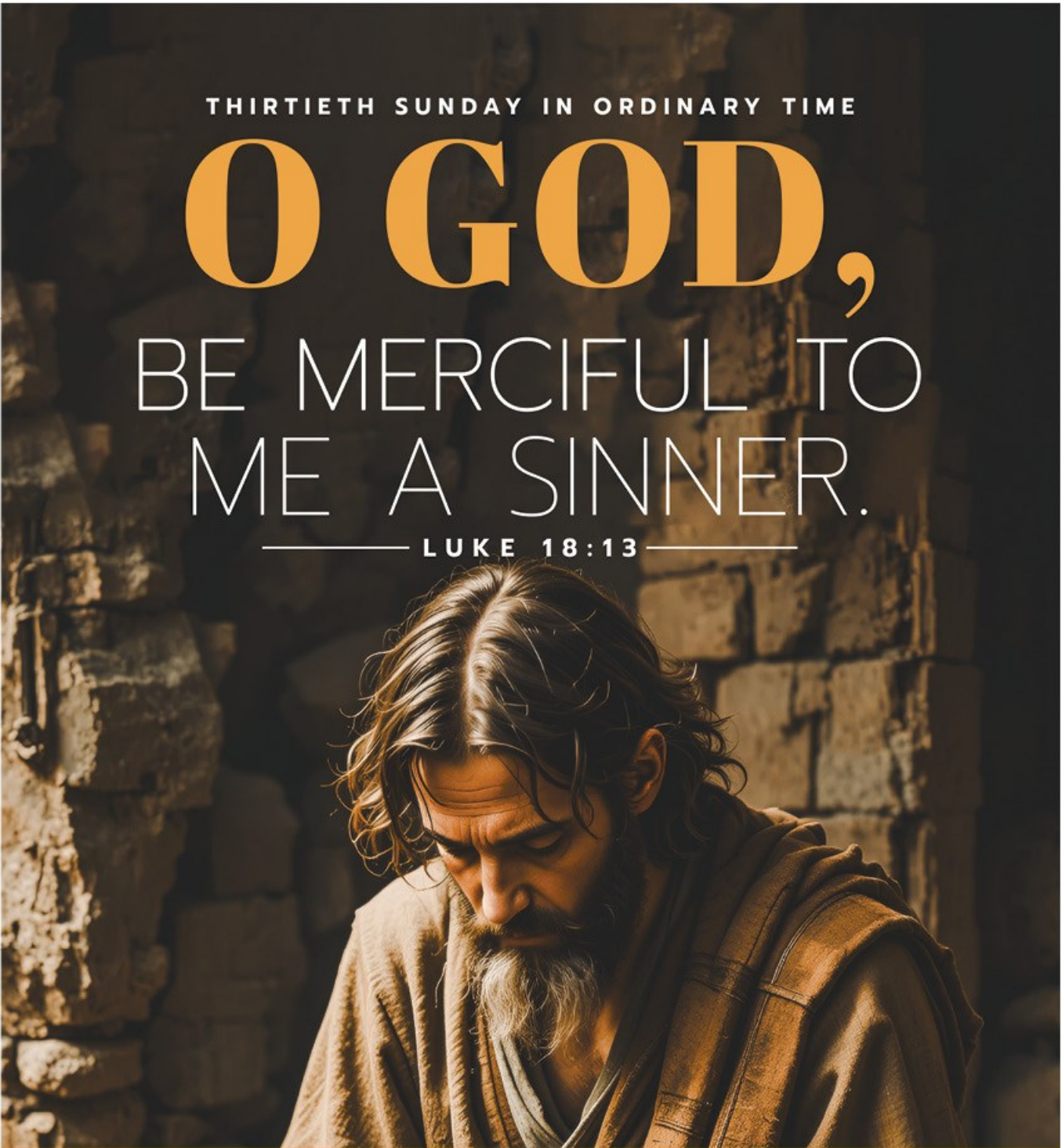


THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

O GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME A SINNER.

— LUKE 18:13 —



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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RECTORY HOURS

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

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ASSISTANCE

St. Vincent De Paul: 508-918-2291

PARISH REGISTRATION

Register Online at 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.



Memorial Mass for Deceased Knights

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

6:30pm in the Chapel

A Memorial Mass for the deceased members of the Sacred Heart Council #1847 will be held on Wednesday, October 29, at 6:30pm in the St. Mary Chapel. We invite all members as well as widows and family members to join us as we celebrate the lives of these wonderful men who shared their faith with us and helped build St. Mary Parish.

