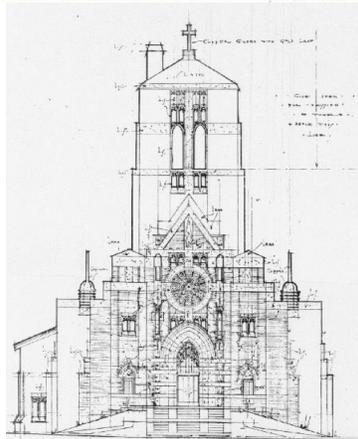




St. Mary's Timeline



TIMELINE OF OUR PARISH HISTORY

St. Mary's Church is our spiritual home in Franklin. We have gathered in this meeting place of God and man to solemnize His most sacred feasts. Throughout the years, God's house has welcomed us in the celebration of great events of both joy and sorrow in our lives. The highlights of St. Mary's history reflect the dedication and service of the parish family.

- 1849 - Five people attend Mass offered by Fr. Charles O'Reilly at the John L. Fitzpatrick home on Medway Road (now 316 Lincoln Street).
- 1851 - Catholics are given the use of the town hall for Mass. Rev. M. X. Carroll offers Mass monthly at the Town Hall.
- 1862 - Rev. Michael McCable of Woonsocket replaces Rev. Carroll.
- 1864 - On November 8, the town approves the cemetery on land formerly owned by Hugh McParland.
- 1865 - Mary Tobin, who died on July 29 at age 19, is the first to be interred in the cemetery. Her headstone is later taken down and her name put on the Dugan stone.
- 1871 - A church, built in 1788, is purchased from the Congregational Society and becomes a mission station. This is our first church.
- 1877 - On February 6, St. Mary's becomes an independent parish, with Rev. James Griffin as first pastor.**
- 1879 - Archbishop Williams confirms Franklin and Wrentham children.
- 1885 - Rev. John L. Mulcahy becomes the second pastor, upon the death of Father Griffin.
- 1888 - The church is dedicated by Archbishop Williams.
- 1890 - Archbishop Williams confers the sacrament of Confirmation on a large class of 95 children.
- 1891 - Rev. Martin J. Lee becomes the third pastor of St. Mary's.
- 1893 - Fr. Lee establishes a parochial school with two rooms in the church basement. A convent is set up on Oak Street with two more classrooms on the first floor.
 - In September, St. Mary's Grammar School is opened with four Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in charge.
- 1899 - A large brick building is constructed on the corner of Beaver Street to provide a school, gymnasium, and assembly hall.
 - Around 1899, the old church (over 110 years old) is declared unsafe. Mass is now celebrated in the old Morse Opera House until a makeshift chapel can be arranged.
- 1900 - The original church is completely destroyed by fire on June 26.
- 1902 - The school closes. The parish is heavily in debt.

- 1903 - Rev. Daniel P. Scannell becomes fourth pastor of St. Mary's.
- 1904 - Bishop Brady dedicates the ground floor of the school building on the corner of Beaver Street as a chapel on November 13.
- 1916 - Father Scannell establishes the Knights of Columbus and serves as chaplain.
- 1921 - The Catholic Women's Club is organized, with Miss Anna T. Kelly as president.
- 1923 - The chapel building is destroyed by fire on May 30.
- The cornerstone of the third St. Mary's Church, the present church, is blessed by Cardinal O'Connell on September 2.
- 1924 - The first Mass is celebrated in the basement chapel on Ash Wednesday, March 5, by Fr. Scannell.
- Rev. Edward Kenney is appointed fifth pastor on December 21.
- 1927 - On September 18, the first Solemn High Mass is sung in the upper church, celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the parish. Fr. Kenney is the celebrant.**
- Assumption Parish, South Bellingham, is cut from St. Mary's and is established as a parish by Cardinal O'Connell.
- 1932 - Father Kenney announces plans to build a new rectory.
- 1942 - Released time for one hour of religious instruction is granted by the School Committee for junior high and high school pupils.
- 1944 - The Home of the Holy Child for children from broken homes opens in the convent.
- 1947 - St. Jude's Parish, Norfolk, is established from St. Mary's by Archbishop Cushing.
- 1949 - Rev. James J. McManus is appointed administrator.
- Cistercian Nuns come from Ireland to Mount St. Mary's Abbey.
- 1950 - Rev. George M. Dowd is appointed sixth pastor of St. Mary's.
- New carpeting is installed in the church.
- 1951 - Archbishop Cushing gives the Pontifical Blessing to Our Lady of Grace Shrine (located on the church lawn) and the newly erected crucifix (at the cemetery). Archbishop Cushing also celebrates the Solemn Pontifical Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at an altar set up in front of the rectory.
- 1952 - St. Mary's celebrates its 75th anniversary with a three-day celebration.**
- Msgr. Kenney celebrates his Golden Jubilee as a priest.
- 1953 - The Legion of Mary is formed on October 27, 1953.
- The six new statues on the façade of the church and the new interior statues are dedicated in December. The renovated altar is also dedicated.
- 1956 - St. Mary's School opens. The dedication and blessing of St. Mary's School is held in September. The laying of the cornerstone of the school and the blessing of the interior of the school also take place.
- 1959 - The parish publishes a weekly newspaper as part of St. Mary's School Development Fund.

- 1960 - Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dowd is called home to God on May 11.
- Rt. Rev. William E. Collins becomes seventh pastor of St. Mary's on May 24.
- 1962 - The First Annual Parish Reunion is held.
- 1971 - Msgr. Collins retires on May 11. Msgr. Collins is called home to God on November 29, 1978.
- Rev. Albert G. Fairbanks is appointed St. Mary's eighth pastor on May 11.
- The Parish Council is formed.
- 1972 - St. Mary's School closes.
- The Parish Club and Catholic Youth Organization are both formed in January.
- St. Mary's First Spring Festival is held.
- 1974 - A fire damages St. Mary's School.
- 1975 - Baptismal robes, presented at the sacrament of Baptism, are handmade by a parishioner.
- 1976 - Refurbishing of church and properties is completed, including a new altar downstairs, and plans are made for redoing the main sanctuary.
- The Our Lady of Hope Charismatic Prayer Group is formed in September.
- 1977 - St. Mary's enters into its second century of service as our spiritual home. Cardinal Medeiros is the principal celebrant of the Mass of Thanksgiving on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of St. Mary's Parish.**
- The Junior C.Y.O. is formed in March.
- At Christmas, the first group of men is commissioned as lay Ministers of the Eucharist.
- 1979 - The first Feast of St. Rocco is organized in August.
- 1980 - The 1000 Club, a monthly raffle to support the parish, is formed.
- 1981 - The Parish Council is reestablished.
- 1982 - Fr. Albert Fairbanks is called home to God on September 11.
- Rev. Henry P. Boivin is appointed ninth pastor of St. Mary's on December 14.
- 1983 - A new electric lift for handicapped parishioners is installed and dedicated.
- Five ceiling fans are installed in the upper church.
- A parish census takes place.
- There are 2,300 families registered with St. Mary's.
- 1984 - On February 2, a Holy Year Pilgrimage Mass is celebrated.
- In February, the first group of women is commissioned as lay Ministers of the Eucharist.
- The Respect Life Committee is formed.
- The Eucharistic Ministers begin to bring the Eucharist to homebound parishioners.
- 1985 - The Baptismal Catechesis group is formed to assist parents, the prime educators of their child's faith, to prepare for their child's baptism.
- 1986 - The Spiritual Development Committee is established.

