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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 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:
stmarysfranklin.org

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

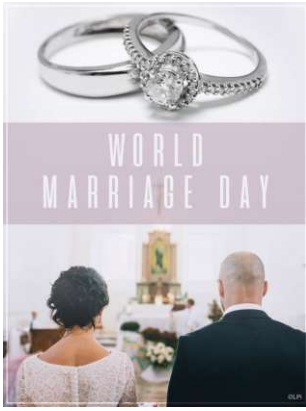
If you are interested in become a Catholic, please call the Rectory at 508-528-0020.

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.



February 7-14 is celebrated in the US Catholic Church as National Marriage Week; today, February 8 has been designated by the worldwide Marriage Encounter movement as World Marriage Day.

The US Bishops have chosen a theme for this year's National Marriage Week: "Man and Woman He Created Them: Together with a Purpose." The observance of National Marriage Week and World Marriage Day " are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family." The official National Marriage Week website is at <https://www.marriageweek.org/>. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter organization has a brief history of World Marriage Day as well as a prayer for married couples <https://bit.ly/WMDMarriageEncounter>.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of February 8, 2026
Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Saturday, February 7

4:00pm Mary Preskenis

Sunday, February 8

7:30am Peter Favara

10:30am Jonathan Davis and James Lennon

Monday, February 9

7:00am

Tuesday, February 10

7:00am Joseph Sousa

Wednesday, February 11

7:00am

Thursday, February 12

7:00am Loretta D'Orazio Brunelle

Friday, February 6

7:00am Christine Fitzgerald

Saturday, February 13

4:00pm Roland and Kathrine (Topsy) Pruvot

Sunday, February 14

7:30am Faustino & Guadalupe Pineda and Hope Pineda

10:30am Kenneth J. Assad, Jr.



Last weekend Lucy Lynne Cayer was Baptized by Deacon Ron. May God Bless her.



Ash Wednesday is on February 18, 2026. St. Mary Parish Distribution of Ashes is as follows

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

7:00am Mass with Distribution of Ashes

3pm Service with Distribution of Ashes

7pm Service with Distribution of Ashes



**Friday Evenings at 7pm
Sacred Heart Chapel**

- Feb. 20 – St. Mary’s Clergy
- Feb. 27 – Men’s Faith Formation
- Mar. 6 – Knights of Columbus
- Mar. 13 – St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Mar. 20 – Rel. Education/Faith Formation
- Mar 27 – Woman’s Group

**Women’s Faith Formation
February 14th Meeting**

All women are invited to attend our next Women's Faith Formation meeting scheduled Saturday, February 14th from 9:00 - 10:00 am.

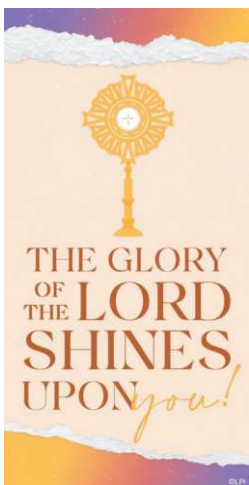
We will be viewing a video to prepare us for the start of Lent. The meeting will be held in the school building (accessible by the ramp from the parking lot). Light refreshments will be served. All women are welcome!"



**Volunteers Wanted
For the Bereavement Ministry**

St. Mary Parish is looking for new volunteers to join the Bereavement Ministry Team. The Bereavement Minister meets offers comfort and support to families who have suffered the loss of a loved one. They help the grieving with selecting the readings, music and choosing the family/friend participation in the funeral liturgy.

Typically, a Bereavement Minister meets with one or two families a month to help them plan the funeral. For more information, please contact Pat Netto at 508-528-5610



**Weekly Adoration
Thursday Mornings
& Evenings**

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

All are welcome.

Men's Faith Formation Meeting Saturday, February 21 at 8am

All men, wherever you are on your faith journey are welcome. We meet on the first Saturday of each month at 8:00am in Sacred Heart Hall for an hour. The next session is Sat, February 21st at 8am.

