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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 10:30am and 5:00pm (Sept. - May)

Monday - Friday 7:00am

Adoration: Thursdays 7:30-8:30am and 6:30-7:30pm

Wi-Fi: StMarysChurchMesh Password: STMarysGuest
Weekend Masses Live Streamed at: stmarysfranklin.org

RECTORY HOURS Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm

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Pastor: Very Rev. Robert A. Poitras V.F.
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201 Main Street, Franklin, MA 02038
Director: Jim Flanagan jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org
Curriculum Coordinator: Paul aFlanagan

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.

Communion to 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.

New Sunday 5pm Family and Youth Mass

St. Mary Parish is adding a new 5:00pm Mass to the Sunday schedule! The new 5pm Mass began on Sunday, of Labor Day and will conclude on Memorial Day Weekend Sunday, May 30, 2027.

Clergy Trust

Second Collection on September 19th & 20th

Next weekend's second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For More Information, Please visit www.clergytrust.org



READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of September 13, 2026

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16



Saturday, September 12

4:00pm Mary Verna Kaufman

Sunday, September 13

7:30am Walter, Alice and Valerie Morash

10:30am Peggy Yanuskiewicz

Monday, September 14

7:00am Peter Steeves

Tuesday, September 15

7:00am Joseph Brackeen

Wednesday, September 16

7:00am Kevin O'Neill

Thursday, September 17

7:00am Tosca and Ralph Morelli

Friday, September 18

7:00am Samuel and Virginia Aiello

Saturday, September 19

4:00pm Madeleine Nasuti

Sunday, September 20

7:30am Arthur and Maria Souza

10:30am The Arcaro, Kerr, Negrone, Colace, Lozzi and Carfagnini families



There were no Baptism last weekend due to the Labor Day Holiday Weekend.

Welcome to St. Mary's, Samuel!

We are very happy to welcome Samuel Kalu to the St. Mary Parish community! Samuel is a seminarian who is currently discerning a vocation to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Boston. As part of his formation and discernment, Samuel is beginning a pastoral year, during which he will have the opportunity to experience the everyday life of a parish and learn more about the many joys, responsibilities, and occasional surprises that come with parish ministry! His time with us will also give Samuel the opportunity to become more familiar with the Archdiocese of Boston, get to know the priests of the area, and, most importantly, spend time with the people who make parish life what it is.



We are delighted that Samuel will be sharing this year with us at St. Mary's. Please be sure to introduce yourself when you see him, offer him a warm St. Mary's welcome, and keep Samuel in your prayers as he continues to listen for where God is calling him. Welcome to St. Mary's, Samuel! We're glad you're here!



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, 2026
9:00 AM — 2:00 PM
 **St. Mary's Church • Parking Lot**
201 Main Street, Franklin, MA 02038

What You Can Bring/ Cost to You:

\$5 EACH	Computer Towers, Laptops, DVD Players, VCR's, Small Printers, Stereos, Radios, Alarm Clocks, Speakers, Video Game Consoles, Table Lamps, Fans, Hair Dryers, Curling Irons, Projectors, Paper Shredders, Power Tools, Drills, Cameras, Clocks, Trophies, Frying Pans, Holiday Lights, Other Small Electronics.
\$10 EACH	Small Household Appliances, Vacuum Cleaners/Robots, Toaster Ovens, Ceiling Fans, Floor Lamps, Air Fryers, Electric Grills, Hot Plates, Small Radiators, Keyboard Pianos, Coffee Makers, Ice Makers, Small Garbage Disposal, Sewing Machines, Strollers, Car Seats.
\$20 EACH	Flat Screen Computer Monitors, Microwaves, Dehumidifiers, Air Conditioners, Water Coolers, Large Printers/Copiers, Leaf Blowers, Chainsaws, Heat Lamps, Artificial Christmas Trees, Fire Extinguishers, Propane Tanks (Empty).
\$25 EACH	TVs up to 26," CRT Monitors, Outdoor Grills, Dorm Sized Refrigerators
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Protecting God's Children

Protecting God's Children® for Adults is a program designed to assist members of the Catholic community in creating safe environments for our children and vulnerable adults. It is open to all St. Mary's parishioners and is mandatory for many of our parish ministers. The program will be here in our parish this Sunday, **September 13 (1:00 to 4:00PM)** and **Wednesday, September 16 (6:00 to 9:00PM)** in the school modular building; you need only attend one session and you can attend anywhere in the Archdiocese. Registration is online at **www.virtusonline.org**. Please call Leo Racine, Pastoral Associate, at the parish office (508-528-0020) or email at pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org.



Bible Study begins September 14

In our Fall 2026 Bible Study, we will be learning about the Holy Spirit in the Bible. There will be six Monday sessions, beginning on Monday, September 14 and ending on Monday, October 26. The meetings will be held from 11:00 to 12:00 noon in the third floor chapel at Magnolia Heights, in Franklin. There is no cost for the group. Contact Leo Racine, our pastoral associate, for more information and to register, call 508-528-0020 or pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org.



Men's Faith Formation

Fall Kickoff Meeting Saturday, September 19th at 8am

The next meeting of the St. Mary Parish Men's Faith Formation group is on Saturday, September 19, 2026 from 8 to 9am in the Sacred Heart Hall. All men, wherever you are in your faith journey are welcome. We usually meet on the third Saturday of each month. The program is a great way to men to connect. In addition to faith formation, we build in plenty of time to socialize over coffee and bagels. If you need additional Info please email Regis Schratz at rschratz@comcast.net



Family Faith Formation 2026 - 2027

Open to all parishioners - All Ages!

Read all about it and register:

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

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 one's stage of life or belief.

For More Information

Jim Flanagan Director of Family Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

Email Jim at jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org

Office 508-528-1450 or Jim's Cell 617-922-0024



Many Thanks!

The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council 1847 would like to thank all of those who donated blood and assisted with the Red Cross Blood Drive on August 29th. It was a great success and the Knights are grateful to the donors for helping to save a life.



Knights of Columbus and the Respect Life Commission Sponsor the Silver Rose in Honor of Life and Our Lady of Guadalupe

A silver rose, on a nine-month pilgrimage will be the centerpiece of a special prayer service in the Chapel on **Saturday, September 26th at 11:30 AM.**

The journey of the silver rose begins each year in March and ends on Dec 12, which is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. During that time, Silver Roses travel from town to town along eight routes throughout North America. Several of the routes begin in Canada and end in Mexico.



September Respect Life Prayer



*God our loving Father,
grant wisdom to those who govern us,
compassion and courage
to those who work to defend human life,
and safety and care to every human being.
For you alone who formed us in our
mothers' wombs,
and who call us home to heaven,
are God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*



COME WALK WITH US!!

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.

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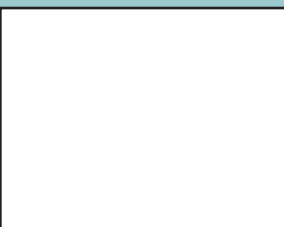



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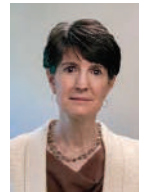
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