- St. Mary's Parish Sacrificial Giving Program continues to tithe (10%).
- The Caring Tree, St. Mary's Christmas outreach program, begins.
- 1987 - The R.C.I.A. program begins in the fall.
- A new addition to the rectory is constructed.
- 1988 - Fr. Boivin ends his pastorate, effective September 1.
- Fr. Edward Gillis and then Fr. Edward Gaudette serve as Administrators.
- Fr. James E. O'Leary is appointed tenth pastor of St. Mary's on October 25.
- 1989 - St. Mary's becomes part of the newly-formed West Region of the Archdiocese of Boston on January 1.
- The Vocation Crucifix Program of Prayer is initiated.
- In September, the Parish Worship Committee meets for the first time.
- St. Mary's School will be known as St. Mary's Parish Center.
- 1990 - St. Mary's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is established.
- The food pantry is established on the lower floor of the rectory under the direction of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. There is a collection of nonperishable foods on the first weekend of each month.
- A newly formed Welcome Committee helps new parishioners learn about the parish.
- 1991 - The Fellowship Committee is formed.
- The Marthas and Marys Prayer Group is formed.
- New Christmas crib figures are purchased.
- The Parish Pastoral Council is established.
- 1992 - In October, the painting of the lower church is completed.
- 1993 - Painting of the upper church begins after Easter.
- There are over 3,100 families registered with St. Mary's.
- There are over 10,000 parishioners registered with St. Mary's.
- Almost 1,600 children are enrolled in the parish religious education program.
- A new wheelchair lift is installed and ready for use.
- 1994 - The Marian Prayer Group is formed.
- The St. Mary's Youth Community Service Corps is formed.
- The Olive Branch, our "storefront" outreach ministry, opens on Main Street.
- The Teen Choir is established in September.
- The first annual town-wide Relay for Life takes place.
- Members of the Ushers' Group are renamed Ministers of Hospitality. The group is opened to both men and women.
- 1995 - The Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter School is granted a license to use St. Mary's School building for the 1995-1996 school year.
- Fr. James O'Leary is transferred to St. Camillus, effective August 1.
- Weekly Sunday Eucharistic "Holy Hour" with Benediction begins in July.
- Rev. Thomas J. Walsh is appointed St. Mary's eleventh pastor, effective October 20.
- The Finance Committee is formed.
- The Pastoral Visitors program is expanded.

- St. Mary's Prayer Wall is initiated.
- 1996 - The Bereavement Ministry is established in February.
- Ordained on June 14, 1946, Fr. Francis W. Beksha celebrates a Mass of Thanksgiving on June 9 on the occasion of his 50th Golden Jubilee.
- A committee is formed regarding the feasibility of reopening the parish school.
- The Health Ministry program begins.
- New church doors are installed in July.
- 1997 - *The Weave*, our parish quarterly newsletter, goes to print in April.
- Meetings of St. Mary's Ultreyas for Cursillo begin.
- A coordinator of Health and Homebound Ministry/Parish Nurse is appointed.
- The rectory roof is repaired.
- The church roof is repaired.
- A parish census is conducted in November.
- 1998 - A second 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass in the lower church is added.
- The Mothers' Group is formed.
- New hand-carved doors are installed at the entrances to the church.
- The school roof is replaced.
- A new boiler is installed in the school building.
- New pews are installed in the upper church. Pews include special seating for physically handicapped parishioners.
- New carpeting is installed in the upper church.
- The 20th Festival of St. Rocco is held in August of 1998 on the school grounds.
- 1999 - St. Mary's year-long 2000 Spiritual Treasures program is undertaken in preparation for the millennium and the Jubilee Year.
- The parish dedicates three Fridays a month for all-day Eucharistic Adoration.
- The St. Monica Sodality is formed.
- There are over 2,000 children in the religious education program.
- Bernard Cardinal Law visits St. Mary's in December.
- 2000 - The Jubilee Committee is established.
- Jubilee Week is held from July 15 to July 23.
- Air conditioning is installed in the upper church.
- The Grief Support group begins.
- The Alpha program begins.
- 2001 - The Jubilee year concludes on January 6, 2001.
- A second 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass is added in the lower church on February 4.
- New carpeting is installed on the first floor and the lower floor of the rectory.
- New carpeting is installed in the lower church.
- St. Mary's is one of the 11 pilot parishes for *Promise for Tomorrow*, the capital and endowment campaign for the Archdiocese of Boston.
- Painting of the upper church begins in November.

- 2002 - On February 6, 2002, St. Mary's celebrates its 125th anniversary: 125 years of faith, hope, love, and service.**
- Refurbishing of the upper church is completed.
 - The interior of the upper church is completely repainted and relit.
 - The bricks on the façade of the church undergo pointing in April.
 - Extensive repair work is done on the bricks around the rose window.
 - The 125th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving is celebrated on June 23.
 - The 125th anniversary dinner is held on October 20 at the Myriad Ballroom in Mendon.
 - 4,271 families are registered with St. Mary's.
 - 14,558 parishioners are registered with St. Mary's.
 - The Caring Tree touches the hearts of 688 individuals.
 - For Christmas Eve, there are three Masses at 4:00 p.m., two Masses at 6:00 p.m., and one at 7:30 p.m. On Christmas Day, Masses are celebrated at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12:00 noon.
- 2003 - Life Teen Masses and Life Nights are held.**
- **On February 6, 2003, the 9:00 a.m. Mass is celebrated as the closing Mass for St. Mary's 125th anniversary year.**
 - Masses for Lent are celebrated Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 5:15 p.m., and Saturday at 8:00 a.m.
 - Morning Prayer for Lent is held at 6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.
 - Religious Education classes are held Sunday mornings, Monday through Thursday afternoons, and Monday evenings.
 - The weekend Mass schedule is Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (upstairs and downstairs), 10:30 a.m. (upstairs and downstairs), and 12:00 noon.
 - The Town of Franklin celebrates its 225th anniversary.
 - The Armed Forces Banner is established in both the upper and lower churches.
 - St. Mary's Health Ministry revives the Parish Activities Council.
 - *The History of St. Mary's Parish, on the Occasion of the 125th Anniversary (1877-2002)* is published.
 - St. Mary's Respect Life Committee sponsors the first scholarship essay contest.
 - A video documentary on the history of St. Mary's Parish, entitled *Journey of Faith*, premiers.
 - The Music Ministry consists of Children's Choir, Teen Choir, Adult Choir, Contemporary Choir, and Cantors.
 - Commemorative plates featuring a picture of St. Mary's church are available for parishioners.
 - The Year of the Most Holy Rosary concludes.
 - The priests explain the liturgical changes to the Mass.
 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - Masses on Christmas Eve are celebrated at 4:00 p.m. (upstairs and downstairs), 4:00 p.m. at Dean College (Children's Pageant), 6:00 p.m. (up and down), and 7:30 p.m. (up). Christmas morning Masses are celebrated at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12:00 noon.