RSVP: Tom Seery 508-346-3895
Donald Parker 508-930-6473



Saturday, October 25

4:00pm Fr. Andy Remillard

Sunday, October 26

7:30am Antonio Pereira

10:30am Thomas Gentili

Monday, October 27

7:00am Jack Mahoney

Tuesday, October 28

7:00am Faustino Pineda, Guadalupe Pineda, and Hope Pineda

Wednesday, October 29

7:00am Betty Moyer and Chris Burke and their families

Thursday, October 30

7:00am Robert Catalano

Friday, October 31

7:00 am Alice A. Young

Saturday, October November 1

4:00pm Mass of Remembrance

Sunday, November 2

7:30am Mary Alice Rodger

10:30am Antonio and Mariantonio Carlucci

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of October 26, 2025

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

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

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

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

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

Next Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40



Last week, Owen Harrison Morrell, Cruz Brian Martinek and Cooper Roy Swift were Baptized by Deacon Ron. 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





Caregiver Appreciation Day

"It's time to care for yourself."

We're inviting all family caregivers! Those caring for parents, spouses, grandparents, or loved ones, please join us for a special day of recognition, relaxation, and gratitude.

Friday, November 7, 2025
11:00AM - 3:00 PM
Franklin Senior Center
10 Daniel McCahill St. Franklin, MA
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This Weekend

This Weekend, the Catholic Women's Club will hold their bake sale the weekend after all the Masses in Sacred Heart Hall. We are a religious and social organization for women of the parish that provides a wide variety of spiritual and social activities to all women of the parish, 18 years or older.

All proceeds of the bake sale go to our scholarship fund.

Thank You!

The St. Mary Knights of Columbus, Council 1847 would like to thank all parishioners who generously donated to our Tootsie Roll Drive. All proceeds go to supporting the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities.



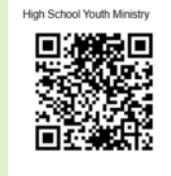
St. Mary High School Youth Ministry

Evening of Dinner, Games and Prayer

Sunday, November 2, 2025

5:00pm to 7:30pm in Sacred Heart Hall

- Santa Fee Dinner (\$10.00 donation requested)
- Minute to Win It Games (with prizes)
- Talk on Prayer
- Three experiences of Prayer
- Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available all evening.



Please use QR Code for dinner donation.



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.

Fruit Juice
Canned Fruit
Crackers and Snacks
Boxed potatoes
Rice
Baked beans

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



Did you know... Many women hide the secret of a past abortion deep in their hearts and they can suffer physical and emotional consequences for years afterward. Every mother's heart misses her baby(ies) regardless of the circumstances surrounding her abortion. Join our 8-week Bible study, *Surrendering the Secret*, and see how the power of God's Word can set you free! A new session begins in October. Call or text Abundant Hope Pregnancy Center at 508-455-0172. Everything is confidential.

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.



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 just listen. *Link info* is on the Parish Web Site under Parish Life and Prayer. For more information contact Deacon Guy at: deaconguy@verizon.net.





This 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.

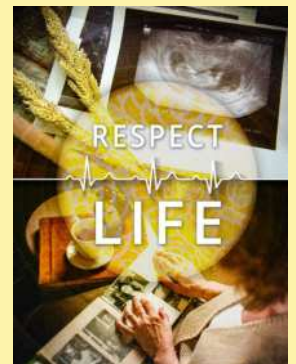
For more information, contact Mike Swan at 508-404-4792 or mbswan@comcast.net or Jim Lane at 774-571-9804



LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE PERSON

The first Catholic Social Teaching theme that we will address is the **Life and Dignity of the Human Person**. This theme can be viewed as the foundation of all of Catholic social thought. It is very spiritual/religious in nature, as it focuses on the fact that God created us with dignity, worth and value. It is intrinsic to who we are; God created us in his image.

In *Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions*, the US bishops write that “when we pray, ‘Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,’ we are praying for God’s kingdom of justice and peace and committing ourselves to breaking down the barriers that obstruct God’s kingdom of justice and peace and to working to bring about a world more respectful of human life and dignity.” Some of the phrases we hear in relationship to this theme are “respect life from womb to tomb” or “respect life from conception to natural death.” This teaching is also referred to as a “consistent ethic of life” or a “seamless garment.” You can watch a short video on this first CST theme at <https://bit.ly/USCCBcrs>.



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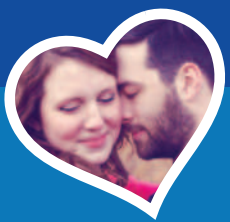


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