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SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“A SOWER
WENT OUT TO
SOW.”

MATTHEW 13:3



MASS SCHEDULE

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

Wi-Fi: **StMarysChurchMesh** Password: **STMarysGuest**

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.

Mary Queen of Heaven Missionaries

This weekend, Sr. Gliceria Cruz of the Mary Queen of Heaven Missionaries from the Philippines will speak at each Mass. These sister rescue as many women and children locked into the sex trafficking trade due to poverty. They provide food, shelter, education and training in a respectable trade. We ask that you be generous to help these missionaries in their worthy cause.



READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of July 12, 2026

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

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



Saturday, July 11

4:00pm Donna Oteri

Sunday, July 12

7:30am Victoria Kachenmeister

10:30am Officer Stephen LaPorta

Monday, July 13

7:00am Lena Fandetti

Tuesday, July 14

7:00am

Wednesday, July 15

7:00am Patricia Malnati

Thursday, July 16

7:00am Delores Narducci

Friday, July 17

7:00am

Saturday, July 18

4:00pm Rinaldo and Dora DeVito

Sunday, July 19

7:30am Janet A. Delaney

10:30am Anthony and Jen Carrano



There were no Baptisms last weekend, due to the Independence Day Holiday Weekend.

Catholic Women's Club 2026 Scholarship Recipient

Each year, The St. Mary Catholic Women's Club awards a scholarship to graduating a senior from St. Mary Parish. This year, a \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Peyton Dwyer. Peyton will be attending St Anselm College in Manchester, NH and plans to double major in Elementary Education and Dance. We wish Peyton the best of luck as she begins her studies this fall.



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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:1-23

Sometimes I feel capable of absorbing almost anything except God's Word. My mind soaks up song lyrics, sports trivia, and endless online content. But what was the reading at Mass this morning? I struggle to recall. That realization discourages me, and it leads to an uncomfortable question. What is my heart really for? Is it shaped for constant information and distraction, or is it truly designed for God? Am I capable of deeply receiving His Word?

Jesus speaks directly to this today with a simple image. "The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it." By comparing the Word of the Kingdom to a seed, Jesus reveals something hopeful about us. The human heart is made for that seed. Soil and seed belong together. No matter how compacted, rocky, or overgrown the ground has become, the Sower never stops sowing.

God loves our hearts. He sees them as a farmer sees his fields, full of potential. Human hearts can indeed "understand the Word." Understanding does not mean mastering information. It means letting the Word sink in, interacting with it, and giving it a home. It means trusting that, beneath the surface, God is at work in quiet and hidden ways.

When we allow the Holy Spirit to loosen the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance, and simplicity, the same Word that created the universe begins to bear fruit in us, 30, 60, even a hundredfold. Lord Jesus, Sower of life, soften the soil of my heart. Let Your Word take root in me again, and bring forth the fruit You desire. Amen.



— Father John Muir ©LPi



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.



Prayer to Respect All Life

Lord, help us to show respect for all life. Help us to have compassion for the elderly, unborn children and their mothers, for persons with disabilities, and for all those who are unable to protect themselves.

Remind us that all human beings are sacred to You and that you love each one of us.

Give us the courage and the strength to protect those who cannot protect themselves and to support leaders who also value and respect all life.

Ever hopeful that our nation will be more caring towards those who cannot speak for themselves, let our light shine now to illuminate the darkness of ignorance and prejudice so that in the future we will be known as a nation which respects all life.

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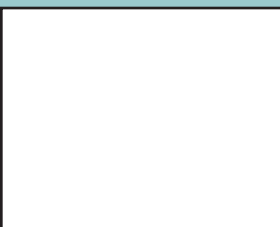



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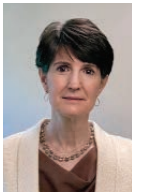
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