- The clergy at St. Mary's are Fr. Thomas Walsh, Fr. Carlos Kim, Fr. David Goodrow, Fr. Francis Beksha (in residence), and Deacon Richard Delio.
- 2004
- The Prayer Shawl Ministry is established.
 - St. Mary's is clustered with St. Joseph's (Medway) and St. Thomas's (Millis), in conjunction with the initial steps of looking at parish reconfiguration.
 - Parishioners may bring palms from last year or a previous year to church to be burned for ashes for Ash Wednesday.
 - The Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, from a religious order that Sr. Faustina founded, attend the Divine Mercy Holy Hour.
 - Memorial plaques are available for placement on the book racks of the pews in the upper church.
 - A new parish census is undertaken.
 - Fr. Kim's assignment ends in June. Fr. Kim begins a sabbatical.
 - Fr. Bob Congdon helps celebrate weekend Masses.
 - Every Sunday evening, a Rosary for Peace is prayed.
 - Nancy Rafter is appointed Pastoral Associate.
 - Some repair work on the tiles of the church and rectory roofs is finished.
 - The parish picnic is held in June.
 - *Journey of Faith*, the video history of our parish, takes first place in the News / Information category at the New England Cable Television Association Awards.
 - The 10:30 downstairs Sunday Mass is discontinued.
 - Fr. Ted Kofitse begins his assignment at St. Mary's.
 - A Holy Hour is held each Monday evening to celebrate the Year of the Eucharist, which begins in October 2004.
- 2005
- For the first time, St. Mary's offers both a daytime and an evening Alpha program.
 - Fr. Thomas Walsh ends his pastorate at St. Mary's, effective January 26. Fr. Tom is transferred to St. Christine's Parish in Marshfield, MA.
 - The CYO and Youth Service Corps combine efforts to serve the young people of the parish by promoting activities of service, faith, and community.
 - Fr. David P. Callahan becomes St. Mary's twelfth pastor, effective June 1.
 - Pope John Paul II is called home to God on April 2, 2005.
 - On April 19, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger is elected to the office of Universal Shepherd and takes the name of Pope Benedict XVI.
 - Fr. David Goodrow ends his assignment at St. Mary's Parish in May. Fr. David is transferred to St. Patrick's Parish in Stoneham, MA.
 - Fr. David Marcham begins his assignment at St. Mary's.
 - In November, Eucharistic Adoration changes from Monday evenings and Fridays to Thursdays, from 9:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.
 - The Christmas Eve Mass schedule is 4:00 p.m. (upstairs and downstairs), 4:00 p.m. (Children's Pageant at Horace Mann Auditorium), 6:00 p.m. (upstairs and downstairs), 7:00 p.m. (downstairs). The Christmas Day Mass schedule is 9:00 a.m. (upstairs and downstairs) and 10:30 a.m. (upstairs and downstairs).

- The Pastoral Staff consists of Fr. David P. Callahan (pastor), Fr. Ted Kofitse, Fr. David S. Marcham, Fr. Francis W. Beksha (in residence), Deacon Richard P. Delio, and Nan Rafter (Pastoral Associate/Parish Nurse).
- 2006
- The 40 and Over Catholic Singles Group is formed.
 - In May, Parish Pastoral Council elections are held.
 - *The Milford Daily News* sponsors the 1st Annual St. Rocco Chocolate Chip Cookie Contest.
 - On September 11, a Holy Hour is held in remembrance of the 5th anniversary of September 11, 2001.
 - St. Mary's Prayer and Play Group for families of children with health difficulties and/or special needs holds its first meeting in October.
 - The first Grand Annual Collection is held.
 - During Advent, children in the 3rd grade Religious Ed. classes take up a collection to help a parish in New Orleans rebuild from Hurricane Katrina.
 - The church bell tower is repaired.
 - Fr. Frank Beksha ends his years of ministry at St. Mary's. Fr. Frank retires on December 31, 2006.
 - 752 members of the community receive Christmas presents through the Caring Tree.
- 2007
- On February 6, St. Mary's Parish celebrates 130 years of faith, hope, love, and service, and begins a year-long endeavor entitled "130 Random Acts of Kindness."
 - Fr. David Marcham ends his assignment at St. Mary's.
 - St. Mary's embarks on the formulation of a comprehensive parish plan, concentrating on four major areas: spiritual needs, facilities/buildings, education, and finances.
 - The Parish Center Planning Committee is formed.
 - The Family Mass celebration is enhanced with a children's bulletin, a host family, and the Children's Lectionary.
 - St. Mary's is part of a collaborative (formerly called cluster) consisting of parishes in Medway, Bellingham, and Franklin.
 - A parish mission is held in May.
 - St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club celebrates its 85th anniversary.
 - St. Mary's bulletin expands to 8 pages.
 - Phase II of the Church Restoration Project begins. The front stairs, the front elevation of the church, and the right elevation of the church will be addressed.
 - In April, St. Mary's Parish is honored by *USA WEEKEND* and the National Make A Difference Day Committee.
 - Parish Pastoral Council elections take place in June.
 - Fr. Robert Blaney begins his service at St. Mary's in June.
 - In August, the Town of Franklin is chosen by *Family Circle* magazine as one of the 10 Best Towns for Families in the country.
 - Volunteers are sought to help put together a "Youth Ministry Program."

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- 2008
- The new Youth Ministry Team coordinates a monthly Youth Mass, especially for 6th-12th graders, on Sunday evenings at 5:30. The first Mass is Sunday, January 6, with over 500 youth in attendance.
 - A parish mission is held in February.
 - Approximately 3,000 children attend Religious Education classes.
 - Cardinal Seán O'Malley visits St. Mary's on Palm Sunday.
 - In April, a St. Mary's Players Reunion is held for all those involved in past musical productions at St. Mary's.
 - A parish survey is conducted during the month of May.
 - The annual Memorial Day Mass is held at St. Mary's Cemetery.
 - The weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and Sunday at 7:30, 9:00 (upstairs and downstairs – except for the summer months), 10:30, and noon.
 - A special collection is taken to purchase a new sound system for the upper church, improve the downstairs sound system, and repair and paint troubled areas in the upper church.
 - The 30th annual Feast of St. Rocco is held in August.
 - St. Mary's Youth Ministry Web Site is launched in September.
 - The grounds in the front of the church receive some fresh landscaping.
 - *ARISE Together in Christ*, a three-year parish-centered process of spiritual renewal and evangelization, begins in fall 2008.
 - St. Mary's volunteer appreciation nights are held in October.
 - The first meeting of the Web Site Committee takes place in November.
 - St. Mary's new Web site goes live in December.
 - Masses are celebrated on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. (upstairs and downstairs), 4:00 p.m. (Christmas Pageant Mass at Horace Mann School), 6:00 p.m. upstairs (and downstairs if needed) and 7:30 p.m. Midnight Mass is celebrated. Christmas Day Masses are at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
- 2009
- Deacon Dick Delio presents a talk on Haiti where he has been visiting since 1996, ministering to the people.
 - A new Hospitality Committee is formed.
 - Fr. Robert J. Blaney ends his assignment at Saint Mary's Parish in February. Fr. Bob is transferred to Saint Theresa of Avila Parish in West Roxbury.
 - Our Lady of Lourdes Healing Novena begins in February.
 - Parishioners attend the Boston Catholic Men's and Women's Conferences in April.
 - Fr. David P. Callahan ends his pastorate at Saint Mary's, effective May 12. Fr. Dave is transferred to Saint Mary's Parish in Quincy, MA.

