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SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026



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

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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.

Celebrating our Ministry Volunteers

Each fiscal year, our parish takes count of the many individuals who give of their time and talents to help our ministries and indeed, our community, flourish. This past fiscal year (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026), our parish enjoyed the fruits of the labor of 246 volunteers. Marty Haugen, a composer of contemporary church music, has a song "*We are Many Parts*" (you can listen to it at <https://bit.ly/HaugenParts>) which reminds us that "the gifts we have we are given to share."

In his essay on stewardship (Give Us This Day, June 2026, p. 5-6), Justin Bartkus tells us that "in Jesus' teaching, the purpose of all gifts and resources, of all wealth and talents, is communion, the deepening of human bonds in self-giving love." Let's all be thankful for the gifts that so many individuals share with our parish and pray for the continued growth of our community in love.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of July 19, 2026

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

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21
and 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt
12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4,
5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10
-11/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt
13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,
6/Mt 20:20-28

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77,
127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or
13:44-46



Saturday, July 18

4:00pm Rinaldo and Dora DeVito

Sunday, July 19

7:30am Janet A. Delaney

10:30am Anthony and Jen Carrano

Monday, July 20

7:00am

Tuesday, July 21

7:00am

Wednesday, July 22

7:00am Amy O'Donnell

Thursday, July 23

7:00am Phyllis DiPrete

Friday, July 24

7:00am

Saturday, July 25

4:00pm Sabino and Angela Coscia

Sunday, July 26

7:30am Alfred, Ronald, Joseph &
Madelyn Padula

10:30am James Queenan Jr.



Last weekend Levi Scott Elman and Winona Moore Gibbons were Baptized by Deacon Ron. May God bless these children.

Celebrating Liz Bertoni's Retirement

After nearly 40 years of faithful service to St. Mary's Parish, Liz Bertoni will be retiring on July 30.

Liz began working part-time at St. Mary's almost 40 years ago as the Faith Formation Secretary. Throughout her years of dedicated service, she worked alongside two Directors of Religious Education in the Archdiocese of Boston. The first was her mother, Isabelle Coyne, and the second was Karen Ackles, who retired just over a year ago.

Anyone who has walked through the doors of the Faith Formation building knows Liz. She has been the first friendly face to welcome students, parents, catechists, and visitors with her warm smile, gentle spirit, and genuine kindness. Her willingness to help others and her quiet dedication have touched countless lives over the years.

This past year, Liz has truly been the glue that has kept the Faith Formation office running so smoothly. She has patiently answered my endless questions, listened to my brainstorming ideas, and graciously handled all of my last-minute requests. Although Liz had hoped to retire last fall, she chose to stay a little longer to ensure a smooth transition and to make sure I was fully prepared. Because of her generosity, wisdom, and guidance, this transition has been seamless, and I am deeply grateful. While Liz's daily presence will certainly be missed, I know I will especially miss our conversations, her stories, and the wonderful history lessons she shared about St. Mary's Parish and the Franklin community.

Liz, thank you for your unwavering dedication, your compassionate heart, and your nearly four decades of faithful ministry. Your service has been a true blessing to generations of parish families, and your legacy will continue to be felt for years to come.

Please join us as we celebrate Liz and thank her for her extraordinary service on **Sunday, July 19**, immediately **following the 10:30 a.m. Mass**. Light refreshments will be served.

We hope you will join us in honoring Liz and wishing her every blessing in her well-earned retirement. Please help us spread the word!



Donate to Mary Queen of Heaven Missionaries

Last weekend Sr. Gliceria Cruz of the Mary Queen of Heaven Missionaries spoke at each Mass. She and the sisters rescue women and children from the sex trafficking trade in the Philippines and help them establish a better, fruitful life. If you would like to donate online to the Mary Queen of Heaven Missionaries go to: **www.mqhm.org**



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Weeds We Need

Driving up my street in late spring, you can see which yard is mine from a whole block away: it's the one covered in dandelions. And I like it that way.

I fear neither my husband's shame nor the snarky comments of neighbors: I will never apologize for my dandelion-filled yard. "It's for the pollinators," I say, but it's a total lie. I just think it looks lovely. Who doesn't like a splash of yellow after a long, dreary winter?

People call dandelions "weeds," but it's just not true. Weeds are, by definition, any plant growing where it isn't wanted. A rosebush is a weed, if it's in the middle of a cornfield. I want my dandelions. Plants that are commonly considered weeds can even have beneficial properties. They attract pollinators, for instance, and they promote nutrient cycling, whereby soil health is improved.

We all have metaphorical "weeds" in the garden of our lives. I certainly do: facets of my personality I loathe, realities of my life I resent, limitations in my abilities I dread— these are my weeds, and their roots run deep, coiling closely around those of the plants I try to cultivate. But if I could rid my garden of any one of these weeds, would it really benefit me? And if I examined them all closely, could I tell them apart — the blessing from the curse, the struggle from the triumph?

One day, it will all become clear: what is the wheat, and what is the weed. We will be put to our ultimate purpose, and we will see ourselves for what we are meant to be. Until then, we need the weeds. It's not harvest time yet. ©LPI



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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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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



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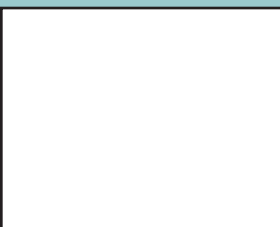



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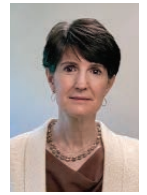
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