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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:00 p.m.

Sunday

7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

12 noon

Daily Masses

Monday-Friday

7:00 am

All weekend Masses are

Live Streamed at:

stmarysfranklin.org

Confession

Saturday: 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Emergency

Anointing of the Sick

508-528-0020, #4

Rectory Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

508-528-0020

St. Vincent De Paul

Assistance

508-918-2291

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 23

4:00 pm Dexter and Low Families

Sunday, September 24

7:30am Victoria Kachenmeister

10:30am Sabino Coscia

12:00 noon Pauline Padula and
Gwendolyn Hirsch

Monday, September 25

7:00am Antonio Pereira

Tuesday, September 26

7:00am Rita Merullo

Wednesday, September 27

7:00 am Tony Merullo Sr.

Thursday, September 28

7:00 am Daniel Merullo

Friday, September 29

7:00 am Joseph Merullo Jr.

Saturday, September 30

4:00 pm McNally Family Cousins

Sunday, October 1

7:30am Rose, Joseph and Tony Musto

10:30am Ann Lisette & Anthony Caravaggio
St. Vincent DePaul Mass

12:00 noon John Gutman

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday Collection: \$ 5,366.88

Drop-off: \$ 1,998.00

Online Donation: \$ 5,129.62

\$ 12,494.50

Clergy Trust: \$ 1,428.00



St. Mary Parish Welcomes in Baptism

McKinley Jaymes Todesco, William Edward Capen Jr., Hunter Wayne Noyes, Hayden Jane Smith, Louis Charles Ellis, Alicia Rose Ellis and Charles Brendan Ellis were Baptized on September 17, 2023

May the Lord Watch and Protect Them.



NEWLY MARRIED



On September 1, 2023, **Alexza Alvarado** and **David Dinh** were married at St. Mary Parish by visiting priest, Fr. Peter Joyce. We them a long, happy and healthy life together as they begin their new adventure as husband and wife.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of September 24, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

- SACRAMENTS -



Baptism

Baptisms are held on Sundays at 1:30pm. First time parents need to attend a Baptism Catechesis Class held by Deacon Ron via Zoom. Classes are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The next Zoom Baptismal class is on Wednesday, October 11th at 7-8pm. Contact Deacon Ron deaconron@stmarysfranklin.org.

To schedule a Baptism, please email: Baptism@stmarysfranklin.org or call the office at 508-528-0020.

Penance

Penance/Confession 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 schedule the wedding and rehearsal date and to arrange a meeting with the priest in preparation for marriage.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you are interested in become a Catholic, please email Father Jack at jsullivan@stmarysfranklin.org

Sacrament to the Sick for the Homebound

Please call the rectory to speak to the Pastoral Associate 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.

Anointing 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, option 4.

Become a Parishioner of St. Mary Parish

Register Online at stmarysfranklin.org or call the Rectory at 508-528-0020.



1st Grand Annual collection

September 30th & October 1st

Our 1st Grand Annual Collection is coming soon. Every registered household will soon receive a Grand Annual Appeal letter and envelope in the mail.

This annual appeal supports not only our operating expenses but also our building maintenance and repair. This year, we hope to replace the windows at the rectory which are over thirty years old. The expected cost is approximately \$75,000. The Sacred Heart Hall floor needs to be professionally cleaned. If funding permits, we would like to replace the carpet in the sanctuary of the main church.

Will you consider a special gift of \$500 or more?

This year we are asking you to consider a special gift of \$500 or more. This will allow us to reach our Grand Annual goal \$175,000. Those who are struggling should support to the best of their ability.

The Grand Annual Collection will be taken up three times this year as has been our tradition. Additional collections will be taken on the weekends of November 5th and December 3rd. Please return the Grand Annual envelope dated October 1 indicating your total gift and first payment. You may place this envelope in the Sunday Collection or return it to the parish by mail.

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.**



www.stmarysfranklin/giving/funds

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Our Migrant Neighbors Need Your Help

How can we help our migrant brothers and sisters in the meantime?

World Day of Migrants and Refugees
24-12-2023
"How to choose whether to migrate or to stay"

Many thanks to those who have already donated. This is the Migrant Food Pantry on Day One!



The Parish Family at St. Mary's in collaboration with The St. Vincent DePaul Society is collecting donations for the immediate needs of our migrant brothers and sisters housed in Franklin. There are bins at the Elevator Lobby, Upstairs in the Main Church Lobby and at the side, back wooden door of the Church for donated goods. Thank you for your generous support!

- Microwave Oatmeal
- Canned evaporated milk
- Hot cocoa mix
- Coconut water
- Juice Boxes

Canned/Packaged pre-made spaghetti

Microwavable Rice

Canned Black beans

Peanut butter

Instant/Microwavable Grits

Microwaveable Paper Plates

Plastic forks/knives/spoons





The St. Vincent DePaul Society
Saturday, September 30, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Our **ONLY Fund Raiser** provides funds that enable SVdP members to offer help to all Franklin residents in their time of need. This past year we were able to help **392** families.

