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SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026



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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508-498-8271

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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 15

4:00pm John R. & John Finnucan

Sunday, August 16

7:30am Michael, Barbara & Janet Corrao

10:30am Larry & Maria Orlando

Monday, August 17

7:00am Donald Carpentier (living)

Tuesday, August 18

7:00am Sherill Duggan

Wednesday, August 19

7:00am Jean Lyons Knight

Thursday, August 20

7:00am Lesley Reynolds Flint

Friday, August 21

7:00am

Saturday, August 22

4:00pm Marjorie Ariot (Birthday)

Sunday, August 23

7:30am Rosaria Vandenberg

10:30am Doris and Norbert Beaulieu

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of August 16, 2026

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

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



Last weekend Emilia Mae Cicerone, John Francis Flynn, IV and Benjamin John Kalman were Baptized by Deacon Ron. May God bless these children.



Dear St. Mary's Parish Family,

It is with great joy that I introduce the newest member of our parish staff, Jill Compton. Jill joins our parish pastoral staff as St. Mary's Finance & Operations Manager.

Jill brings a strong background in finance and accounting, with more than seven years of experience working in corporate finance and accounting for large corporations in fast-paced, challenging environments. Her professional expertise includes financial forecasting, reconciliations, monthly and quarterly closing preparation, budget development, organization, multitasking, and a keen attention to detail.

For the past 13 years, Jill has devoted herself to raising her two children while remaining deeply involved in her community through volunteer leadership. She served on the Board of Directors—and later as Board President—of her children's preschool from 2017 to 2020. She has also been an active member of the Parent Communication Council (PCC) throughout her children's school years, most recently serving as Treasurer at Kennedy Elementary School in Franklin for three years. In that role, Jill managed monthly reconciliations, budget preparation, and gained extensive experience working with nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations.

Many of you already know Jill through her faithful service here at St. Mary's. Since 2019, she has served as a Religious Education teacher, accompanying children on their faith journey from First Communion through Confirmation. Her dedication to our parish families and her love for helping young people grow in their faith have already made a meaningful impact on our community.

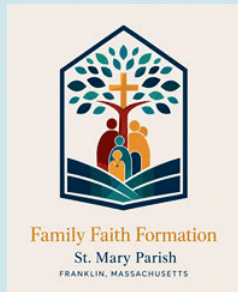
We are truly blessed that Jill is bringing both her professional expertise and her deep commitment to St. Mary's into this new role. Her knowledge, experience, and heart for service will be a tremendous asset as she helps support the mission and daily operations of our parish.

Please join us in extending a warm St. Mary's welcome to Jill. We are grateful she has accepted this important ministry, and we look forward to the many ways she will serve our parish community in the years ahead.

Welcome, Jill! May God bless you as you begin this new chapter of service at St. Mary's.

Peace,

Fr. Bob



Family Faith Formation is open to all parishioners
regardless of age

Read all about it and register:

<https://www.stmarysfranklin.org/religious-ed>
<https://www.stmarysfranklin.org/re-registration>

St. Mary's Family Faith Formation – 2026 - 2027

What is Family Faith Formation?

The Catholic Church defines the family as the "domestic church" - a community of faith, hope, and charity, where God's love is welcomed, lived, celebrated, & passed on to the next generation. Family Faith Formation session brings lessons learned in to life at home, fostering a shared spiritual life, mutual respect, and a commitment to living out the Gospel in everyday relationships regardless of ones stage of life or belief.

For More Information

Jim Flanagan Director of Family Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

Email Jim

Office 508-528-1450

Cell 617-922-0024

Knights of Columbus Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, August 29, 2026

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Wisdom, Explained!

It may seem unfair, at first, to say that wisdom is a virtue — after all, doesn't everyone know one or two people who seem incapable of wisdom? Well, that depends on what we actually mean when we talk about "wisdom." Wisdom is not mere scholarliness. It is more than being smart. They say that wisdom comes with experience, and it does — but only if you accept it.

Wisdom, St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, is a gift of the Holy Spirit born of charity and originating in the human will. But it is also connected to the intellect, because the intellect is where we discern between right and wrong based on all we have been taught and all we have experienced (Sum. II-II, 45, Art. 2). Therefore, we must ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom, and we must make ourselves ready to receive it — remembering always that we cannot recognize it alone.

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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.

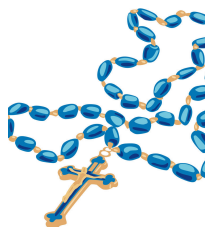
This year's theme, "Together We Are One", has been a reminder of our communion in the Lord Jesus and our call to be united to the Body of Christ. Thank you for partnering with me as co-workers in the Lord's vineyard as we support and sustain His work and His ministry.

Yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Richard G.
Henning
Archbishop of Boston



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 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.



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. Participants can Collect donations and Walk with us or donate online with the QR Code:



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.

Canned Fruit

Juice - apple and cranberry

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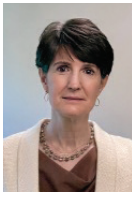
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