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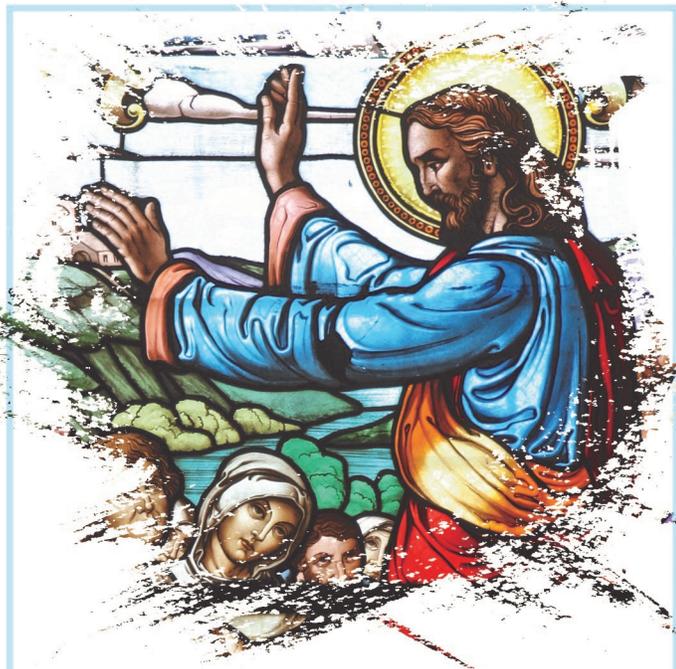
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"REJOICE AND BE GLAD, FOR YOUR REWARD WILL BE GREAT IN HEAVEN." — MT 5:12A

ALL SAINTS

"ALÉGRENSE Y SALTEN DE CONTENTO, PORQUE SU PREMIO SERÁ GRANDE EN LOS CIELOS". — MT 5, 12

TODOS LOS SANTOS

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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: By appointment only. Consult our website: stmarysfranklin.org

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:

This weekend our Sunday Mass pivots to a very important feast, the Feast of all Saints. Liturgists in our church tradition who plan out the vision and priorities of how our Church calendar of worship will be on Sundays always have a very hard time deviating from the strict values that a Sunday is a Sunday and a feast day basically is always less than Sunday, the great Feast of the Resurrection. I am very glad that occasionally common sense breaks through this rigid vision and we do celebrate certain marvelous feasts on Sunday. For us this year this feast day is a graced reminder to us of how wonderful our God cares for us through this Pandemic. This feast day is a day of hope, light, and grace among us, not only in times past, but right now today and also into the future. Our Church leaders choose to share with us a vision of the inner heart of people and their daily lives. Indeed we know that it is impossible to name all the official saints of our Church for in just the last thirty years alone, the list is beyond the limits of our knowledge.

Today, this feast day, is much more important because it is the feast day for the unnamed saints on whom this world depends for its very life. There are so many people who make the news for being “philanthropic”, “influencers”, and “leaders” with all sorts of titles, but when you come down to it, the moneyed and powerful often are not the ones who really help you. Think about the medical aide or the nurse who is at this moment quietly helping in the COVID area in the hospital. Their care is what really matters to you and to me. The teacher who is desperately trying to teach in the classroom, remotely to part-time students and also full time at home students: these are the saints in our midst. Are you aware that the people who have been stocking the food shelves, cleaning the carts or cashiering your food are also saints? Stop and look: see the many who help or assist you each day in so many ways.

Our second reading this weekend reminds us that we are children of God. Indeed John reminds us that being so does not mean that our lives will always be easy and fun. We are asked to put our faith in the Lord and push forward with living. He asks to realize that one day we will see God face to face and to maintain hope until that day. No matter what, we are to live a life which is constructive and giving, much like a saint.

In our Gospel Jesus also speaks of our present and future in how to live our life, in how to be a saint each day. He tells us how by a talk called “the Sermon on the Mount.” When Jesus spoke that day, people leaned in real close to hear. Will you lean in today to hear in your heart and mind the words of Jesus in his eight Beatitudes?

The words of the Beatitudes are beautiful, but not always easy to live. They are not meant as quotes to show up in greeting cards, bumper stickers, or on social media. They are ways to follow the Christian and Catholic Way of Life. They are ways to be a saint each and every day of our life.

Our first reading from the Book of Revelation tells us that thousands upon thousands do in fact follow the Way of Jesus. We know this to be true when we stop and look at who is helping us so quietly during this Pandemic. There are saints among us every day who help us. All we have to do is to look with the eyes of faith and see them. This feast is about hope and goodness. There are many people each day offering us hope and goodness. Let us see them, acknowledge them and then offer a prayer of gratitude in faith for them.

Fr. Brian

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of November 1, 2020

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32 [26a]/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-11

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St. Mary Parish
2020 Grand Annual

2st Grand Annual collection is this weekend!

This weekend is our 2nd Grand Annual Collection. Envelope users should have received a special Grand Annual envelope in the monthly envelope mailing. If you are not a regular envelope user, there are additional Grand Annual envelopes available at the entrance to the church.

Would you please consider a one-time gift of \$350 or more this year? All contributions, from the smallest to the largest, will be gratefully appreciated.

Thank you to the many families that have already returned their initial 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](https://www.facebook.com/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

2020 St Mary's SVDP Caring Tree



St. Vincent de Paul is once again sponsoring the Christmas Caring Tree gift giving program. Due to your generosity, last year we were able to help 122 Franklin families in need and provide over 500 gifts to these families.

Due to the pandemic, we need to make some major changes to the program. There will be no Caring Tree in the church. Instead of gifts as in prior years, we will be providing gift cards to those in need to purchase Christmas gifts.

Our request to St. Mary parishioners is to donate a \$25 gift card to either Walmart or Target. If you would rather, a monetary donation of any amount would be appreciated. Checks should be made out to St. Mary's SVDP. Checks, gift cards, or cash donations can be placed in an envelope inscribed with the address below or dropped in the collection basket at Mass. If dropping off a donation, please mark it "Caring Tree Program".

Thank you all for your willingness to help those in our community who will benefit from our support during the holiday season!

Please mail or drop off all gift cards and monetary donations by **November 29th** to:

**St Mary Parish
c/o SVDP Caring Tree Program
One Church Square
Franklin, MA 02038**

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