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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Wi-Fi: **StMarysChurchMesh** Password: **STMarysGuest**

All weekend Masses are Live Streamed at:
stmarysfranklin.org

RECTORY HOURS

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

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Very Rev. Robert A. Poitras
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508-528-0020

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508-528-1450

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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.



Night of Recollection for Liturgical Ministers

All Liturgical Ministers are all invited to an "Evening of Recollection/Renewal" on **Monday, November 17 at 7:00pm** in the Chapel and Sacred Heart Hall. This program is for all Eucharistic ministers, lectors, choir members, cantors, bereavement ministers and pastoral visitors. Members of the OCIA community will be present as well. This evening will provide participants with an opportunity for prayer, conversation, and socialization; you can fill out a CORI, too.

Lectors can pick-up their workbooks for the new liturgical year, which begins on November 30 (the First Sunday of Advent). Pastoral Associate, Leo Racine, will give a brief talk on the ways in which Christ is manifest in the Mass.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of November 16, 2025

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43



Saturday, November 15

4:00pm Carol Domenico & Carmina Pizzi

Sunday, November 16

7:30am Theresa Favara

10:30am Kathleen Finnegan

Monday, November 17

7:00am Catherine Costanzo

Tuesday, November 18

7:00am Joseph Sousa

Wednesday, November 19

7:00am Mary Anne Regilio

Thursday, November 20

7:00am Joao and Rosa Chaves

Friday, November 21

7:00 am Pietro Ferrara

Saturday, November 22

4:00pm Frank Lewandowski

Sunday, November 23

7:30am Dominic S. Narducci

10:30am Diane Crane



Last week, Mille Jayne Marra, Zoey Marie Slason, and Isabelle Susan Vespa were Baptized by Fr. John. God Bless this children.

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection is still underway. 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.**



Online Giving

Consider making your gift Online:
www.stmarysfranklin.org



Celebrating Youth and Young Adults
in Local Catholic Communities

The Annual Global Celebration of Youth

Weekend of November 22nd and 23rd

All **elementary, middle and high school students** and their **families** are invited to attend the Sunday, 10:30am Mass on November 23rd for a special blessing and prayer. There will be special blessing at all other Masses as well. Mass

There will be a Reception with light refreshments in Sacred Heart Hall following the 10:30am Mass.



Blood Drive!



Saturday, December 6, 9am-2pm

At the St. Mary School

The next **Blood Drive** will be held on **Saturday, December 6th, 2025** 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



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.



Upcoming High School Youth Ministry Events

1st Sunday of the Month - YM Event

(Social, Christian Service, Prayer, Speaker)
December 7, January 4, February 1, March 1
April 12th (2nd Sunday), May 3 & June 7th

Special Olympics at Top Golf in Canton

Wednesdays, November 19th
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Meet at Jim's office at 5:15 p.m.

NCYC Digital Experience with Pope Leo XIV –

Friday, November 21st – 10 am to 12:00 pm
(Lunch included) Sacred Heart Hall

Decorating the Christmas Caring Tree –

Friday, November 21st – Time TBD

The Annual Global Celebration of Youth

Weekend of November 23rd at the 10:30am Mass
Special blessing at each Mass & Reception in SHH after
10:30am Mass

Change over the Missalette –

Sunday, November 23, 12:00 p.m. in the Church

Friday Night at Altitude Trampoline Park

Friday, December 5th, at 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Open to middle schoolers & high schoolers. Cost around
\$35.00 & must fill out the online waiver form

Lessons and Carols (plus Christmas Pageant)

Sunday, December 16th at 3:00 p.m.
Requires a couple of rehearsals!

Christmas in the City Weekend December 20 and 21

Saturday we will be wrapping presents; Sunday,
we deliver gifts.

Boston College/Providence College Hockey

Friday, January 16th
Leaving the parking lot at 5:15 p.m.
Returning after the game
Cost is \$40.00 (ticket & bus transportation)

Knights of Columbus 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./Faith Formation office in the school. Deadline to turn in your artwork is **December 8th**. 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.

Questions, please stop by the Religious Ed./Family Faith Formation office, or call Mike Swan at 508-404-4792.



Pietà Support Group for Bereaved Parents Lighting Service

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. Everyone is welcome. For further information, please call: Pauline Medeiros 508-359-2953 or Janet McLaughlin 508-272-5415.





St. Vincent de Paul 2025 Caring Gift Tree



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is once again sponsoring the Christmas Caring Tree gift giving program. Last year, due to your generosity, we were able to help 182 Franklin adults and 84 Franklin children in need for a total of 266 neighbors.

We are happy to continue with the Christmas Caring Tree that will be located in the front alcove of the church, left of the main altar. We provide gift cards to those in need so they can purchase gifts at the store of their choice for Christmas. The tree will go up on November 21st and the ornaments listing the stores from which to purchase a gift card, will be placed on the tree in time for the **November 22nd & 23rd** and then again for the **29th and 30th** Masses.

Please return all gift cards to a box located by the tree by the weekend of November 29th & 30th or December 6th & 7th. This will ensure that the committee can distribute all gift cards to families in time to shop before Christmas.

If you would rather make a check of any amount instead of purchasing a gift card, this would also be appreciated. Checks should be made out to St. Mary's SVDP and can be sent in an envelope to the address below or dropped into the collection basket at Mass. If dropping off a cash donation, please mark it for "Caring Tree Program" and drop the envelope into the collection basket at Mass. Gift cards should be placed in the marked box by the tree. As with the gift cards, please mail or drop off all monetary donations by **November 29th & 30th**.

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

SVDP Caring Tree Program

One Church Square
Franklin, MA 02038



World Day of the Poor

Today, Catholics throughout the world observe the **World Day of the Poor**. It was instituted by Pope Francis in 2017, so that we can reflect on the call we have to provide for our neighbors in need. This observance always takes place on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Sunday before the Feast of Christ the King.

Throughout the history of our church, we have been given the message that we are to pay particular attention to the poor around us. St. Ambrose, a 4th century bishop (who baptized St. Augustine and brought him into the Church), said that "You are not making a gift of your possessions to the poor person. You are handing over to him what is his" (*Populorum Progressio*, #23). In our own time, Pope Leo XIV writes that "the poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel" (5). You can read the pope's entire letter announcing the **World Day of the Poor**, and its theme of "You are our hope," at <https://bit.ly/PopeLeoPoor>.

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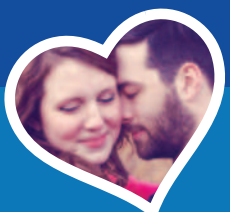


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