- The daily Mass schedule for Lent is 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 5:15 p.m.
 - Fr. Thomas P. Kelly of the Emergency Response Team serves Saint Mary's on an interim basis.
 - Fr. Ted Kofitse ends his assignment at Saint Mary's Parish in May. Fr. Ted is appointed Parochial Vicar at Saint Mary of the Sacred Heart Parish in Hanover, MA, effective June 2.
 - Fr. Brian F. Manning becomes St. Mary's thirteenth pastor, effective May 12.
 - Fr. Frank Campo, newly ordained, begins his assignment at Saint Mary's on June 2.
 - A new format for the bulletin appears in June.
 - His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI declares a **YEAR FOR PRIESTS** from June 19, 2009 to June 19, 2010.
 - The Rock Youth Ministry conducts a survey of all parishioners in July.
 - The 31st Annual Feast of Saint Rocco takes place in August.
 - New cloth panels enhance the sanctuary.
 - In September, the new Mass schedule is Saturday at 4:00 p.m., Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (with a special Children's Liturgy of the Word in the lower church), 10:30 a.m., 12:00 noon, and a new 5:00 p.m. Mass (September through May) with contemporary music and a focus on youth, but every age is welcome to attend.
 - The Rock Youth Ministry presents faith building, service, and social opportunities for middle and high school students on a regular basis, beginning in September.
 - Eucharistic Adoration moves to Fridays, beginning in September. Benediction begins at 4:45 p.m.
 - *ARISE Together in Christ* resumes in September.
 - Parishioners may sign up for a "Choose Life" MA license plate.
 - Almost 2800 youth participate in the Religious Education program. Almost 150 catechists assist in the teaching.
 - Deacon Richard P. Delio ends his assignment at Saint Mary's in October.
 - At Christmastime, the Caring Tree touches the hearts of almost 800 individuals.
 - The Pastoral Staff consists of Fr. Brian F. Manning, Fr. Frank Campo, and Pastoral Associate/Parish Nurse, Health & Homebound Ministry Coordinator Nan Rafter. The Religious Education staff consists of Isabel Coyne, Karen Ackles, Liz Bertoni, and Patricia Buckley. The Director of Music Ministries is Drina Menard. The Rectory Office Staff consists of Paula Coughlin, Claire Perry, and Paulette Thomas.
- 2010
- *The Weave* initiates a "Good News" column.
 - Parishioners may sign up for The March for Life in Washington, D.C.
 - A new St. Rocco cookbook is published.
 - Renovation of the lower church, forming a chapel, church hall, and meeting rooms, begins in February.
 - The Rock Youth Ministry offers social, faith-building, and service opportunities.
 - Eucharistic Adoration moves to the First Friday of each month, ending with Benediction at 3:00 p.m.

- Fr. Stephen Linehan temporarily serves at St. Mary's.
 - Members of the parish attend the Catholic Women's Conference and the Catholic Men's Conference in Boston.
 - During Lent, Masses are celebrated at 7:00 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. on weekdays, and 8:00 a.m. on Saturdays.
 - The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on all Wednesday evenings during Lent.
 - The annual Catholic Appeal is held in March.
 - A new church organ is purchased.
 - The Olive Branch is relocated to a meeting room off of the new church hall.
 - The annual Memorial Day Mass is held outdoors at St. Mary's Cemetery.
 - The Baccalaureate Mass for graduating seniors is held in June.
 - Religious Education Director Mrs. Isabel Coyne retires and is honored at a reception to celebrate 50 years of service to St. Mary's.
 - Vacation Bible School is held in July.
 - The 32nd annual Feast of St. Rocco is held in August.
 - There are 4546 families registered in the parish.
 - The last *ARISE* program, season 5, begins in October.
 - St. Mary's Book Club begins.
 - *Life Matters*, a new television program, is added to Franklin Public Access Cable.
 - Respect Life Walk to Aid Mothers and Children is held in Boston.
 - Mrs. Jayne Malonson is appointed new, part-time Director of Religious Education.
 - Construction on the bell tower to make it waterproof begins.
 - The Archdiocesan "God of This City" tour comes to St. Mary's in December.
 - St. Mary's Health Ministry conducts a survey in November.
 - The Franklin Interfaith Council holds a Thanksgiving service in November.
 - The first annual Nativity Display Exhibit is held on the first Sunday in Advent.
 - At Christmas time, the Caring Tree touches the hearts of almost 800 individuals.
 - Boston's new Catholic radio station, WQOM at 1060 AM on the dial, debuts in November.
 - The annual Christmas Pageant Mass is celebrated on Christmas Eve.
- 2011
- Evangelization Sunday introduces a bold, new initiative, *Catholics Come Home*, in January.
 - Areas in the church damaged by ice are repainted.
 - There are four First Communion Masses celebrated on two Saturdays in May.
 - "In Memory of the Children" Mass is offered by the Health Ministry.
 - The outdoor elevator is upgraded.
 - Major repair work is done on the upper church air conditioning.
 - Cardinal Seán issues a Pastoral Letter on Evangelization for Pentecost.
 - Parish Pastoral Council elections are held in June.
 - The first annual *Freedom from Hunger Food Drive* is conducted in July.
 - The 33rd annual Feast of St. Rocco is held in August.
 - The first annual *Friends of the Poor Walk* is held in September.

- *The Weave* begins to be sent electronically to parishioners.
 - The annual St. Rocco Healing Mass is celebrated on the field during the Feast of St. Rocco.
 - A candlelight prayer service is held on September 11th on the Town Common, in collaboration with the Interfaith Council and the Franklin Fire Department.
 - As an Eagle Scout project, a parishioner renovates and paints the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and conducts a parish-wide food drive.
 - The 2011 Grand Annual Collection is collected in October.
 - A Remembrance Mass for those who passed away during the past year is offered in November.
 - A new translation of the Roman Missal begins in Advent.
 - Two seminarians from Blessed John XXIII Seminary in Weston work with St. Mary's Healthcare Ministry.
 - Parishioners may now donate to the parish through online giving.
 - Cardinal Seán writes a Pastoral Letter on the Sunday Mass.
 - Fr. Brian Manning donates a new Carillon and bell system for the church, in memory of his brother, Christopher, and sister, Claire.
 - For the Christmas Masses, there are 3 Masses at 4:00 p.m., including the Pageant Mass, one at 6:00 p.m., and one at 7:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. There is a Midnight Mass. On Christmas morning, there is a 9:00 a.m. and a 10:30 a.m. Mass.
 - Cardinal Seán and priests throughout the archdiocese begin consultation process on pastoral planning.
 - The Pastoral Staff consists of Fr. Brian F. Manning, Fr. Frank Campo, and Pastoral Associate/Parish Nurse, Health & Homebound Ministry Coordinator Nan Rafter. The Religious Education staff consists of Karen Ackles, Jayne Malonson, Liz Bertoni, and Patricia Buckley. The Director of Music Ministries is Drina Menard. The Rectory Office Staff consists of Paula Coughlin, Claire Perry, and Paulette Thomas.
 - There are 4616 families registered.
- 2012
- St. Mary's website is ranked #9 out of 243 websites in the archdiocese.
 - The Rock Youth Ministry creates a work of collaborative art for display in Sacred Heart Hall, the lower level of the church.
 - A Martin Luther King Interfaith Service is sponsored by the Franklin Interfaith Council.
 - Parishioners are invited to view a DVD entitled *A Witness to the March for Life*, which documents the world's largest and most consistent Pro-Life event.
 - Scout Sunday is celebrated at a 9:00 a.m. Mass in February, with a blessing ceremony honoring the Religious Medal recipients.
 - Rock Youth Ministry programs include LIFT, SOUPer Bowl Collection, Camp Berea weekend retreat, a housewares collection, and Rock Nights.
 - St. Vincent de Paul conducts monthly food collections at all weekend Masses.

