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SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THEM WALKING ON
THE SEA.

— MATTHEW 14:26 —



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.

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
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Pastoral Associate: Leo Racine
pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org

RECTORY STAFF 508-528-0020

Finance & Operations Manager:
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Secretary: Jennifer Lance
secretary@stmarysfranklin.org

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

Cemetery Caretaker: Joe Spencer
508-498-8271

150th Anniversary Director: John Ristaino
150director@stmarysfranklin.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION 508-528-1450

201 Main Street, Franklin, MA 02038

Director: Jim Flanagan
jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org

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, August 8

4:00pm Charles and Rae Ann Donoghue

Sunday, August 9

7:30am Stephen Gallagher

10:30am Ricky Melanson

Monday, August 10

7:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, August 11

7:00am Eileen Chew

Wednesday, August 12

7:00am Sidney Nicole Fields

Thursday, August 13

7:00am Patricia Lamoriello

Friday, August 14

7:00am Gavin Beaulieu

Saturday, August 15

4:00pm John R. and John Finnucan

Sunday, August 16

7:30am Michael, Barbara and Janet Corrao

10:30am Larry and Maria Orlando

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of August 9, 2026

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



Last weekend Parker Marie Harrington, Nora Grace Merten and Amelia Jane Sugar were Baptized by Deacon Ron. May God bless these children.



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SAVE THE DATE!

St. Vincent DePaul
Friends of the Poor Walk
Saturday, September 26, 2026

Registration at 8:30 am on the
Town Common followed by a
Blessing for the Walk at 9:00am.
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Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts Statement Against Late-term Abortion Bill

On July 22, 2026, the Massachusetts House of Representatives passed legislation which removed all remaining legal limits on late-term abortions in the Commonwealth. In these final days of the legislative session the Massachusetts Senate is considering the same question of late-term abortions. Late-term in this case means abortion after 24 weeks of pregnancy and up until the birth of the child.

As Catholic bishops we have a moral responsibility to present and uphold Catholic teaching and the sacred God-given dignity of every human life from conception to the natural death.

The proposed elimination of any legal restraint on late-term abortion is, in our judgement, a radical measure which is gravely immoral. Our hope is that the state Senate will not follow the House on this measure.

Life is beautiful! We invite the Catholic community to pray for a renewal of reverence for all human life. We reaffirm the Church's call to its own community and to civil society to provide the resources to welcome and cherish the gift of life, as well as to accompany women and families who have known the tragedy of abortion. Let there be room in our hearts for the most vulnerable among us. May we recall and live the Lord's own word "whatsoever you do to the least of these you do to me."

We join Pope Leo in his prayer intentions for the month of July as he implored the Lord Jesus to help us love life as He does, "with tenderness, fidelity, and self-giving." We uphold his call, "May we proclaim, in words and action, that every human life is worth the total gift of ourselves."

Most Reverend Richard G. Henning
Archbishop of Boston

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha
Bishop of Fall River

Most Reverend William D. Byrne
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Dear Friends,

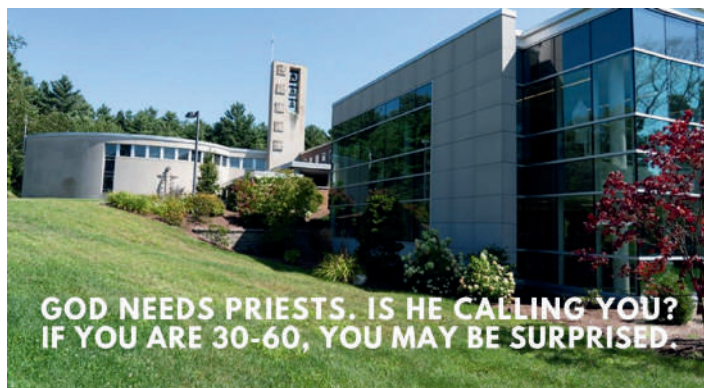
Congratulations to you, the parishioners of St. Mary Parish, on meeting your 2026 Catholic Appeal goal. I am continually moved by the faith, generosity, and the goodness of the people here in the Archdiocese of Boston.

This year's theme, "Together We Are One", has been a reminder of our communion in the Lord Jesus and our call to be united to the Body of Christ.

Thank you for partnering with me as co-workers in the Lord's vineyard as we support and sustain His work and His ministry.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard G. Henning
Archbishop of Boston



FIRST FRIDAY VISIT

September 4

5:00 PM EST

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary

HOLY HOUR AND EVENING PRAYER

In-Person Visit: Includes Dinner with seminarians and tour of the Seminary

Register: Contact Msgr. William Fay
781-899-5500 ext. 134
firstfriday@psjs.edu

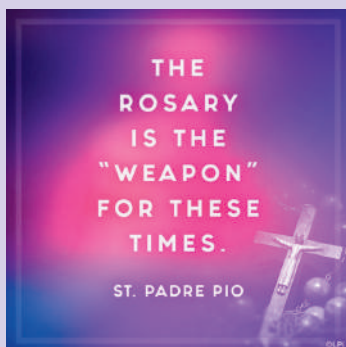
Virtual Visit: Live-stream Holy Hour followed by a Zoom visit
(Zoom link provided at registration)



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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.



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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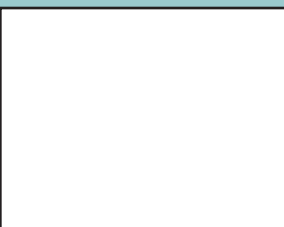



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