The program has no cost and is a great way for men to connect. In addition to faith formation, we build in plenty of time to socialize over coffee and bagels.

If you have additional questions, please reach out to Regis Schratz at rschratz@comcast.net.



Upcoming High School Youth Ministry Events

1st Sunday of the Month - YM Event

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

Contact Jim Flanagan at:

jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org



This Thursday, February 11, is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes in which the Catholic Church observes as the World Day of the Sick. Pope St. John Paul II established this observance back in 1992.

Pope Leo XIV, has chosen the theme for this day: *"The compassion of the Samaritan: Loving by bearing the pain of the other."* In his message for the World Day of the Sick, the pope reminds us that compassion and mercy *"are realized through relationships: with our brothers and sisters in need, with those who care for them and, ultimately, with God who gives us his love."* You can read Pope Leo XIV's letter at <https://bit.ly/LeoSick>.



Help Wanted: Certified Nursing Assistant

Mt. St. Mary's Abbey in Wrentham is looking to hire a part-time Certified Nursing Assistant to assist with caring for elderly sisters in the monastery infirmary. Current openings are for weekdays and weekends. For more information, please e-mail: infirmary@msmabbey.org. Thank you and God bless.

Zoom Rosary

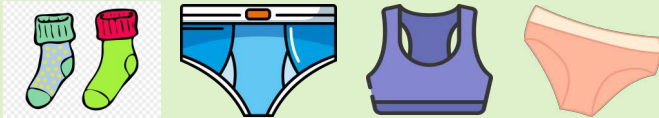
Deacon Guy continues a Zoom Rosary every Monday night at 7:00pm. This is open to parishioners, family & friends from all communities. You are welcome to join, relax, pray and/or just listen. *Link info* is on the Parish Web Site under Parish Life and Prayer. For more information contact Deacon Guy at: deaconguy@verizon.net.



Sock and Underwear Drive Last Weekend!

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 this weekend, **February 7 & 8**. 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:** girls and woman



Dear Parishioners:



2025 has been a difficult year for many of our neighbors in Franklin due to inflation, weather, political and world challenges. This has affected all of us personally, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society was unsure what financial response would be possible from our parishioners for this year's St Mary's Caring Tree.

The response was remarkable! Donations of gift cards and checks were \$16,226. We are so blessed to have such a caring and generous parish. As a result of this overwhelming charitable response, we were able to assist 121 Franklin families (194 adults & 109 children) this holiday season. The continued increases in rents, utilities, food prices and medical care have created financial stress for so many Franklin families. Without the financial support and wonderful Christmas notes and prayers that accompanied the gift cards, we would not have been able to bring assistance and happiness to so many Franklin families. Thank you!

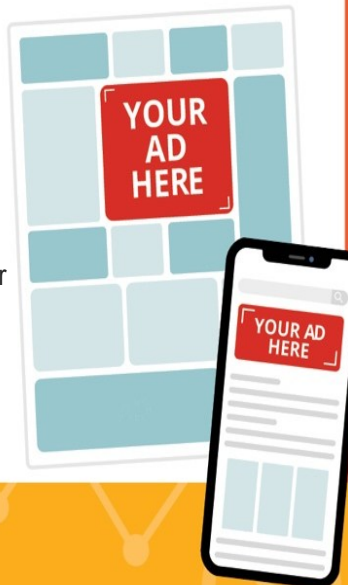
Our thoughts and prayers are with all the parishioners of St. Mary's, and we pray for a safe and healthy 2026 for everyone.

Sincerely, St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul

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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.

- Grape or Strawberry Jam
- Peanut Butter
- Kraft Mac & Cheese
- Cranberry juice and Apple Juice
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Laundry Detergent

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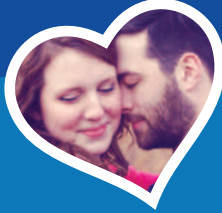


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