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SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026



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:
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RECTORY HOURS

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

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

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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.



On November 14, 2025, Kathryn Bennett Married James Gagnon at St. Mary Parish, Franklin. They were married by Bennett family friend, Deacon Gary Donahue. May God Bless them with a long, loving, happy and healthy life together.



READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of January 25, 2026

Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 (520)/ Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a



Saturday, January 24

4:00pm Linda Padula

Sunday, January 25

7:30am Antonio Pereira

10:30am Joseph & Giovannina Narducci & Domenic Narducci

Monday, January 26

7:00am

Tuesday, January 27

7:00am

Wednesday, January 28

7:00am

Thursday, January 29

7:00am

Friday, January 30

7:00am

Saturday, January 31

4:00pm Marie & James Leary

Sunday, February 1

7:30am

10:30am Allison Kane

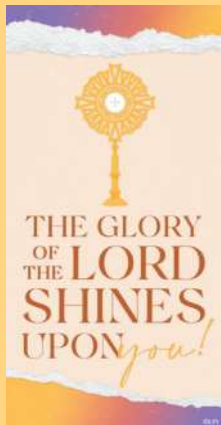


Last weekend, Luca Peter Bertoni and Amelia Kim Cornetta were Baptized by Deacon Ron. May God bless these children.



Collection for the Church in Latin America January 24 and 25

This week's second collection supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poorer dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. They also fund the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis.



Weekly Adoration Thursday Mornings & Evenings

Weekly Adoration will take place in the Chapel on Thursday morning from 7:30-8:30am and also on Thursday evening from 6:30-7:30pm.

All are welcome.

Sanctuary Care Volunteers Needed

Looking for a meaningful New Year's Resolution? The Altar & Sanctuary Care Team needs volunteers to help a few times a year with:

- Light cleaning
- Sacred linen care

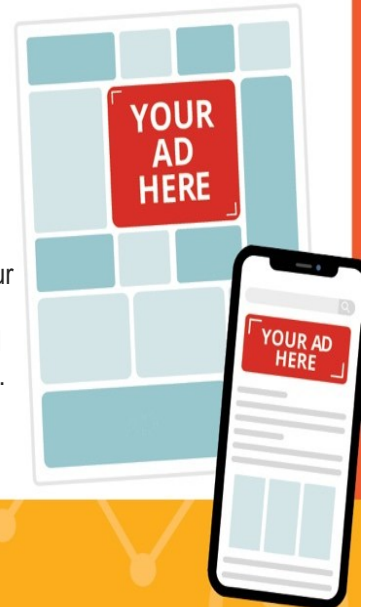
Contact Kate Boragine (508-440-5330) for more details if you are interested in joining the team. Thank you!!



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Mac Economy from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



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Protecting God's Children

January 28, 2026 6:30-9:30pm

Sunday, February 1, 2026, 1:30-4:30pm

Protecting God's Children® for Adults is a program designed to assist members of the Catholic community in creating safe environments for our children and vulnerable adults.

This program will be offered on Wednesday, January, 28 at 6:30 to 9:30pm and Sunday, February 1 at 1:30 to 4:30pm in the Parish Pastoral Center (school). You only need to attend one session. To reserve a spot in the session or for more information, please call Leo Racine, Pastoral Associate, at the parish office (508-528-0020) or email: pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org. Registration will be online.



Upcoming High School Youth Ministry Events

1st Sunday of the Month - YM Event

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

Family Mass

Sunday, January 25th
10:30am Mass for families
Light refreshment served in after this Mass in
Sacred Heart Hall

Contact Jim Flanagan at jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org

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.



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

Paper products (esp. Tissues/Kleenex)
Jam/Jelly
Pasta
Spaghetti sauce
Laundry detergent

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



Have you noticed that John's gospel is very different from the others? If you are interested in learning more about the Gospel of John, please join our Bible Study group. We will begin our study on **Monday, January 26** from **11am to 12 noon** in the chapel at Magnolia Heights, the retirement residence at 485 East Central Street, Franklin. There is no cost for the group.

Contact Leo Racine, our pastoral associate, for more information and to register. He can be reached at pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org or call 508-528-0020.

Sock and Underwear Drive

During this season of good cheer, please consider supporting our neighbors in need by contributing to the Sock and Underwear Drive, sponsored by the Respect Life Commission. We are requesting new prepackaged items in a variety of sizes for adults and children. These donations will benefit families and individuals in area homeless shelters as well as members of our own Franklin community. Bins will be available near the entrances of the church to collect your donations the weekends of **Jan 24 & 25** and **Jan 31 & Feb 1**. Thank you for your generosity. We are looking for donations of :

Boxer shorts: boys and men, all sizes

T-shirts: children and adults

Socks: children and adults, all sizes

Underwear, sports bras and panties: girls and women all sizes



Word of God Sunday

Today is the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, also known as Word of God Sunday. The Word of God Sunday is designated as a day to "enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word, and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world."

bit.ly/PFWordofGodSunday.

This year's theme is "the word of Christ dwells among you" (Colossians 3:16). The Vatican's Dicastery (Office) for Evangelization has produced a pastoral handbook for the Word of God Sunday; it can be found at <https://bit.ly/VaticanWOG>. The Introduction and first article about hope are great inspirational reading.



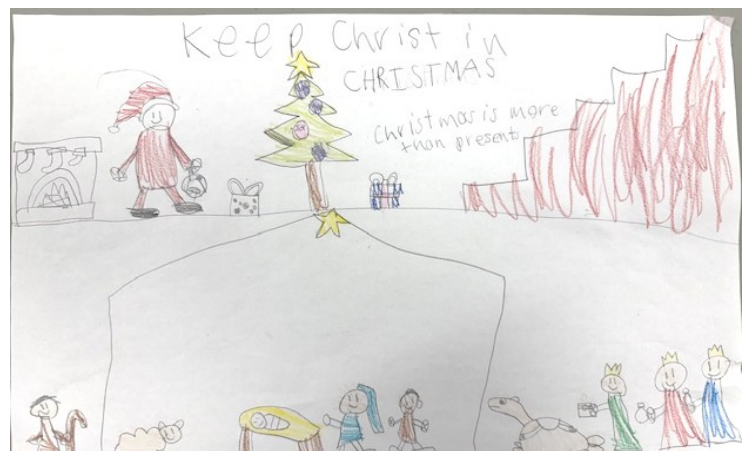
Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus, Keep Christ in Christmas 2025 winners!

Benjamin Brenn (grade 2)

Daniel McCahill (grade 4)

Mollie Brenn (grade 5)

Their names have gone on to the K of C District Competition. Good Luck to these young artists, and thanks to all participants and winners!



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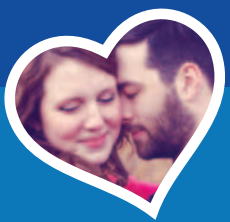
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