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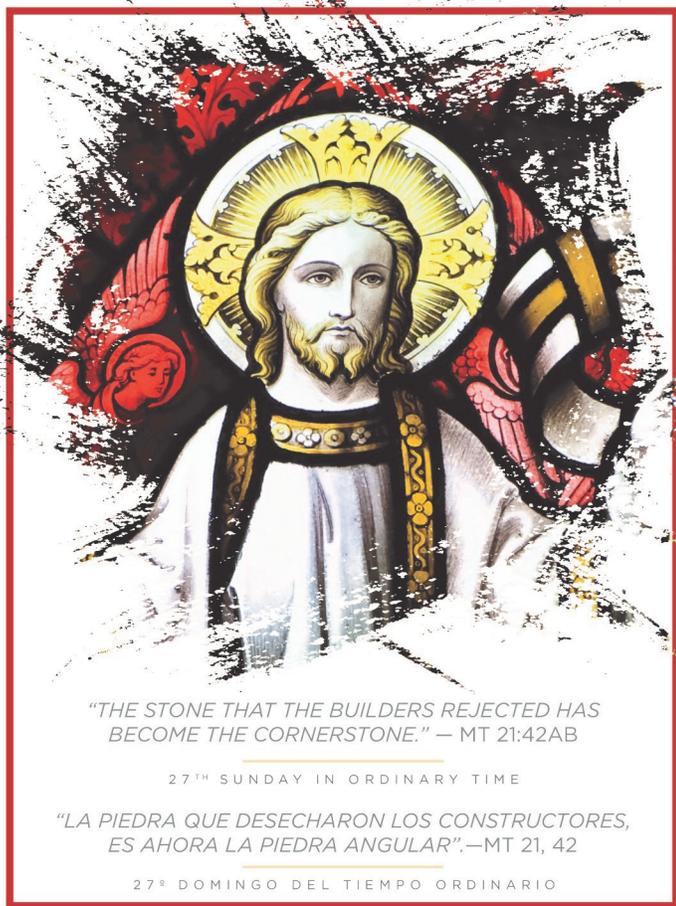
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**WELCOME**

If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself to the priests after Mass. We want to know and serve you. To register, please email your name and address to [parishpublishing@stmarysfranklin.org](mailto:parishpublishing@stmarysfranklin.org). We will send you a Welcome Package that will help you register.

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism:** Sunday by appointment only.  
Baptism Preparation meeting recommended.

**Penance:** By appointment; please call 508-528-0020

**Marriage:** Couples planning to be married at St. Mary's should schedule their wedding one year in advance and attend a Marriage Preparation program.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Please call the rectory if you have a family member, friend, or neighbor who is unable to attend church due to age or infirmity. We will provide pastoral visits, with administration of the Sacraments.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Children (Grades 1-8):**

Guided Remote Learning

**Confirmation Preparation (after Grade 8):**

Guided, Independent, Remote Conferences

*Programs run from October through May*

**Adults**

**RCIA** - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Wednesdays • 7:00pm

October to Easter

*Pastoral Reflections:*

Our first reading this weekend, which comes from the Old Testament from the Book of Isaiah, is a poem or song composed by the prophet about his friend, a vineyard keeper. This composition contains a lot of symbols and has great meaning. The story line is about his friend, the vineyard keeper and what can happen. We do not learn right away, but ultimately we discover that this vineyard keeper is God. What happens in the vineyard is important to hear and understand as it has great meaning. His friend the keeper had to first decide what field to use and also to make sure that it was free from rocks and stones and ready for planting. He then had to plant the vines, and in addition he constructed a vat and tower. The story tells us that he did everything right as a farmer, but that crop did not come out the way it should have. Wild grapes resulted, not finely cultured and luscious grapes. This keeper became really angry and decided to just let it all go back to seed and lay fallow. The field and vineyard would be as it would be.

Our Gospel passage taken from Matthew also is about vineyards, but from a different point of view. The point of view is from the human side, not from the view of God. Recall that the landowner, who is really God, previously sent his servants, who are prophets, to gather the all the fruits of the harvest. The workers, actually the chief priests and elders, killed the servants, the prophets. And we know that then the landowner finally sent his son thinking the workers surely would not kill him, too. But they did and we also know that Jesus, the Son of the Father, was killed on a cross. The major message of this whole passage is that it is God's way that something good should be born from something bad. Even though God's Son died on a cross, new life for the world began with his Death and Resurrection.