- On February 6, 2012, St. Mary's celebrates its 135th anniversary. A Mass is offered for all those who have served and worshipped at St. Mary's during the last 135 years.
- A Stations of the Cross for teens is conducted on a Friday night during Lent by the Rock Youth Ministry.
- Parishioners attend the Catholic Men's Conference in Worcester.
- A special Mass of Anointing and Healing is sponsored by St. Mary's Health Ministry and the Legion of Mary in April.
- A major plan for the mission of the archdiocese is developed. "Strengthening our Parishes as Primary Communities of Faith" is the name of the plan.
- First Friday Eucharistic Adoration is held from 7:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., ending with Benediction. Confession is available.
- First Saturday Devotions are held after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the month.
- In March, St. Mary's joins with the other 287 parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston's 2012 Catholic Appeal.
- St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club holds their annual Laetare Sunday Communion Breakfast in March.
- Confessions are held on all the Wednesday evenings of Lent. The program is called The Light is On for You.
- Parishioners take the Vocation Crucifix into their homes for one month to pray for vocations.
- St. Mary's CYO Basketball season ends in March. The 11 teams played in 153 games. The program lives by fundamental core values: God is first, family is second, school is third, and sports follow.
- The Rock Youth Ministry conducts a Good Friday Cross Walk on Franklin Town Common.
- The Respect Life Committee hosts a baby shower collection at all the Masses.
- The Rock Youth Ministry presents The Passion on Palm Sunday at the 5:00 p.m. Youth Mass.
- Members of the Rock Youth Ministry decorate the church for Easter, participate in Growing Places with the Rock, attend Steubenville East Youth Conference, and change the church missalettes.
- Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society send Easter greeting cards to those in the community whom the Society serves. A \$10 gift card is included.
- The diocesan-wide Easter collection for the Clergy Benefit Trust supports the health, welfare, and retirement needs of the 638 active and senior priests in the archdiocese.
- Another 7-week Bereavement Support Group begins in April.
- The bells in the choir loft at St. Mary's chime at 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 12:15 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.
- The annual Catholic Women's Club Banquet is held in May.
- The Respect Life Committee holds its annual Mother's Day flower sale.
- Commissioning of new Eucharistic Ministers is held at the 10:30 a.m. Mass in June.

- The Youth Ministry coordinator, Mrs. Jennifer Moccia, and the Youth Mass choir director, Mr. Alex Kuznezov, are recipients of the Archdiocese of Boston *Light of the World Service Award*.
- Gently used baby items are donated and distributed throughout the year.
- The Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus invite parishioners to the celebration of Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. on Memorial Day, followed by a collation.
- Divine Mercy Holy Hour is held each Sunday afternoon.
- The Prolatio Singers present a spring concert.
- Sixty countries participate in the annual global Rosary Relay for Priests 2012, which begins on June 14 and ends on June 15. St. Mary's participates at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, June 15.
- The 34th annual Feast of St. Rocco is held in August. The feast features Opening Mass, rides, food booths, entertainment, anointing Mass and Sacrament of the Sick, Closing Mass, raffle, chocolate chip cookie contest, clam chowder, calzones, and pizza on the field.
- Religious Ed. registration is done online.
- The St. Vincent de Paul Society conducts its annual collection of book bags filled with back-to-school supplies.
- When the altar in the main church was placed in the sanctuary after the changes of Vatican II, the altar was a gift from the Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council in memory of their deceased members. This year, the Knights memorialize the prayer books used at the Holy Altar as a result of the "Third Edition" of the Roman missal.
- Fr. John L. Sullivan begins his assignment at St. Mary's in August.
- St. Mary's Music Ministry resumes rehearsals in September.
- Our Lady of Hope Prayer Group meets every Wednesday evening.
- The Grand Annual Collection begins in September.
- St. Mary's Book Club meets monthly from September to May.
- Fr. Shao, a missionary working in Zanzibar, speaks at all the Masses on a weekend in September.
- Bible Study meets from September to June.
- The 2nd annual Friends of the Poor Walk, organized locally by St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul Society, is held in September.
- A new session of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) begins in October.
- The Altar and Sanctuary Care Ministry prepares the altar, sanctuary, and linens that make the celebration of the Eucharist special.
- The Rock Youth Ministry offers Global Day of Student Prayer and Fire Light.
- The Respect Life Committee hosts an evening entitled "Death with Dignity" in October.
- Two seminarians from Blessed John XXIII Seminary work with the Health Ministry outreach program.
- Parishioners may sponsor a Rose for Life.
- The Catholic Women's Club holds its annual scholarship fall bake sale in October.

- In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi in October, the St. Vincent de Paul Society conducts a collection of pet food.
 - Protecting God's Children programs are offered throughout the year.
 - Pope Benedict XVI proclaims a **YEAR OF FAITH** beginning October 11, 2012 and concluding on November 24, 2013.
 - A prayer to prevent assisted suicide appears in the bulletin.
 - Altar server training sessions are announced.
 - A local Public Square Rosary Rally takes place on the town common in October.
 - Over 2400 people attend the weekend Sunday Masses on a weekend in October. In addition, 3000 people attend the three Confirmation Masses.
 - The 3rd annual Nativity Display weekend is held in November.
 - In conjunction with the **YEAR OF FAITH**, parishioners are invited to email their personal Faith Moments to be posted on the website.
 - The Bereavement Ministry sponsors an annual Mass for those who entered eternal life during the past year.
 - The 4th annual Add to the Bounty Thanksgiving Food Collection is held in November.
 - Mom's Bible Study, entering its 16th year, meets twice a month, with 2 sessions each day.
 - The Sacrament of Confirmation is conferred on 234 young people in three different ceremonies.
 - An Interfaith Thanksgiving Service is held.
 - Training is provided for new lectors.
 - A Bikes for Africa collection is held in December.
 - The Caring Tree touches the hearts of over 800 individuals.
 - 2013 religious calendars are available for parishioners.
 - The Prayer Shawl Ministry enters its 10th year.
 - Almost 10,000 people attend Christmas Masses at St. Mary's.
- 2013
- Painting of the upper church begins in January.
 - Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council #1847 sponsors a trip to Cooperstown, New York.
 - St. Mary's Respect Life Committee offers financial support to any teen, young adult, or adult parishioner interested in joining the March for Life Rally in Washington D.C.
 - The Rock Youth Ministry conducts a clothing drive for St. Francis House shelter in Boston, a movie night, A-Priest-Iation, a Boston Harbor Cruise, and a winter coat collection.
 - The Baptismal Ministry offers a wonderful, welcoming seminar hour to parents of infants, and a friendly welcome to our faith community.
 - The Altar and Sanctuary Care Ministry invites parishioners to attend a morning of "Let's Get God's House Ready for Easter."
 - One of the CYO teams is crowned State Champions.
 - Habemus Papam: Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio is elected to the Office of Universal Shepherd on March 13 and takes the name Francis.

