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SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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Weekend Masses Live Streamed at: stmarysfranklin.org

RECTORY HOURS

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

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ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED

St. Vincent De Paul: 508-918-2291

PARISH REGISTRATION

Online at www.stmarysfranklin.org or call the office.



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 or friend who is unable to attend church due to age or infirmity, we will provide pastoral visits. To set-up visits, please call the rectory or email the Pastoral Associate at: pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org.

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.



To make a donation online, you can go to the St. Mary Parish Website at www.stmarysfranklin.org and choose "Online Giving" and set-up donations to St. Mary Parish. You can also access this feature by scanning the QR Code below.

NOTE: If you decide to give online, please call the Rectory to stop having envelopes mailed to your home. Thank you.



Saturday, June 27

4:00pm Thomas & Elizabeth Treacy,
Timothy & Eily Flynn & Eileen Flynn

Sunday, June 28

7:30am Dianne L. H. Pezzella
10:30am Parishioners of St. Mary Parish

Monday, June 29

7:00am Kate Brown (living)

Tuesday, June 30

7:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, July 1

7:00am Sherill Duggan

Thursday, July 2

7:00am

Friday, July 3

7:00am

Saturday, July 4

4:00pm Agostino, Alma & Vincent DeBaggis

Sunday, July 5

7:30am Ted Ristaino
10:30am Flavio Taddeo

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of June 28, 2026

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Monday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-3



Last weekend Brooklyn Marie Rabideau was Baptized by Fr. John. God Bless this child.



Knight of Columbus Scholarship Winners

Each year, The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council in Franklin present three scholarships to graduating seniors from the St. Mary Parish Community. Two of the scholarships named in honor of Robert Simmler, Past Grand Knight, and given to Franklin graduating seniors. The third given in the name of Robert Catalano, a long time Knight and parishioner. This award is to a child or grandchild of a Knight belonging to our Council.

This year we are proud to announce that the 2026 Simmler Scholarships awarded to Charlie Nash (\$3000) and Matthew Colford (\$1500) who graduate from Franklin High School. The 2026 Robert Catalano Scholarship (\$2000) award to Jack Baribeau, a graduate of Holliston High School. These accomplished students are active members of their Parish Community and their achievements were especially noteworthy among the many talented candidates who applied for the 2026 awards.

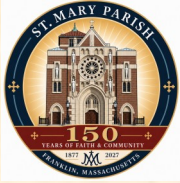
We wish Charlie, Matthew, and Jack the best of luck as they begin their studies this fall. Charlie will be at Boston College and Matthew at Providence College, and Jack will attend Villanova. In this way, we honor the memory of two fine gentlemen, Robert Simmler and Robert Catalano, who were active in the Knights, St. Mary Parish, and the Franklin community. We have no doubt that these young awardees will make their own contributions to their own communities and parishes in the years to come.

If you are interested in joining or want more information about the Sacred Heart Council, please visit our website at www.kofc1847.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.



150th Anniversary



The year 2027 marks the 150th Anniversary of St. Mary Parish. In order to prepare for this celebration, we are establishing a 150th Anniversary Committee. All parishioners are invited to volunteer and serve on the committee to make this anniversary special.

Over the coming months, additional details about anniversary events, volunteer opportunities, historical projects, and special celebrations will be shared through the bulletin, parish website, and social media. Since it will take all of our family to properly honor these 150 years, I ask that you give generously of your time, talent and treasure. I invite you to volunteer on our special anniversary committees and projects. Help us create a beautiful 150th celebration. Visit our on-line form below to volunteer for special anniversary committees.

I am pleased to announce that Mr. John Ristaino will help me in managing this great project as our St. Mary's 150 Anniversary Director. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the anniversary celebration, you can reach out to him at 150director@stmarysfranklin.org, or go to the QR Code where you will be able to access a volunteer form. Please fill out the form, and pick up to three committees that interest you. More volunteer opportunities will be posted in the future. **All are welcome!**



Franklin Food Pantry 'SNAP Match' at Franklin Farmers' Market

The Franklin Food Pantry is sponsoring the SNAP Match program at the Franklin Farmers' Market, offering an unlimited, dollar-for-dollar match that doubles the purchasing power for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients. Funded through grants and individual gifts, the SNAP Match program lowers the cost of farm-fresh produce. Households experiencing food insecurity gain greater access to nutritious options. The program also supports local vendors and regional agribusinesses.