When we have read the Gospel, we easily interpret the vines in the passage from Isaiah to be ourselves. We come to recognize that we have been given every chance and opportunity to love and serve God. The real question is: are the grapes, the fruits of our vines, wild or will the fruits, our actions, yield a good crop?

Do you realize that we are the ones who have inherited the vineyard as the Son has died and has begun a new life in the Resurrection? The vineyard of Matthew's Gospel has been left to us. The owner's son was killed, but new life began with his Resurrection. The field has been given us to care for; the field is the Church and all of the creation of God. God calls us to continue the care of the vineyard and also to be faithful to its mission. For the fruit and harvest to be good and plentiful, we need to work actively in our Church and world.

*Fr. Brian*

## READINGS THIS WEEK

### Readings for the week of October 4, 2020

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

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/Lk 10:25-37

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

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

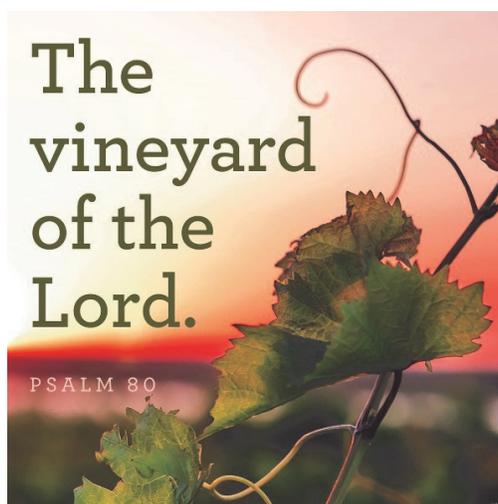
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [68]/Lk 11:5-13

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

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-28

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

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St. Mary Parish  
*2020 Grand Annual*

This weekend is our 1st Grand Annual Collection. Every registered household was mailed a Grand Annual Appeal letter and envelope. If you did not receive an Appeal request, there are additional envelopes available at the entrance to the church.

These have been challenging times for our families. Our parish family is no different. As a result of the pandemic, we anticipate approximately a \$60,000 deficit this year. In previous years, the Grand Annual was used for special maintenance projects. This year, it is essential for our regular operations. We are asking for your extra support for this year's Grand Annual.

Our goal this year is raise \$150,000 or more. If possible, please consider a gift of \$350 or more. Those who are able are asked to give more. Those who are struggling should support to the best of their ability.

We truly appreciate any assistance you can give and are counting on the many, who are able, to support this appeal.

Thank you for your support.



Consider making your gift Online:  
[stmarysfranklin.org](http://stmarysfranklin.org)

*This is*  
**OUR CHURCH**

While many aspects of our life have come to a standstill, the work of our ministries continues as we strive to meet the needs of those who are relying on our guidance and assistance. The sick and homebound continue to receive spiritual support and information over the phone from the Archdiocese's Faith Community Nurses and Chaplains program. Our Pregnancy Help Centers continue to provide resources for women facing crisis pregnancies. Those suffering from addiction still need support and guidance and many have greater need for counseling and spiritual support during this time of heightened anxiety.

Your support of the Archdiocese's *Catholic Appeal* ensures that these programs and services continue. With the knowledge that many of you are also facing challenging financial realities, and with concern for the people we serve, your prayerful consideration is greatly appreciated. Your donation will make a *significant difference* as we continue serving the Catholic faithful and all our brothers and sisters in need.

To learn more about *Your Church at Work* or to make a donation, visit [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org)

**Thank you!**



## Why bake when the Knights can do it for you?

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their **3rd Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale** and accepting your Thanksgiving Pie Orders and Payment (\$15 per pie) downstairs in the hall of the Church after all Masses on **Saturday, 10/31/21 and Sunday, 11/3**.

**Apple, Blueberry, Pumpkin, and Pecan Pies from the famous Mann's Orchards and Bakery ... high quality, great price, "super" for the Thanksgiving holiday.**

You may also order online: [kofc1847.org](http://kofc1847.org) or on the K of C Facebook: KnightsOfColumbusCouncil1847

**The Knights of Columbus will have the pies you ordered for Thanksgiving ready for pickup on Tuesday, November 24 from 2:00 - 8:00 pm in the modular classrooms at St. Mary Center, 201 Main Street.**

Any questions, call Jim Campbell at 508-848-8681, Jim Lane at 774-571-9804, or Mike Swann at 508-404-4792.

See St. Mary's website for more details: [stmarysfranklin.org](http://stmarysfranklin.org)

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