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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

I WILL

NOT REJECT
ANYONE WHO COMES.

— JOHN 6:37 —



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

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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.



November is the Month of Remembrance

Within the faith and tradition of the Catholic Church, November is a month of prayer and remembrance for all who have completed their lifetime journey and are now resting with God.

God is not subject to the constrictions of time as we understand them. Our prayers for the dead are, like our prayers for the living, an expression of charity and the unity which exists between all members of the Body of Christ.

All who have died within the past year (October 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025) will have their names inscribed on a Scroll of Remembrance that will be kept in the Sanctuary this month.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of November 2, 2025

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

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22



Saturday, November 1

4:00pm Mass of Remembrance

Sunday, November 2

7:30am Mary Alice Rodger

10:30am Antonio and Marianantonio Carlucci

Monday, November 3

7:00am Christine Fitzgerald

Tuesday, November 4

7:00am Morris and Elizabeth Sullivan

Wednesday, November 5

7:00am Virginia (Cookie) Gomes

Thursday, November 6

7:00am Joan Campbell

Friday, November 7

7:00 am Joao and Rosa Chavez

Saturday, November 8

4:00pm Vincent and Florence Keras

Sunday, November 9

7:30am Robert and Gwendoline Hirsch and Pauline Padula

10:30am Francis Ribao



Last week, Stella Ann Silcox was Baptized by Fr. Bob, and Ava Kristine Donovan, Ryan Raymond Fitzgerald, Amelia Marie Henry, Charles Robert Kelly, Daphne Reagan Ma were Baptized by Deacon Ron. God Bless these children.

2nd Grand Annual Collection is this Weekend

This weekend is our 2nd 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 to the many families that have already returned their Grand Annual Gift!

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
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Mini Spa & Wellness Services | Refreshments
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This Sunday!

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.



High School Youth Ministry



Please use QR Code
for dinner donation.

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.



Monthly Gathering for Those with Disabilities/All Abilities

St. Mary's Dedham offers a monthly gathering for those with Disabilities/All Abilities on the 2nd Saturday of each month!

The next gathering will be on **Saturday, November 8!** The evening begins with Mass at 4:00 PM in the church followed by the Rosary, Pizza and Snacks at 5:00 PM in Mary Hall/The Life House. Please consider joining us. All are welcome! For more information, contact Nancy McCormick at nlmccormick4@gmail.com.



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.

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



Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People

Apostolicam actuositatem is the Second Vatican Council's *Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People*. It tells us that, by virtue of our baptism, every lay person is brought into the Church and is called to share in the Church's mission of bringing all people to Christ.

We are reminded that the laity "accomplish the church's mission in the world principally by that binding of behavior and faith which makes them the light of the world. The laity are asked to have a strong spiritual life, grounded in sound doctrine and motivated by faith, hope, and charity. We must strive to be professionally competent, working for the common good, and modeling Christian family and societal values and virtues as part of being a witness to Christ in the world.

In addition, lay people are encouraged by the bishops to participate in ongoing education and formation, both spiritual and human; there's always something to learn! The council asks that our response to the call to participate in Christ's mission be "willing, noble and enthusiastic." You can read the entire Decree at <https://bit.ly/VaticanIIIaity>.



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 this weekend, November 1 & 2 or online 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



Pieta

Support Group for Bereaved Parents

Lighting Service

Blessed Sacrament Church

Pieta, an ongoing support group for bereaved parents, will be holding its Annual Lighting Service on **Sunday, November 30th, at 2:00 PM** at **Blessed Sacrament Church, Walpole MA**. Parents who have lost a child of any age, no matter how long ago, are welcome to come together in prayer, song, and support. Each parent will light a candle in memory of their child. Please plan to arrive early to receive your child's name card and candle. Everyone is welcome. For further information, please call: Pauline Medeiros 508-359-2953 or Janet McLaughlin 508-272-5415.

Women's Faith Formation

November 8th Meeting

All women are invited to attend our next Women's Faith Formation meeting scheduled for November 8th from 9:00 - 10:00 am. The meeting will be held in the school building (accessible by the ramp from the parking lot). We will view a presentation and have time for discussion. Light refreshments will be served. All women are welcome!

The meeting will be held in the school building (accessible by the ramp from the parking lot). The videos in this series can be viewed independently, so it will not be a problem if you missed a previous session. All women are welcome!



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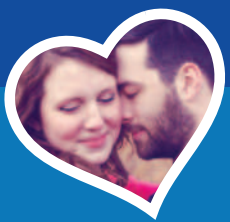


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