Any household registered with SNAP, regardless of their resident town or state, can participate in the SNAP Match at the Franklin Farmers' Market. Before shopping, bring your SNAP EBT card to the Franklin Food Pantry booth. Shoppers tell the staff how much they would like to spend from their SNAP benefits. The representative swipes the SNAP EBT card and "matches" the chosen amount dollar-for-dollar in SNAP Tokens. For example, spending \$10 results in \$20 worth of tokens

For more information on the SNAP Match program, please visit the Franklin Food Pantry booth at the Franklin Farmers' Market, or contact the Franklin Food Pantry at 508-528-3115 or info@franklinfoodpantry.org. The Franklin Farmers' Market takes place every Friday from 2pm to 6pm, June through October, on the Franklin Town Common.

Words of Wisdom from Our Pope

Pope Leo XIV recently released his first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, and reminds us that "each generation inherits the task of shaping its own era, of guiding history to become a place where the dignity of every person is safeguarded, justice is promoted and fraternity is made possible." In the second chapter of this encyclical letter, the pope outlines a number of basic principles of Catholic Social Doctrine (CSD). He says "it [CSD] can be considered a form of wisdom that is capable of guiding the personal and societal lives of believers even today."

During the last several months, we have reviewed several themes of Catholic Social Teaching. These themes are based on the Church's social doctrine, some principles of which include the common good, the universal destination of goods, subsidiarity, solidarity and social justice. These five principles, in harmony with the foundational belief in the dignity of every person, are ones upon which Pope Leo XIV believes we should reflect "in order to protect the human person in the age of artificial intelligence." These are the tasks which our generation has inherited. Read the encyclical at <https://bit.ly/LeoMH> to get the full flavor of this call, the hope that sustains it and how we are to accomplish it.

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- + QUESTIONS = PLEASE CONTACT JIM FLANAGAN AT 617-922-0024

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you are in need of service hours - St. Mary Family Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Office has plenty of service opportunities!

OPPORTUNITIES MAY INCLUDE:

PREPARING FOR KIDZ CAMP	FAMILY FAITH FORMATION HELP	SUMMER PROJECTS
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CONTACT US AT: Jim Flanagan a 617-922-0024 or jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org

SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO NEW YORK & NEW JERSEY

August 9th to August 12th

VISION

A mission trip to New York and New Jersey will be a transformative experience that blends urban ministry, community service, and spiritual growth. The vision is to immerse in the city's diverse neighborhoods, connect with people from all walks of life, and share the hope of the Gospel while addressing tangible needs.

DETAILS

HOUSING	St. John Paul II Youth Retreat Center 499 Belgrove Drive - Kearny, NJ
WHO CAN ATTEND?	Classes of 2026 to 2030 are welcome! Adults Leaders are needed that have taken the VIRTUS Training and have filled out a CORI Form.
COST	\$425.00 includes most meals, lodging, transportation, supplies, and activity during Jim Flanagan's NYC Tour Partical scholarships are available
AGENDA	Leave for NJ after the 10:30 a.m. Mass - dinner at a local diner in Kearny - Monday we will be working with a parish in Newark - Tuesday we will be working in NYC - Wednesday we will tour NYC after building clean up - returning to Franklin around 11:00 p.m.

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 Towels, Toilet Paper
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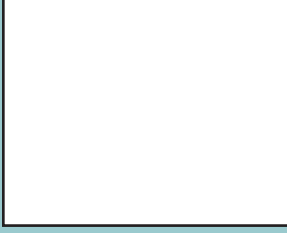
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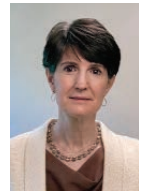
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