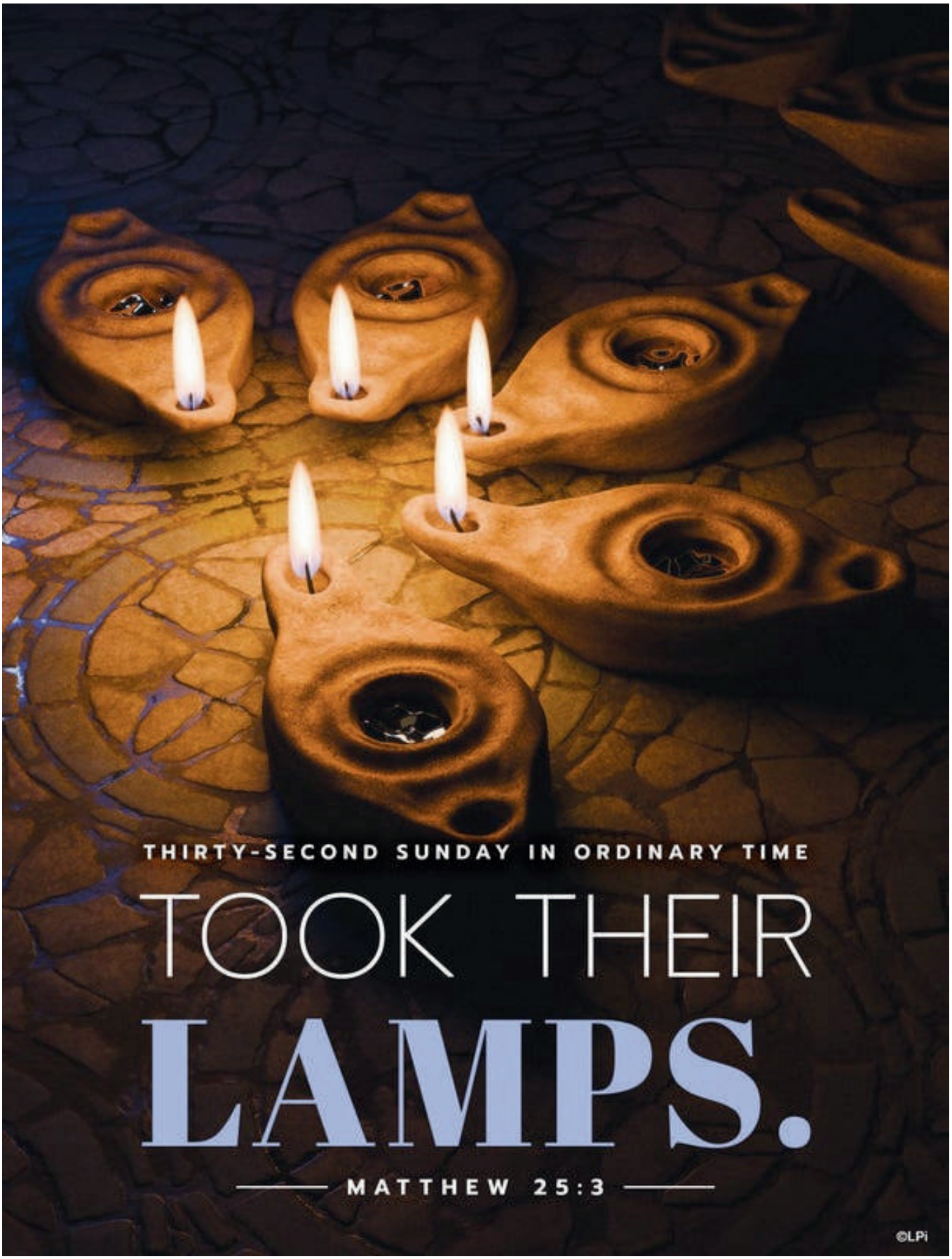

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Parish Information

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: stmarysfranklin.org

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

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Curruculum 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 7
4:00pm All Faithful Departed at St. Mary Parish
Sunday, November 8
7:30am Viginia "Cookie" Gomes
10:30am Kathleen Finnegan
Monday, November 9
7:00am Russ Pennell
Tuesday, November 10
7:00am John + Barbara Donahue: 69th Wedding Anniversary
Wednesday, November 11
7:00am Louise Areno
Thursday, November 12
7:00am Yveline Voltaire: Birthday
Friday, November 13
7:00am
Saturday,November 14
4:00pm Barbara + John McGovern
Sunday, November 15
7:30am Doreen Mancini
10:30am Louise + Andrew Decina

Readings for the week of November 8:
Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Baptism

Last weekend Kai Caroline Koudjis and Eloise Colette Davis were Baptized by Deacon Ron. May God Bless these children.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25:1-13

My first instinct upon waking is to grab my phone and start scrolling. Sometimes I do it for 20 or 30 minutes, and it makes me feel distracted and agitated. I feel guilty, too, for wasting my first moments of the day. So recently, I committed those minutes to reading a book that would focus my mind on Jesus. I enjoy the fact that I am not scattering my attention as much. I feel more peaceful and focused on God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about attention. He contrasts wise and foolish virgins, and then sums up the teaching by saying, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13). The basic currency of the human heart is attention. The foolish bridesmaids are not immoral or malicious; they are unfocused, distracted, and unprepared. They assume that borrowed oil will suffice, that someone else's readiness can make up for their own lack. But the attention which is love cannot be outsourced. A relationship with God requires personal attentiveness cultivated over time.

