

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BUT I SAY TO  
**YOU.**

— MATTHEW 5:34 —



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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 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.

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Very Rev. Robert A. Poitras V.F.  
pastor@stmarysfranklin.org

**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. John Tanyi  
parochialvicar@stmarysfranklin.org

**Deacon:** Deacon Ron Gerwatowski  
gerwat@verizon.net

**Pastoral Associate:** Leo Racine  
pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org

### RECTORY STAFF

**508-528-0020**

**Finance & Operations Manager:**  
businessmanager@stmarysfranklin.org

**Secretary:** Jennifer Lance  
secretary@stmarysfranklin.org

**Music Director:** Krishan Oberoi  
krishan.oberoi@gmail.com

**Cemetery Caretaker:** Joe Spencer  
508-498-8271

### FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

**508-528-1450**

201 Main Street, Franklin, MA 02038

#### Director:

Jim Flanagan - jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org

#### Secretary:

Liz Bertoni - reled.secretary@stmarysfranklin.org

### ASSISTANCE

**St. Vincent De Paul:** 508-918-2291

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Register Online at [www.stmarysfranklin.org](http://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](mailto:baptism@stmarysfranklin.org) or call: 508-528-0020. To schedule a Baptism Zoom Class, contact Deacon Ron at: [gerwat@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto: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.



**Wednesday, February 18, 2026  
in Main Church**

**7:00am**

Mass with Distribution of Ashes

**3pm**

Liturgy of the Word Service with Distribution of Ashes

**7pm**

Mass with Distribution of Ashes



**Saturday, February 14**

4:00pm Roland and Kathrine (Topsy) Pruvot

**Sunday, February 15**

7:30am Faustino & Guadalupe Pineda  
and Hope Pineda

10:30am Kenneth J. Assad, Jr.

**Monday, February 16**

7:00am

**Tuesday, February 17**

7:00am Jill Rappa

**Wednesday, February 18**

7:00am Mass & Distribution Of Ashes

3:00pm Liturgy of the Word & Dist. Of Ashes

7:00pm Mass & Distribution of Ashes

**Thursday, February 19**

7:00am

**Friday, February 20**

7:00am

**Saturday, February 21**

4:00pm Rae Ann and Charles Donoghue

**Sunday, February 22**

7:30am

10:30am John Willinski, Elena Willinski,  
Walter & Catherine Cusson

**READINGS THIS WEEK**

**Readings for the week of February 15, 2026**

**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

**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk  
8:11-13 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18  
-19/Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14  
and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

**Next Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13,  
17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



Last weekend Declan Paul Rodriguez and James  
Christopher Ryan were Baptized by Fr. John. May  
God Bless these children.



## Knights of Columbus



### St. Patrick's Day PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 15 from 11am - 12:30pm

after the 10:30am Mass  
Sacred Heart Hall

\$5 donation per adult; children under 12 are free

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## HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY



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# FAMILY MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>  
AT 10:30 A.M..



OPEN TO ALL FAMILIES IN GRADES 1 THROUGH 12  
STUDENTS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE MINISTRIES  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER MASS

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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 – Family Faith Formation
- Mar 27 – Woman's Faith Formation

### 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](mailto:deaconguy@verizon.net).

# SNOW TUBING AT NASHOBA VALLEY SKI AREA

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH**

WE WILL ATTEND THE 4:00 P.M. MASS AND THEN HEAD TO LITTLETON. WE WILL GO TUBING FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. WE WILL STOP FOR FOOD ON THE WAY HOME!

**Cost is \$65.00**  
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Register by February 25<sup>th</sup> by using QR Code  
Must have a waiver on file - <https://shop.skinashoba.com/forms>

Youth Ministry



## Youth Group



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month - YM Event**  
(Social, Christian Service, Prayer, Speaker)  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday), May 3 & June 7<sup>th</sup>

**For more Info contact Jim Flanagan at:**  
[jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org](mailto:jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org)

## 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](mailto:rschratz@comcast.net).

## Knights of Columbus 2026 Scholarship



The Knights of Columbus is accepting applicants for its 2026 college scholarship award program - ***The Robert Simmler PGK, Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council #1847 Scholarship***. Applicants must be a registered member of St Mary's Parish, Franklin and graduating from High School in the spring 2026 and progressing to their first year of study at a 2 or 4 year college/university. **We are awarding 2 scholarships this year a \$3000 and \$1500**

The application form is available from the banner on the parish website or on the Knights of Columbus website <https://www.kofc1847.org/>. Please fill in ALL information accurately and clearly, and submit the completed application by March 27, 2026 to: ***The Robert Simmler PGK Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council 1847 Scholarship Committee, St. Mary's Parish c/o Michael Swan 38 Madison Ave, Franklin MA 02038***

The award will be given to the recipients upon completion of their 1<sup>st</sup> semester of studies and upon proof of enrollment for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

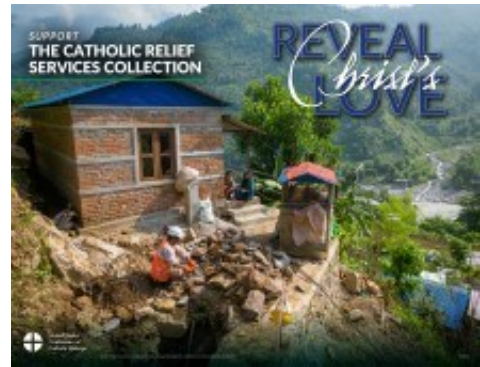
Please contact Michael Swan if needed for more information: 508-404-4792



### 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



Next week's second collection will support the Church in the underdeveloped areas of the world. The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) works to provide families with basic humanitarian needs, protect vulnerable children, reunite families, and encourage legislation that reflects the importance of family in society. The reach of this Collection spans the globe, helping families on every continent from an array of ethnicities and backgrounds and addressing a myriad of needs. Your generosity will help fund the spiritual, educational and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world.

[www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief)

### Catholic Women's Club



### -BREAKFAST-



St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club Breakfast will be held at "3" Restaurant on **March 15th** after the 10:30 Mass. Our guest speaker will be Jim Flanagan, the Family Faith Director. The cost will be \$30/pp. Please send your check to Patricia Tomasetti, 3 Mackintosh St, Franklin. The deadline will be March 1st.



### Weekly Adoration

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



### 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.

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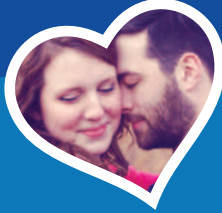


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