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SUNDAY, JULY 5, 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.



Saturday, July 4

4:00pm Agostino, Alma & Vincent DeBaggis

Sunday, July 5

7:30am Ted Ristaino

10:30am Flavio Taddeo

Monday, July 6

7:00am Dragos Mardare

Tuesday, July 7

7:00am Lena Fandetti

Wednesday, July 8

7:00am

Thursday, July 9

7:00am Louis Regilio

Friday, July 10

7:00am

Saturday, July 11

4:00pm Donna Oteri

Sunday, July 12

7:30am Victoria Kachenmeister

10:30am Officer Stephen LaPorta

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of July 5, 2026

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/
Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5,
6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9
-10/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-
7/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-
16/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and
17/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/
Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



Last weekend Cecelia Eloise Bradford, David Stephen Chapman, Vincent Charles Montesi, Phoebe Lorraine O'Donnell and Joseph Michael Ray was Baptized by Deacon Ron. God Bless these children.



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.

Everyday Stewardship

Many young people want to make a path for themselves in life without the help and guidance of others. My own young adult son oftentimes refuses assistance because he feels that he must learn to go it alone and have his achievements based solely upon his effort. However, few truly get anywhere of circumstance without the aid of others.

The body of Christ only functions well when we move together and help each other. Unfortunately, too often parts of the body seek to do their own thing and do not integrate with the other parts. We use our gifts in ways that are only focused on our own gains and our own being. But be mindful, our gifts exist in us to be cultivated and shared with God and his people.

In the same manner, with Jesus as the head of this body, he is there for us as well. In Jesus we find our rest and assistance with our burdens. I cannot imagine life without the compassion and aid of our God. If it isn't bad enough that some people fail to lean on their brothers and sisters, some of them fail to ever turn to God.

This is never good stewardship. A stewardship way of life seeks to share and integrate with others, especially Jesus. We have been created for community. If we take seriously our discipleship, a true relationship with Jesus always beckons us into community with other believers. Here we are strongest. Here we are the most fruitful. Here we are Christ's body on earth.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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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. And the representative will swipe the SNAP EBT card and "match" the chosen amount dollar-for-dollar in SNAP 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.

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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
- Kleenex Tissues
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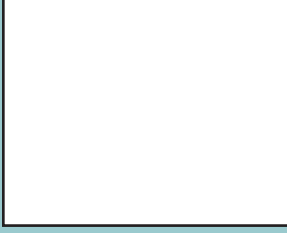
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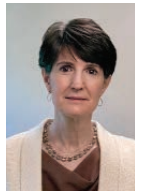
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