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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 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 - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm

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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION + YOUTH MINISTRY 508-528-1450

201 Main Street, Franklin, MA 02038
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Curriculum Coordinator: Paula Flanagan

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.

**Second Collection Oct 4 + 5:
Holy Father and Apostolic Works**

This weekend's second collection supports the Holy Father's "Peter Pence" collection:

- funds emergency disaster relief
- supports Catholic Univ. of America
- assists Inner-City parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston
- Your generosity will assist the Holy Father as well as various Apostolic works at home and abroad

For more information:

www.usccb.org/nationalcollection/peters-pence

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of October 4, 2026

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



Saturday, October 3

4:00pm John Creavin

Sunday, October 4

7:30am John Favra

10:30am Officer Stephen LaPorta

Monday, October 5

7:00am Zeneida Victoria

Tuesday, October 6

7:00am Donald Carpentier

Wednesday, October 7

7:00am Edward Manning

Thursday, October 8

7:00am Anne Timmons

Friday, October 9

7:00am Paul Rosati

Saturday, October 10

4:00pm Angela Coscia

Sunday, October 11

7:30am Normand Gonthier

10:30am Elaine M. Webb



Last weekend Emma Jean Arel, Thomas Daniel Flynn, Michael Christopher Jacques, and Michael Antony Lenzi were Baptized by Fr. Bob. May God Bless these children.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

 CYO Basketball Registration is open for **girls and boys in grades 5 to 12**. Follow us on X - @St_MarysCYO. Tryouts: TBD
To register - metrowestcyobasketball.com/reg
Questions: franklincyobasketball@gmail.com

 We are looking for volunteers to support our Family Faith Formation and our Sacramental Preparation classes. Please reach out to Jim if interested at jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org

 Our next **Protecting God's Children** training for all volunteers in Family Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, Sacramental Preparation, and CYO Basketball on **Monday, October, 12 at 6:00pm in the Faith Formation Building**. This is a one-time training required of all volunteers. Register at www.virtusonline.com > First Time Registrar

 Want to get our **Family Faith Formation Ministry** weekly email? Send a quick email to Jim to sign up.
jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org



Please follow our High School Youth Ministry Program on Instagram:
@st.marysfranklin



Join our **GroupMe texts** to receive Middle School and/or High School Ministry events directly to your phone.

https://groupme.com/join_group/110620161/7pR7aXkX

updates:

Mass Intentions (\$10)
are now available to book for 2027
on the St Mary website or
by calling Melissa in the Parish Office.
M-F, 9-3pm, (508) 528-0020

Jill Compton,
Finance and Operations Manager,
now has a new email address:
FandO@stmarysfranklin.org



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Young Adult HANG OUT

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Same Table
Brighter World

GOOD QUESTIONS
HIGHER PURPOSE

FAITH
COMMUNITY
A MORE HOPEFUL YOU

ALL ARE WELCOME

**OCTOBER 18
AT 6PM**

**SACRED HEART
HALL**

**FOOD
FELLOWSHIP
FAITH**

Meet up with other local young adults
and share food, fellowship and faith.



Women's Faith Formation

We are please to welcome **Catholic author Jennessa Terraccino** to the **October 10th meeting of the Women's Faith Formation** group , where she will speak about her newest book "A Rosary for Every Heart", published by Sophia Press.

Jennessa is a passionate servant of Jesus, a dynamic speaker, editor of "Road Signs for Catholic Teens" (Our Sunday Visitor, 2019) and author of "The Princess Guide: Faith Lessons from Snow White, Cinderella, and Sleeping Beauty" (Servant Books, 2015). Jennessa earned a MA in Theological Studies from the Christendom Graduate School. She also holds a certificate in Youth Ministry (accredited by Franciscan University). Jennessa spent a number of years serving teens in the Arlington Diocese as a volunteer and Coordinator of Youth Ministry. She has made appearances on EWTN, CatholicTV, radio, podcasts, and online conferences. Currently, she resides in New England with her husband and children. Find out more at <http://www.femmeorfaux.com>.

