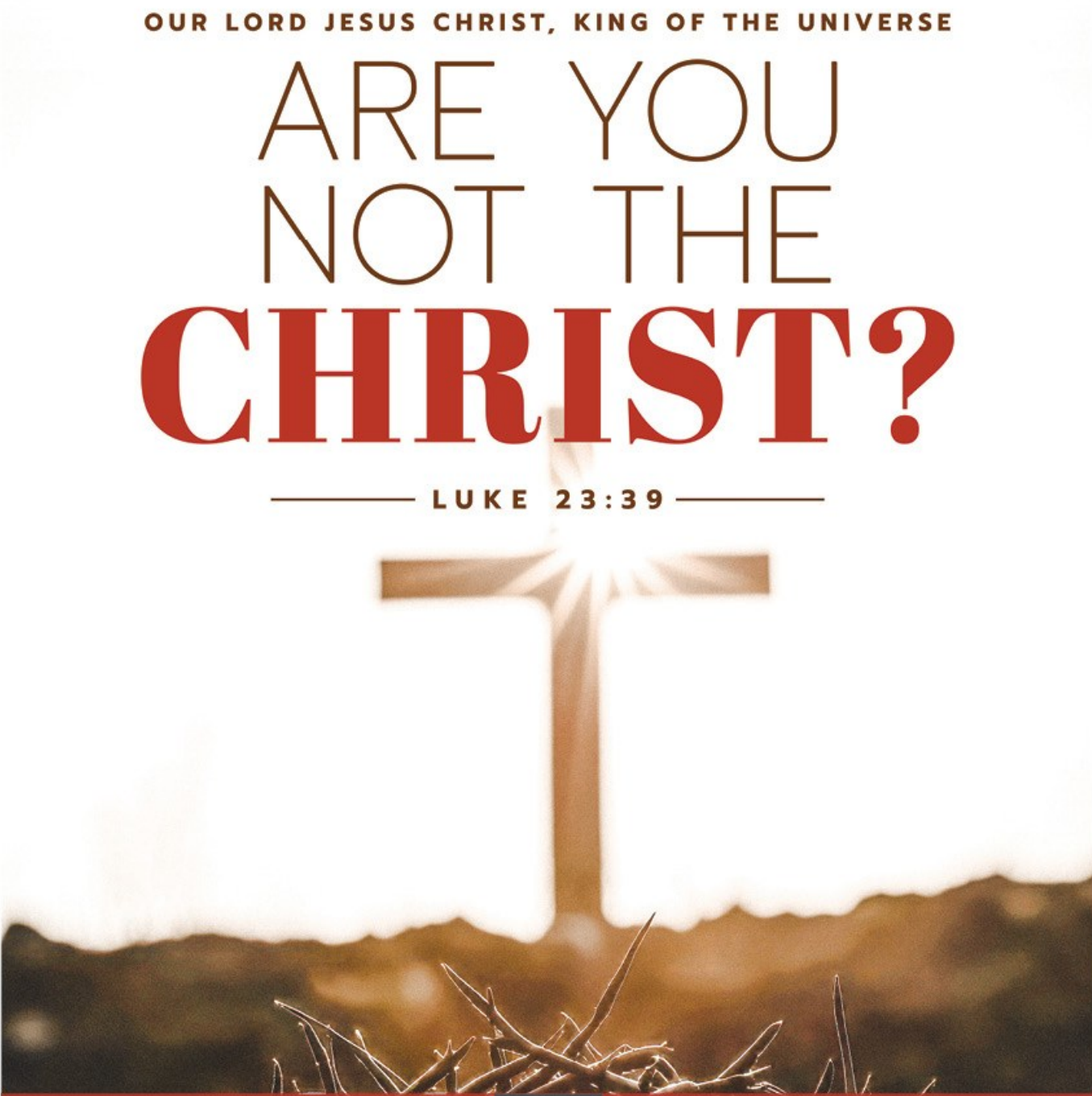


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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025



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.