- St. Mary's Parish website has a wealth of information on parish life.
- The Prayer Shawl Ministry sends 20 shawls to Newtown, CT.
- The number of parishioners participating in online giving continues to grow.
- The Office for the New Evangelization of Youth and Young Adults announces Christine Landry of our parish is to receive the *Light of the World Award*, and Liz Landry is to receive the *Discipleship Award*.
- New lighting fixtures are installed in the SVdP food pantry.
- There are four First Communion Masses on two consecutive Saturdays.
- St. Mary's Health Ministry purchases an automated external defibrillator for the upper sacristy.
- Fr. Frank Campo ends his assignment at St. Mary's in June. Fr. Frank is transferred to St. Patrick Parish in Stoneham.
- Fr. Anthony Le begins his assignment as Parochial Vicar at St. Mary's in June.
- Parish Pastoral Council elections are held in June.
- All the carpets in the upstairs church, the downstairs chapel, and the large and small meetings room are cleaned, courtesy of the Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council.
- St. Mary's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings sandwiches from the Feast of St. Rocco to an area shelter.
- Terrence (Terry) Kerr becomes the new music director and organist.
- First Friday Eucharistic Adoration begins after the 7:00 a.m. Mass and concludes with Benediction at 8:45 a.m.
- The adult choir sings at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday mornings.
- The teen choir sings at the Sunday 5:00 p.m. Youth Mass.
- St. Mary's Our Lady of Grace Praesidium of the Legion of Mary celebrates its 60th anniversary.
- In September, the Religious Education staff welcomes back over 2400 children to the program.
- October is Respect Life Month. St. Mary's Respect Life Committee publishes a newsletter insert for the bulletin.
- On three weekends in the fall, ushers take a census count at each Mass.
- St. Mary's Health Ministry sponsors an evening program on palliative care and hospice options.
- Cub Scout Pack 17 conducts a sale of "New England Wreaths."
- The children's choir sings at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of every month.
- 159 families (487 individuals) receive Christmas gifts through our St. Vincent de Paul Society, courtesy of the Caring Tree and parishioners.
- Parishioners are invited to spiritually adopt a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston for one year through the Adopt-A-Priest Apostolate.
- Parishioners are invited to participate in a survey entitled *The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization*.
- The Rock Youth Ministry offers social events, spiritual programs, and service opportunities throughout all seasons of the year.
- Almost 2900 youth are enrolled in the Religious Education Program, for grades 1 through 10.

- The Pastoral Staff consists of Fr. Brian F. Manning, Fr. Anthony Le, Fr. John Sullivan, and Pastoral Associate/Parish Nurse, Health & Homebound Ministry Coordinator Nan Rafter. The Religious Education staff consists of Karen Ackles, Jayne Malonson, Liz Bertoni, and Patricia Murphy. The Director of Music Ministries is Terry Kerr. The Rectory Office Staff consists of Paula Coughlin, Claire Perry, and Paulette Thomas.
- 2014
- In January, a Respect Life Baby Bottle Drive is held. The funds raised will be given to the Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center in Attleboro.
 - The Rosary Devotion is held every Sunday night.
 - In January, a Protecting God's Children program is held.
 - Gently used baby items may be donated for distribution to anyone who is in need of baby equipment.
 - Over 300 volunteers contribute to making a wonderful, great, and moving celebration of Christmas (2013).
 - In February, *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* by Matthew Kelly is given out at all the Christmas Masses.
 - A new seminarian from Blessed John XXIII Seminary does Pastoral Ministry with Nan Rafter, Pastoral Associate/Parish Nurse. Paul Schultz joins fellow seminarian Jorge Rocha.
 - The U.S. Catholic Bishops call for a "day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children."
 - The Respect Life Committee organizes a rosary for life.
 - The Prayer Shawl Committee knits or crochets shawls for anyone who is ill, undergoing treatment, or grieving.
 - First Saturday Devotion is held following the 8 a.m. Mass on the first Saturday of each month.
 - First Friday Adoration is held on the first Friday of each month, from 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.
 - A Divine Mercy Holy Hour is held every Sunday at 3 p.m.
 - The Knights of Columbus conduct a free-throw championship.
 - The Knights of Columbus hold a fundraiser for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.
 - Parishioners take the Vocation Crucifix into their homes each month to pray for vocations.
 - The Rock Youth Ministry holds a Rock Night featuring Brett St. Gelais.
 - The Rock Youth Ministry holds sign-ups for Steubenville East.
 - On February 6, St. Mary's celebrates its 137th anniversary.
 - The Knights of Columbus hold a Night of Comedy.
 - The CYO Basketball program continues to expand.
 - Parishioners are cordially invited to a book discussion on *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*.
 - In March, St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club's annual Laetare Sunday Communion Breakfast is held.
 - On each weekend during Lent, parishioners are asked to donate a particular food item to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.
 - Confessions are held each Wednesday evening during Lent.

- Masses for Lent are celebrated during the week at 7 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross follow the 5:15 p.m. Friday Mass.
- A digital Lenten calendar is posted on St. Mary's website.
- On Ash Wednesday, the book *Rediscover Catholicism* by Matthew Kelly is distributed.
- In March, an Electronic and Appliance Recycling Day is held.
- In March, the annual Respect Life Baby Shower is held.
- The Rock Youth Ministry conducts a Good Friday Cross Walk on the Franklin town common.
- Parishioners may make a donation in the memory of a loved one towards the cost of the Easter flowers.
- Parishioners may sponsor the Respect Life Rose.
- The Rock Youth Ministry Rock Night in April is entitled "Sharing our Faith between the Young and the Young at Heart." Teens and older generations of the parish are invited to join together for a special afternoon of activities and conversation.
- Parishioners may choose to donate to the parish via Online Giving.
- Time, talent, and treasure opportunities for parishioners to become more involved in the parish are listed in the bulletin.
- Photos of St. Mary's Stations of the Cross are posted on the website.
- In April, another 7-week faith-based Bereavement Support Group begins.
- An Anointing Mass for the sick, the elderly, those undergoing surgery, and those in need of healing and peace is sponsored by St. Mary's Health Ministry and the Legion of Mary.
- In April, Catholic Women's Club scholarship applications are available.
- Parishioners donate to the 2014 Catholic Appeal Campaign.
- Four evenings in April and May are set aside to continue the book discussions.
- In June, the annual Baccalaureate Mass is held for all high school seniors in town and their families.
- On Palm Sunday, teens present "The Passion" during the 5 p.m. Youth Mass.
- Members of the Rock Youth Ministry help decorate the church for Easter.
- Our St. Vincent de Paul Society offers Easter dinner food boxes to members of the community.
- St. Mary's website keeps parishioners updated. Postings include parish happenings, ministry descriptions, events in the archdiocese, articles from *The Pilot*, news from the Vatican, and parish photos.
- The Legion of Mary meets every Wednesday.
- Our Lady of Hope Prayer Group meets every Wednesday.
- The Bible Study Group meets every Tuesday.
- The Book Club meets on the third Tuesday of the month.
- In June, the Prolatio Singers present another spring concert.
- In June, a Mass of Thanksgiving and Reception in honor of the 40th Anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood of Fr. Brian Manning and Fr. John Sullivan is celebrated.
- Religious Ed. students conduct a food drive and a collection of personal care bags for teenagers for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