The meeting will begin at 9 am and be held in the school building (accessible by the ramp from the parking lot).

Light refreshments will be served. All women are welcome!



Zoom Rosary

Deacon Guy continues a Zoom Rosary **every Monday night at 7:00pm.**

This is open to all parishioners, family and friends from all communities. You are welcome to join, relax, pray and/or just listen.

Link info is on the Parish Website under *Parish Life and Prayer*. For more information, contact Deacon Guy at deaconguy@verizon.net



Drive

Weekend of October 10 and 11

When you see Knights in the yellow vests that read "Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities," you should smile. When these Knights hold their bright cans and collect donations around a Massachusetts town, they help recognize the dignity of every person.

The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council #1847 will be doing their annual **"Tootsie Roll Drive" for individuals with Intellectual and Physical Disabilities**. The Knights are collecting donations to help recognize the dignity of every person. This is a chance to provide people with intellectual and physical disabilities with more resources to live a happy life.



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• Willing to learn and serve (and have a little fun!)
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ADULT SERVERS
We're also looking for Adult Altar Servers who can help at select weekend Masses and especially at Funeral Masses during the week.
Whether you served years ago or never before, you are welcome! Training will be provided.

INTERESTED? SIGN UP TODAY!
Email Fr. John at ParochialVicar@stmarysfranklin.org
Fr. John will call back to you with a date for training.

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ST. MARY'S

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

WHAT IS IT?

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 sessions teach the value of fostering a strong spiritual community, mutual respect of peers, and a commitment to living out the Gospel in everyday life, regardless of ones age or beliefs.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Open to parishioners of **all** ages.



For More Information contact: **Jim Flanagan**
Director of Family Faith Formation and Youth Ministry
jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org
Office 508-528-1450 | Cell 617-922-0024

**FOR MORE INFO: [HTTPS://WWW.STMARYSFRANKLIN.ORG/FAMILYFAITHFORMATION](https://www.stmarysfranklin.org/familyfaithformation)
[HTTPS://WWW.STMARYSFRANKLIN.ORG/RE-REGISTRATION](https://www.stmarysfranklin.org/re-registration)**

CORI Form Collection Weekend of October 17 + 18, 2026

It is our parish policy, following Archdiocesan requirements,
to collect signed and completed CORI release forms
from **all** of our employees and volunteers every fiscal year.

If you are part of the leadership of a parish organization, belong to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or the finance or pastoral councils, coach one of our CYO basketball teams, teach religious education (CCD), volunteer as a pastoral visitor, or minister in some way at Mass, you are required to complete a CORI form this year.

We will have CORI forms available for you to complete and sign in the elevator lobby, just inside the door from the St. Rocco Plaza after all Masses that weekend.

Please remember to bring your driver's license (or other form of government-issued ID) with you, as you will need this to complete the form.

If you wish, you can print and complete a copy of the form ahead of time and have your signature verified (driver's license or other form of government-issued ID needed) after Mass on the CORI collection dates.

To access the form, go to the parish website, (<https://www.stmarysfranklin.org/>), click on Parish Life, Child Abuse Prevention Team (under Service and Outreach) and then here (in the CORI form paragraph)

Questions: Leo Racine, Pastoral Associate (508) 528-0020

ST. MARY'S MUSIC

Join the Music Ministry

We invite singers and instrumentalists
to come make music with us!

Parish Choir

- Sings every Sunday at the 10:30 Mass during the academic year
- Traditional choral music
- Rehearsals Thursday, 7:30-9:00 PM

Contemporary Group

- Rehearses at 4:00 PM on Sunday for the 5:00 PM Mass during the school year

**We welcome singers and instrumentalists,
high school age & up -
For singers, no previous experience is necessary!**

Come share your gifts and be part of our music ministry.

Contact our Music Director Krishan Oberoi - krishan.oberoi@gmail.com (or just show up!)



St. Vincent DePaul Society

508-918-2291

The St. Vincent DePaul Society would like to thank all of the parishioners who **so generously** donate to the SVdP Food Pantry.

We are looking for the following items:

- **pasta sauce**
- **rice**
- **snacks**
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