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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. 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:

In the sacred scripture this weekend we are to reflect upon images of banquets (sometimes called dinner parties) and celebrations to come to some meaning and understanding of our relationship with God. The prophet Isaiah in his passage writes that that all people, not just the selected and chosen ones, will be invited to a special banquet. It appears that this title “banquet” is inadequate in describing the special celebration that was planned. Isaiah is reminding us that when we remember all of the joy and fun found at the best party we’ve ever been to, we still only have a slight glimpse of the day God has planned. This day, this celebration will be the end of all the hurt, suffering, and sadness we have ever known. This great celebration is in honor of salvation, the victory over death.

In the second reading, which comes from Paul’s letter to the people who lived in Philippi, the apostle writes that he personally knows suffering and want, but also he especially knows the graciousness of their community. Paul wants them to know that they should be aware that they will have a banquet where their every need will be satisfied.

Our gospel writer Matthew writes of one of the parables given by Jesus about a banquet. This parable story illustrates and continues the theme that we are all invited to God’s eternal feast. Sadly, we learn that the very first people who were invited are quite apathetic and shrug off the gracious and freely given invitation. Provoked by their apathy and indifference, God invites a second group who are actually anyone, yes anyone, who wants to come. However, God does have a rule and expectations.

To attend, you must follow the rules, which include the dress code. In the story, only one person from the second invited group came to the feast and did not follow the rule to wear the traditional wedding gown. The man remained silent when questioned and did not offer any excuse at all. He did not seem to notice that he was not following the rules. Was it because he thought if the first group refused, then this banquet was not all that important? We do not know.

We accepted God’s invitation to be a part of the celebration or banquet of His Son. Perhaps it was our parents first at our baptism, but later we accepted on our own at Confirmation. Do we wear the traditional wedding garment of faith and service when we attend Mass, the special feast at which the Lord is present? Or are we like the first group or the man in the second group? Hopefully we are fully and properly clothed in faith and good works.

Fr. Brian

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of October 11, 2020

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

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [cf. 2]/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 [41a]/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Lk 11:42-46

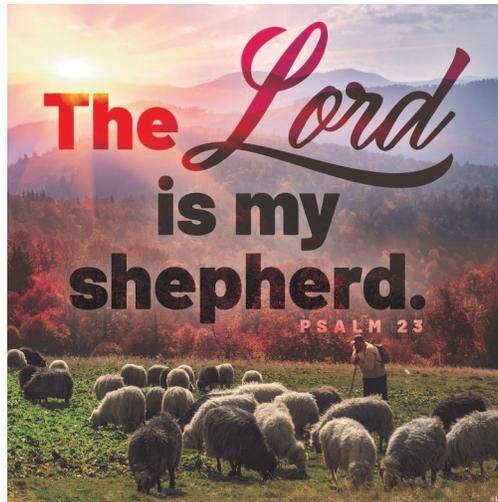
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2a]/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 [12]/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 [7]/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-2

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St. Mary Parish
2020 Grand Annual

1st Grand Annual collection continues!

Our 2020 Grand Annual Appeal is off to a great start with many families making their gift. If you have not already done so, 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.

All families are being asked to consider a gift of \$350 or more.

If you have not decided on your gift to the Grand Annual, we invite you to prayerfully consider making your gift this week. We truly appreciate any assistance you can give and are counting on the many, who are able, to support this appeal.

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



Consider making your gift Online:
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

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 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

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