



28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come to the feast.” - Mt 22:4bc



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

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Weekend Masses Live Streamed: stmarysfranklin.org

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

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Very Rev. Robert A. Poitras V.F.

pastor@stmarysfranklin.org

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508-498-8271

150th Anniversary Director: John Ristaino

150director@stmarysfranklin.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

+ YOUTH MINISTRY

508-528-1450

201 Main Street, Franklin, MA 02038

Director: Jim Flanagan

jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org

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.

ANNOINTING 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.



Saturday, October 10

4:00pm Angela Coscia

Sunday, October 11

7:30am Norman Gonthier

10:30am Elaine N Webb

Monday, October 12

7:00am Eduardo + Margarita Morales

Tuesday, October 13

7:00am Linda and Peter Mendes

Wednesday, October 14

7:00am Joan Glatz - 2 Year Anniv.

Thursday, October 15

7:00am Jean Manning

Friday, October 16

7:00am

Saturday, October 17

4:00pm Louis + Anthony Marano

Sunday, October 18

7:30am Eleanor Healey

10:30am William and Helen Walsh
Wedding Anniv.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
OCTOBER 11, 2026**

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

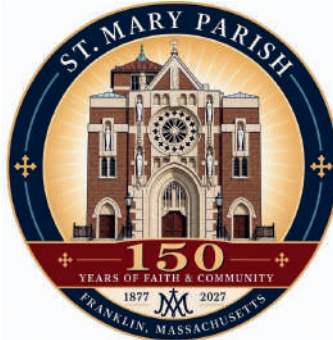
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

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



Last weekend Myles Louis Davies, Dean Emerson Fish, Tristan James Saparoff, Callie Grace Shaw, and Joseph Michael Viola were Baptized by Deacon Ron. May God Bless these children.



**2027 marks the 150th Anniversary of St. Mary Parish
being a Catholic Faith community in Franklin, MA.**

One of the very special events being planned is **a Spiritual Journey to Italy!**

Plan to attend a presentation and discussion about this Spiritual Journey on
Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 6 PM in Sacred Heart Hall in the lower level of St. Mary Church.
Come learn, question and get excited with other interested travelers!

Questions can be directed to John Ristaino, the St. Mary 150 Director, at:
150director@stmarysfranklin.org

PARISH GIVING

In Matthew 23:23, Jesus affirmed the practice of tithing while calling His followers to go further: "You tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others." Jesus praised the widow who gave two small coins — everything she had — as giving more than the wealthy who gave from their surplus. (Mark 12:41-44)

The standard Jesus sets is not 10% but total self-gift.

The Catholic understanding of giving goes far beyond tithing. It is rooted in the theology of stewardship: the recognition that everything we have — our time, talent, and treasure — belongs to God. This means stewardship encompasses three dimensions: time (prayer, service, participation in the sacraments), talent (using one's gifts for the Church and community), and treasure (financial giving). All three are part of the Catholic response to God's generosity. If you are not currently giving to your parish or to the poor, the best approach is to start where you are and grow. Begin with a percentage you can sustain — even 1% or 2% — and increase it gradually. Set up automatic giving to your parish so it becomes a habit rather than a decision made under pressure. Pray about your giving: ask God what He is calling you to give, and trust that He will provide. Many Catholics who have committed to generous giving report that they have never lacked what they needed.

How can you give at St. Mary?

- Envelopes mailed directly to your home
Contact Melissa at the Parish office (508) 528-0020
secretary@stmarysfranklin.org
- Online giving (automatic, recurring)
<https://www.osvhub.com/stmarysfranklin/giving/funds>
- Weekly Mass collection baskets



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**
deaconguy@verizon.net

**The Parish Office will be closed
on Monday October 12**

2027 MASS INTENTIONS

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

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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"

CAREGIVER APPRECIATION DAY

"It's time to care for yourself."
We're inviting all caregivers! Those caring for parents, spouses, grandparents, or loved ones, please join us for a special day of recognition, relaxation, and gratitude.

Friday, November 6, 2026

11:00am - 3:00pm

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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION WEEKLY EMAIL

Send a quick email to Jim to sign up.
jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org



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Ministry Program on Instagram:
[@st.marysyouth.franklin](https://www.instagram.com/st.marysyouth.franklin)



Join our **GroupMe** texts to
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CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Now open for girls and boys in grades 5 to 12.
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To register - metrowestcyobasketball.com/reg
Questions: franklincyobasketball@gmail.com

ST. MARY 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.

Family Faith Formation is open to every Parishioner!

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION PAGE

<https://www.stmarysfranklin.org/familyfaithformation>

UPDATED REGISTRATION LINK

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

Information for Family Faith Formation
can be found under the "Youth and Family"
and the "Parish Life" tabs

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

CORI FORM COLLECTION OCTOBER 17 + 18

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 next 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 (<https://www.stmarysfranklin.org/uploads/docs/coriformy27.pdf>) **Call Leo Racine, Pastoral Associate, at 508-528-0020 if you have any questions.**

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**
- **instant potatoes**
- **cereal**
- **juice**
- **toilet paper**
- **tissues**
- **paper towels**

Your kindness supports those most in need in our Franklin community. God bless.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to support our Family Faith Formation and our Sacramental Preparation classes.

Please **reach out to Jim if interested**
jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org



9TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY PIE SALE – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, FRANKLIN

Why bake when the Knights can do it for you?

Once again, this year the Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council 1847 St. Mary Parish Franklin MA is running their Thanksgiving Pie Sale. Our famous bakery (same as last year) is Lyman's Orchards. This year we will be offering "Mile High" Apple, Pumpkin, Blueberry and Cherry. These Pies are fantastic.... outstanding flavor, aroma, and taste. The price is \$20.00 per Pie. We will have PECAN also, at a cost of \$25. As was last year you will be able to DONATE a pie. All donations will be distributed through the Franklin Senior Center and Franklin Food Pantry network for distribution at Thanksgiving time. The goal of the donated pies is to put a pie on a table for a family that may not have that opportunity otherwise.

This year there will be 2 means by which you may purchase your Thanksgiving Day pies. Please visit our website www.kofc1847.org/payments-thanksgiving-pie-sale or utilize our QR code on this note. The site is open October 17th thru November 2nd. We will also be taking Pie orders at the back of church, the weekends of October 24-25th and October 31st and November 1st, after all the Masses. Cash, Check or Credit Card will be accepted. ALL online orders will accept Credit Card only. There is a service fee for online orders. ALL orders received at the church will be fee free.



You will be able to Pick Up your order of Thanksgiving Pies on Tuesday, November 24, from 2pm – 6pm at the Faith Formation Offices at the St. Mary's school. You will see our signs. (same as last year)

We are excited to bring this quality product to St Mary Parish community and all our Franklin neighbors. We thank you for your generous support over the years and the support you lend to help a senior and make your Thanksgiving Day special with a Pie (or 2) from Lyman Orchard's.

Any questions, please call Jim Lane 774-571-9804 or Mike Swan 508-404-4792.

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