This weekend, there will be donation envelopes distributed at all masses for this year's Friends of the Poor Walk. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. **We need your support!!**

Join us for our Walk or Donate online at
<https://fopwalk.org/eventlisting/eventdetail/?eventid=2895>

Or send a check to SVdP, 1 Church Square Franklin, MA



The Knights of Columbus
Sacred Heart Council #184

The next Blood Drive will be held on **Saturday, December 16th 2023** at the Sacred Heart Hall in the Lower Church. Please consider giving blood to save a life.

Sign-up now at edcrossblood.org/ give, and search by Zip Code.



Season of Creation

The global Catholic community, along with Christians of other denominations from around the world, is celebrating the Season of Creation from

September 1 to October 4. Each weekend during this season, this bulletin will present excerpts from Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si, On Care for Our Common Home*.

“A correct relationship with the created world demands that we not weaken this social dimension of openness to others, much less the transcendent dimension of our openness to the ‘Thou’ of God. Our relationship with the environment can never be isolated from our relationship with others and with God (#119)”.



CYO Basketball Registration

Registration opens is open until October 1st for **Boys and Girls in grades 5th - 12th** for CYO Basketball. The season runs October through March. To register or get more information on our program, including eligibility requirements, please visit our CYO website: www.stmarysfranklincyobasketball.com/

Note to High School Players

High School players must attend CYO tryout(s) in order to be considered for a CYO team. If you are trying out for your HS team and want to be considered for a CYO team, (should you not make your HS team) then you **MUST** attend tryout(s). Only individuals who have attended tryout(s) will be considered for CYO teams. No exceptions. If you have questions or interest in becoming a member of our Board, please contact Dave Benoit at: davebenoit76@gmail.com

Bible Study Series



St. Mary's Parish will sponsor a five-session Bible Study series (Part One) on the Book of Exodus, led by Leo Racine, at Magnolia Heights Retirement Center at 485 East Central Street in Franklin.

The next series is **Mondays, September 25, and October 2, 16 and 23**. All St. Mary's parishioners are invited to attend this study of the Book of Exodus, which is the second book of the Old Testament, the story of Moses and the central event in the history of the Hebrew people.

To Register, or for more information, please contact Leo Racine at: pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org or 508-528-0020. There will be a cost of \$14 for materials for this series; financial assistance is available if needed.



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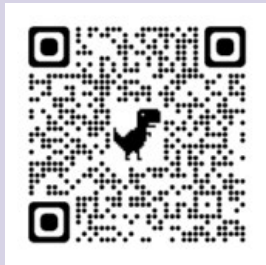
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The St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council 1847 is having a Membership Drive the weekend of October 7th and 8th, 2023 during their Tootsie Roll Drive for individuals with "Intellectual Disabilities."

For more information, please check-out the Knights of Columbus webpage at www.kofc.org/join, or use the QR Code.



**Knights of
Columbus
Tootsie Roll Drive**

**October 7th and 8th
after each Mass**

Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities

The Sacred Heart Council #184, Knights of Columbus will be doing their annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" for individuals with "Intellectual Disabilities." Please consider giving to this worth cause. Thank you in advance for your support.

Second Donation Option: You can also use this QR Code that directs you to a link where you can donate.



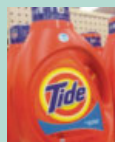
St. Vincent De Paul Current Food Pantry Requests 508-918-2291

The St. Vincent de Paul Society cannot thank you enough for your donations to our food drives. It is a blessing for us to be able to serve our neighbors and for them to experience the support of our parish.

SVdP members will put together grocery bags including paper products and laundry detergent for those who call St. Mary's in need of help. Thank you in advance from all who will benefit from your generosity. Donations may be placed in the boxes at the doors of the church anytime during the month. For the SVdP pantry's current needs, we would like to request:



**Kraft Mac and Cheese
Pasta & Spaghetti Sauce
Peanut Butter
Progresso Chicken Soup
Apple and Cranberry Juice
Laundry Detergent
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper & Tissues**



Protecting God's Children

Protecting God's Children® for Adults, is a program designed to assist members of the Catholic community in creating safe environments for our children and vulnerable adults. It is our belief that all people deserve to be treated with dignity as well as to live and learn in an environment that is free from abuse.

This program, which consists of videos, group discussion and specific safety recommendations, helps us put our beliefs into action. *Protecting God's Children® for Adults* is open to all St. Mary's parishioners and is mandatory for many of our parish ministers and volunteers.

This program is offered on **Monday, September 25** (6:30 to 9:30PM) in the Parish Pastoral Center (school); you need only attend one session. For more information or to register, please call Leo Racine, Pastoral Associate, at (508-528-0020) or email him at pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org

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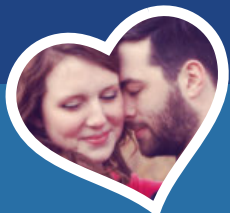
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