This Gospel leaves us with an honest question. What am I giving my attention to each day, and am I forming a heart that is awake, watchful, and ready to meet the Lord when He comes? How can I use key moments of my day to focus my attention where I need it to be?
— Father John Muir

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WOMEN'S FAITH FORMATION

All women are invited and encouraged to attend our Women's Faith Formation meeting, scheduled November 14th from 9:00 - 10:00 am. In honor of the Franciscan Jubilee Year proclaimed by Pope Leo, we will return to the video about St Francis. - "Sign of Contradiction" by Fr. Dave Pivonka. There will be time for discussion following the video and light refreshments will be served .The meeting will be held in the school building (accessible by the ramp from the parking lot). 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 deaconguy@verizon.net**

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION CONTINUES <u>THIS WEEKEND</u>

Our next collection for our Grand Annual Appeal is this weekend. Please place your completed "Grand Annual Envelope" in the regular collection at Mass or mail it directly to the parish office. Additional envelopes are available at the entrance to the church.

This annual appeal supports not only operating expenses but also building maintenance and repair. This year, our Grand Annual takes on special significance as we prepare to celebrate St. Mary's 150th Anniversary in 2027. Funds raised will help us mark this important milestone while also caring for the church that has served generations of parishioners. Your gifts will support the cleaning, repointing, and repair of the church exterior and needed repairs to the exterior windows.

St. Mary Parish budgeted goal = $196,000

Collection Dates: October 11, November 8, and December 6

Thank you to the many families that have already returned their Grand Annual Gift.

Online Giving

Consider making your gift Online:
www.stmarysfranklin.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION + YOUTH MINISTRY

https://www.stmarysfranklin.org/familyfaithformation

UPDATED REGISTRATION LINK

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

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS WILL START ON NOVEMBER 3

Tuesday, November 3rd starting at 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 7th starting at 8:00 a.m. and again at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 8th starting at 11:30 a.m. and again at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 11th starting at 5:30 p.m.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Saturday, November 7th at 12:00 p.m. or
Saturday, November 14th at 12:00 p.m.
Open to all students in grades 3 thru 12 and adults

LECTOR + EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

Saturday, November 7th at 1:00 p.m. or
Saturday, November 14th at 1:00 p.m.
Open to all students and adults that have been Confirmed

Mentoring at Family Faith Formation Sessions
Open to all High School Young People
On the job training - Tuesday, November 3rd starting at 5:00 p.m.

FOR ALL NEW VOLUNTEERS

Protecting God's Children Training

Wednesday, November 18 starting at 6:00 p.m.
Leo Racine is facilitating
Wednesday, December 2 starting at 6:00 p.m.
Leo Racine is facilitating
Please register on www.virtusonline.org
"First Time Registrant"and follow the prompts
(Archdiocese of Boston and St. Mary Parish - Franklin)

Hallow
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St. Mary Parish is partnering with Hallow. Hallow is a prayer and meditation app that combines the peace and stillness of meditation with the spiritual growth of contemplative prayer. Once you have registered please make sure to join our St. Mary Parish page. Kara Gulla is our Hallow Coordinator for our parish. She can be reached at k.gulla@hotmail.com

ALTITUDE TRAMPOLINE PARK

Attention all middle school and high school young people…

St. Mary's Youth Ministry "books" the Altitude Trampoline Park
Friday, November 13th
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Cost is $35.00 (includes socks)
Sign-up by November 11th
(no guarantees after November 11th)
The Snack Bar will be open for participants to buy snacks and drinks

You **must** have a signed waiver on file with Altitude before you can attend this event! No exceptions!
https://waiver.roller.app/AltitudeFranklin







O God, Bless the men and women who have stepped forward in the service of our country. Protect them in Your mercy, care for their needs: physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual.Give them courage,strength, perseverance, and support. Amen.

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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:

- **mens shaving cream**
- **mens deodorant**
- **womens deodorant**
- **jam + jelly**
- **cereal**
- **snacks**
- **apple juice**
- **cranberry juice**
- **toilet paper**
- **tissues**
- **paper towels**

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

You're Invited...

Franklin Interfaith Council Thanksgiving Service



"Thanksgiving is more than a Day"

Sunday, November 22, 2026 at 7:00pm
Franklin Federated Church
171 Main Street, Franklin, MA 02038

Please join us for beautiful music and spoken message to get your Thanksgiving off to a great start!

Refreshments will be served.

Also, did you know that the Franklin Interfaith Council has a Choir? Come sing with us!

Interfaith Choir Rehearsal Schedule:

W 10/28/26 @7-8pm (91 Jordan Rd)
TH 11/5/26 @7-8pm (91 Jordan Rd)
W 11/11/26 @7-8pm (91 Jordan Rd)
W 11/18/26 @7:30-8:30pm (262 Chestnut St)
SUN 11/22/26 6pm warm-up rehearsal & 7pm performance (171 Main St)

At the Thanksgiving Service, we'll be singing "Let Us Give Thanks."
For more info, contact Mary Diehl at msdiehl@gmail.com



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

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 thank you for your generous support over the years.

Any questions, please call
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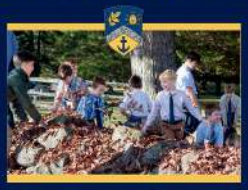
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