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Deacon: Deacon Ron Gerwatowski
gerwat@verizon.net

Pastoral Associate: Leo Racine
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508-528-0020

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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

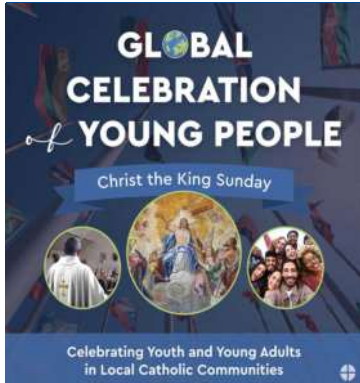
If you have a family member, friend, or neighbor who is unable to attend church due to age or infirmity, please call the rectory or email the Pastoral Associate (pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org). We will provide pastoral visits.

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.

**This Weekend's Second Collection is for
The Retired Religious Sisters**

Today's second collection is used to assist religious communities to provide for the retirement and health care needs of Sisters who have served the Archdiocese of Boston.



***The Annual Global
Celebration of Youth
This Weekend!***

All **elementary, middle and high school students** and their **families** and the **CYO Basketball players and coaches**, 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 the other Masses as well.

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



Saturday, November 22

4:00pm Frank Lewandowski

Sunday, November 23

7:30am Dominic S. Narducci

10:30am Diane Crane

Monday, November 24

7:00am Frank Atkinson

Tuesday, November 25

7:00am Antonio PEreira

Wednesday, November 26

7:00am Frank Atkinson

Thursday, November 27

7:00am Kathy Walling

Friday, November 28

7:00 am Albert Peter Palumbo

Saturday, November 29

4:00pm Lawrence Kangas

Sunday, November 30

7:30am Emily Marie Montione

10:30am First Sunday of Advent

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of November 23, 2025

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

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-4



Last week, Jonah Ryan Crosson, William Michael Fritz, Owen Francis Moran, Jack Robert Stebbins, Wesley Joseph Swan, Thomas Jonathan Tempesta and Sophia Patricia Mazzarella were Baptized by Deacon Ron God Bless this children.



Christmas Altar Flower Donations

For the next few weeks, we will be collecting Christmas Flower Donations. The flowers, dedicated to your deceased loved-ones, will adorn the altar in celebration of Christmas. All names received by December 13 will be recorded in the 2025 Christmas Flower Donation book.

If you do not receive envelopes at home, additional Flower Donation Envelopes will be placed in the bulletin and by the church doors. Please write the names legibly. Donations and envelopes can be returned in the collection baskets at Mass or dropped off/mailed to the rectory. You can also donate online at stmarysfranklin.org.



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



Pie Pick-Up

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing pre-ordered Thanksgiving pies, this Tuesday, November 25 from 2 to 6pm in the St. Mary School Modular Classrooms.

Thank you for your continued support, and Happy Thanksgiving!



Festivals of Lessons and Carols

Lessons and Carols is Back! On Sunday, December 7th at 3pm, St. Mary Parish Choir will present our Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. Join our magnificent Choir as they perform a concert of Scripture Readings and Carols to prepare the way for our Advent and Christmas Celebration!

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.



Online Giving

Consider making your gift Online:
www.stmarysfranklin.org





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

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.



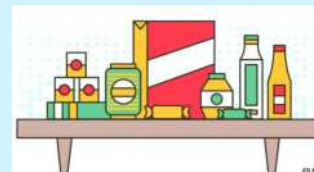
St. Vincent DePaul Society 508-918-2291

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.





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

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Christ the King

Today, Sunday, November 23 is the Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It is the 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the final Sunday of the liturgical year. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast day in 1925, 100 years ago, with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") "to respond to growing secularism and atheism. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever."

You can watch a brief video about this day and its significance by Bishop Robert Barron at <https://bit.ly/BarronKing>; this video is sponsored by the US Bishops. For a longer (twenty minutes) video, see Fr. Mike Schmitz's homily on Christ the King at <https://bit.ly/FMSKing>.



This coming Thursday, November 27, we celebrate that quintessential American holiday, Thanksgiving. *Our Sunday Visitor*, *Simply Catholic*, website has a reflection on the history of Thanksgiving and its meaning for Catholics. This article mentions the first Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Augustine, Florida, held by Spanish settlers in 1565. <https://bit.ly/ThanksgivingOSV>,

If you'd like some special prayers before your Thanksgiving feast, you can go to the Busted Halo website at <https://bit.ly/PrayersThanksgiving>.

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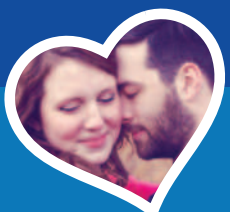


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