- In April, a parishioner travels to Rome for the canonization of Blessed Pope John XXIII and Blessed Pope John Paul II on Divine Mercy Sunday.
- Extensive work is done in the lower church and meeting spaces.
- Catholic TV, America's Catholic television network, is available to cable and satellite providers in our area.
- The Easter collection directly benefits the 638 active and senior diocesan priests whose health and well-being are cared for through the Clergy Fund.
- St. Mary's grade 12 boys are the 2013-2014 New England CYO Basketball Champions.
- Our Lady of Hope Prayer Group collects old or broken rosary beads for burial in an appropriate location.
- During Holy Week, over 12,000 people pass through the doors of St. Mary for various Masses and services from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday.
- In May, St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club holds its annual banquet. All women of the parish are invited to attend.
- The Memorial Day Mass is held outdoors at St. Mary's Cemetery.
- The Archdiocese Office of Faith Formation of Youth and Adults honors two parishioners. Callie Ostrowski is given the "Discipleship Award." James Hickey is given the "St. Sebastian Award."
- In June, major work begins on the replacement of the 92-year-old, one-zone steam distribution system with an 11-zone heating/cooling system. The lower level of our church building is closed for almost three months.
- Rev. Jeffrey Archer and Rev. Mark Storey, two former seminary interns in pastoral visitation at St. Mary's, are ordained to the priesthood on May 24.
- A Latin American missionary from the Society of St. James speaks at all the weekend Masses.
- A wonderful and complimentary article about St. Mary's Parish appears in the West Edition of the *Boston Globe* on June 21, 2014.
- In August, our St. Vincent de Paul Society conducts its annual collection of bookbags filled with back-to-school supplies for families with children in the community.
- In August, the 36th annual Feast of St. Rocco is held with an opening Mass, a wonderful variety of foods, raffles, carnival rides, anointing Mass and Sacrament of the Sick, a program, entertainment on the bandstand, food booths, chocolate chip cookie contest, a clown, and closing Mass with procession.
- A Bone Marrow Drive is held during the Feast of St. Rocco.
- The summer edition of *The Weave* goes to print.
- In September, the 4th annual SVdP Friends of the Poor Walk is conducted.
- Religious Ed. registration is conducted online.
- SVdP conducts a food drive each month, including a Rise and Shine Food Drive in September.
- Parishioners are encouraged to join the adult choir and the children's choir.
- St. Mary's embarks on a multi-year Pastoral Plan for our mission as a church. It is entitled "Disciples in Mission." St. Mary's is involved in phase (year) 3 of the plan, which begins in June of 2015.

- In September, the Rock Youth Ministry conducts “See you at the pole,” a prayer rally held on the morning of the Global Day of Student Prayer.
- In September, members of the Rock Youth Ministry participate in the Community Harvest Project Farm.
- In September, the Very Reverend Brian Kiley celebrates three Confirmation Masses.
- A spirituality Sunday program for adults is held in October and November.
- In September, the Youth Teen Mass begins a new season.
- In October, the RCIA program welcomes adults who may be interested in becoming a full member of the Church.
- The Respect Life Committee holds a membership drive.
- Two seminarian interns from Pope John XXIII Seminary are welcomed to the parish and will be involved in the Pastoral Home Visitation Program. They are Baldemar Garza (Boston) and Michael Panicali (Brooklyn).
- In October, past and present members of the Altar and Sanctuary Care Ministry celebrate Mass together.
- In October, the Grand Annual Collection begins.
- The Rock Youth Ministry is approved to use *The Chosen* faith formation program within our youth ministry.
- In October, registration is underway for girls and boys of all age levels for CYO Basketball.
- In November, the Bereavement Ministry prepares a very beautiful and spiritual comforting Mass and reception for the annual All Souls’ Mass of Remembrance.
- The Children’s Liturgy of the Word takes place weekly during the Sunday 9 a.m. Mass.
- In November, a new altar server training takes place.
- In November, the 6th annual SVdP Thanksgiving Food Drive takes place.
- The annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service is held.
- The CYO Basketball team players collect items for the SVdP Food Pantry.
- The Catholic Women’s Club sells St. Mary’s Christmas ornaments after all the Masses.
- Christmas pageant rehearsals begin.
- St. Mary’s adult and children’s choirs present a Festival of Lessons and Carols.
- In December, painting of the chapel begins.
- The Rock Youth Ministry conducts events throughout the year, including a Kick-off Family Dinner, Bonfire Social, Christmas Caroling, College Alumni Rock Night, and Rock Night Social S’mores and More.
- A parishioner builds a new outdoor manger for the parish, as part of his Eagle Scout project.
- The Caring Tree offers parishioners an opportunity to buy Christmas presents for children, adults, the homebound, nursing home residents, parishioners on the Communion Call list, and families whom the St. Vincent de Paul Society serves.
- The Christmas collection will support the health and well-being of the 628 active and senior diocesan priests.
- The Caring Tree (2014) touches the hearts of over 800 individuals.

- The Mass schedule for the weekend is Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 noon, and 5 p.m. (September-May).
 - For the Christmas Masses, there are 3 Masses at 4:00 p.m., including the Pageant Mass, one at 6:00 p.m., and one at 7:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. There is a Midnight Mass. On Christmas morning, there is a 9:00 a.m. Mass and a 10:30 a.m. Mass.
 - The Pastoral Staff consists of Fr. Brian F. Manning, Fr. Anthony Le, Fr. John Sullivan, and Nan Rafter, who is the Pastoral Associate/Parish Nurse/Health & Homebound Ministry Coordinator. The Religious Education staff consists of Karen Ackles, Jayne Malonson, Liz Bertoni, and Patricia Murphy. The Director of Music Ministries is Terry Kerr. The Rectory Office Staff consists of Paula Coughlin, Claire Perry, and Paulette Thomas.
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- The Sunday spirituality program resumes in January. Patrick Tiernan is the speaker.
 - Discussions on the book *Rediscover Catholicism* are held on Tuesday evenings. The speaker is Patrick Tiernan.
 - In January, the Rock Youth Ministry hosts a College Alumni Rock Night. Time, talent, and treasure opportunities are described in the bulletin.
 - In January, a Rosary for Life is prayed.
 - The Rock Youth Ministry conducts a Middle School Rock Night: New Year.
 - The Catholic Women's Club holds a potluck supper and movie night for all women of the parish.
 - U.S. Catholic Bishops call for a "day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children" on January 22.
 - Phone numbers for parishioners to donate furniture or a vehicle to the St. Vincent de Paul Society are listed in the bulletin.
 - First Saturday devotions are held monthly.
 - Gently-used baby items are available for parishioners.
 - A Scout Sunday Mass is celebrated in February. Daniel Nogueira receives the Light of Christ award.
 - Each Sunday, the Children's Liturgy of the Word is held during the 9:00 a.m. Mass.
 - On February 6, St. Mary's marks its 130th anniversary.
 - Men of St. Mary's are invited to the 15th Annual Catholic Men's Conference in Worcester in March.
 - The Rock Youth Ministry holds several events throughout the year, including Demystifying the College Search Process, Collaborative Art Project, a housewares collection, the Annual Multigenerational Afternoon Social, and a Habitat for Humanity project.
 - An online survey is conducted in conjunction with the Synod on the Family.
 - In February, the 2015 Catholic Appeal is launched.
 - On Ash Wednesday, the book *Nine Words* is available at the doors of the church.
 - On all the Wednesdays of Lent, St. Mary's and all the parishes in the archdiocese are open for individual confessions.

- St. Mary's website features a Message for Lent from Pope Francis, a digital Lenten calendar, photos of the Stations of the Cross in the upper church, Vincentian reflections on the Stations of the Cross, and resources for Confession.
- In March, the Annual Catholic Women's Club Communion Breakfast is held.
- In March, the Parish of St. Mary joins the 3rd Phase of the Archdiocesan Plan called "Disciples in Mission," which begins formally in June 2015.
- In March, the Annual Respect Life Baby Shower is held, with donations going to Pregnancy Help and Friends of the Unborn.
- In March, the Catholic Women's Club Scholarship forms are available.
- The Rock Youth Ministry creates a new mural for the church hall.
- The Rock Youth Ministry announces registration for Steubenville East Catholic Teen Weekend, to be held in July.
- Members of the Rock Youth Ministry present the Passion Play at the 5:00 p.m. Youth Mass on Palm Sunday and conduct the Annual Good Friday Cross Walk.
- In April, the Easter collection directly benefits 628 active and senior diocesan priests through the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust.
- The St. Vincent de Paul Society distributes Easter dinner food boxes to people in the community.
- The Knights of Columbus hold a fundraiser after all Masses. The proceeds benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society.
- In April, an Anointing Mass for Healing, sponsored by St. Mary's Health Ministry and the Legion of Mary, is held at Central Park Terrace Hall.
- In April, a seven-week faith-based Bereavement Support Group begins.
- It is announced that there are four potential matches from the 1st Annual Bone Marrow Drive held during the Feast of St. Rocco last August.
- A Divine Mercy Holy Hour is held every Sunday afternoon.
- Parishioners are invited to take the beautiful Vocation Crucifix into their homes and pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.
- In April, the CWC conducts its annual bake sale.
- At the annual dinner held for the Archdiocesan Annual (CYO) Youth and Young Adults Banquet in April, David Benoint receives the St. Sebastian Award. Joe DePalo receives the CYO Hall of Fame Award.
- In May, the Catholic Women's Club holds its annual banquet.
- In May, the St. Vincent de Paul Society holds its Annual Mother's Day Gift Bag drive.
- St. Mary's Evening Walkers join together on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings.
- The Bacculaureate Mass tradition continues.
- Couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary are invited by Cardinal Séan to the Golden and Silver Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in June.
- Fr. Anthony Le is reassigned as Administrator to St. Bernadette's Parish in Randolph.
- On Memorial Day, the Annual Memorial Day Mass is held at the cemetery. The Knights of Columbus offer coffee and pastries in Sacred Heart Hall after Mass.
- In June, Parish Pastoral Council elections are conducted.

- Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is honored by the Franklin Council on Aging for its outstanding community service.
- In June, the 5th Annual SVdP Freedom from Hunger Food Drive is held.
- In June, the roofing company repairs damage from the previous winter.
- Parishioners receive a letter inviting them to participate in the chapel renovations by memorializing or gifting a new bench. The flooring under the benches and the aisle carpet will be replaced.
- The damaged walls and ceiling in the upstairs church are patched and painted.
- The carpet in the upstairs sanctuary is replaced.
- In June, the Franklin Interfaith Council presents “Voices of Faith in Concert: Faith, Family, and Freedom.”
- The pews in the lower church chapel are replaced.
- In June, the Parish of St. Mary officially becomes a “collaborative parish” of the Archdiocese of Boston, according to the Disciples in Mission Plan.
- Families can register for Religious Ed. classes online 24/7.
- The second collection in July is for St. Patrick’s Missionary Society.
- The St. Vincent de Paul Society has two garden plots at the Community Garden in Franklin.
- The 37th Annual Feast of St. Rocco takes place from August 9-16.
- A special Mass of Anointing and Healing is held on the festival field during the Feast of St. Rocco.
- The SVdP Annual Backpack/School Supply collection is held in August.
- Three Confirmation Masses are held in September. The celebrant is Fr. Brian Kiley, the Episcopal Vicar of our Region.
- The 5th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk is held in September.
- The 5:00 p.m. Youth Mass resumes in September.
- In September, the Clergy Health and Retirement collection is held to support the 614 Boston priests.
- St. Mary’s Parish Ministry Fair is held in September.
- In September, Pope Francis visits America.
- In September, the Respect Life Committee leads the rosary at the Memorial Site for the Unborn at St. Mary’s Cemetery.
- The 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul is offered for the benefactors, members, those in the community whom the Society serves, and the Friends of the Poor Walk participants.
- CORI weekends are held in September and October.
- In October, CYO tryouts for boys and girls in grades 5-12 are held.
- In October, Protecting God’s Children programs are held.
- In October, a seven-week Bereavement Support group begins. Sessions are held in the afternoons and evenings.
- The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) resumes in October for people to learn more about the Catholic Faith and to prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- The Rock Youth Ministry activities include “See You at the Poll,” a-MAZE-ing Adventure, High School College AP Prep Review, a Fire-Pit Social, and fall yard clean-ups.

- St. Mary's welcomes two seminarian interns from Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary. They are Alberto Gonzales from Puerto Rico and Frank D'Amato from Florida.
- The October SVdP Food Drive includes requests for dog and cat food donations in conjunction with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4).
- In October, the Grand Annual collection is held. The collection is spread out over three upcoming weekends.
- New altar server training is scheduled for October.
- In October, the Catholic Women's Club conducts a bake sale to benefit its scholarship fund.
- The Adult Choir is looking for singers, and the Children's Choir rehearses on Thursdays.
- The downstairs chapel is closed for major renovations.
- In November, the 4th Nativity Display Exhibit Weekend is held in Sacred Heart Hall. There are 38 amazing displays.
- In November, the Altar-Sanctuary Care ministry meets.
- In November, the 7th Annual SVdP Thanksgiving Food Drive is conducted for distribution throughout the community.
- In November, the Annual Mass of Remembrance is offered to honor the memory of those who have died during the past year.
- The Caring Tree goes up in November.
- Christmas Pageant rehearsals begin in November.
- Activities of the Rock Youth Ministry include changing of the missalettes, Habitat for Humanity, decorating the church for Christmas, Lift Worship Night, and Christmas caroling.
- In November, the Knights of Columbus conduct a coffee and donut fellowship social after Masses.
- In November, Cardinal Séan confers the Cheverus Medal and Award upon parishioner Peter Brunelli for his lifelong service to our Church, in particular to our Parish of St. Mary.
- In November, parishioner James Walsh receives the Cheverus Medal and Award for his many years of dedicated service to the Archdiocese, in particular in the Catholic school ministry.
- The Catholic Women's Club has a fun night of chair volleyball in November.
- An Interfaith Thanksgiving service is held at the Federated Church.
- The Catholic Women's Club conducts a St. Mary's Christmas Ornament sale.
- In December, the Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols musical program, presented by St. Mary's Adult Choir, is presented on a Sunday afternoon.
- Children's Choir Pageant Mass rehearsals begin in December.
- The Prayer Shawl Ministry has made countless shawls for anyone who is ill, undergoing treatments, or grieving. The person making the shawl prays for the recipient.
- In December, the Knights of Columbus conduct a fundraiser for SVdP by selling grocery store gift cards after all the Masses.
- In December, three parishioners present a program on their recent pilgrimage to EWTN.

- The Advent edition of *The Weave* goes to print.
- St. Vincent de Paul offers its Annual Christmas Giving Program whereby a donation of any amount may be made in the name of a friend or relative, living or deceased, to help members of the Society carry out the Works of Mercy in the community.
- The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy begins on December 8.
- The Caring Tree touches the hearts of over 800 individuals.
- The Christmas offertory collection supports the health and well-being of priests in the archdiocese.
- Our chapel on the lower level reopens. “Thank-you to the special donors of the benches. In the last two years (three fiscal years), in the chapel, we have installed the new heating/cooling system, painted the chapel and sacristy, replaced all the benches (they now have padded seats!!!!), replaced the flooring under the benches with deluxe vinyl, and re-carpeted the aisles, the sanctuary, and the sacristy, and also installed new cabinets and counters in the sacristy. Thank you on behalf of everyone who prays and uses the chapel and to all those who have been faithful in giving to the Grand Annual each year, because this is a major support of the chapel work.”
- The Pastoral Staff consists of Fr. Brian F. Manning, Fr. John Sullivan, and Nan Rafter, who is the Pastoral Associate/Parish Nurse/Health & Homebound Ministry Coordinator. The Religious Education staff consists of Karen Ackles, Roger Gullo, and Liz Bertoni. The Rectory Office Staff consists of Paula Coughlin, Patricia Murphy, and Paulette Thomas. The Director of Music Ministries is Terry Kerr.