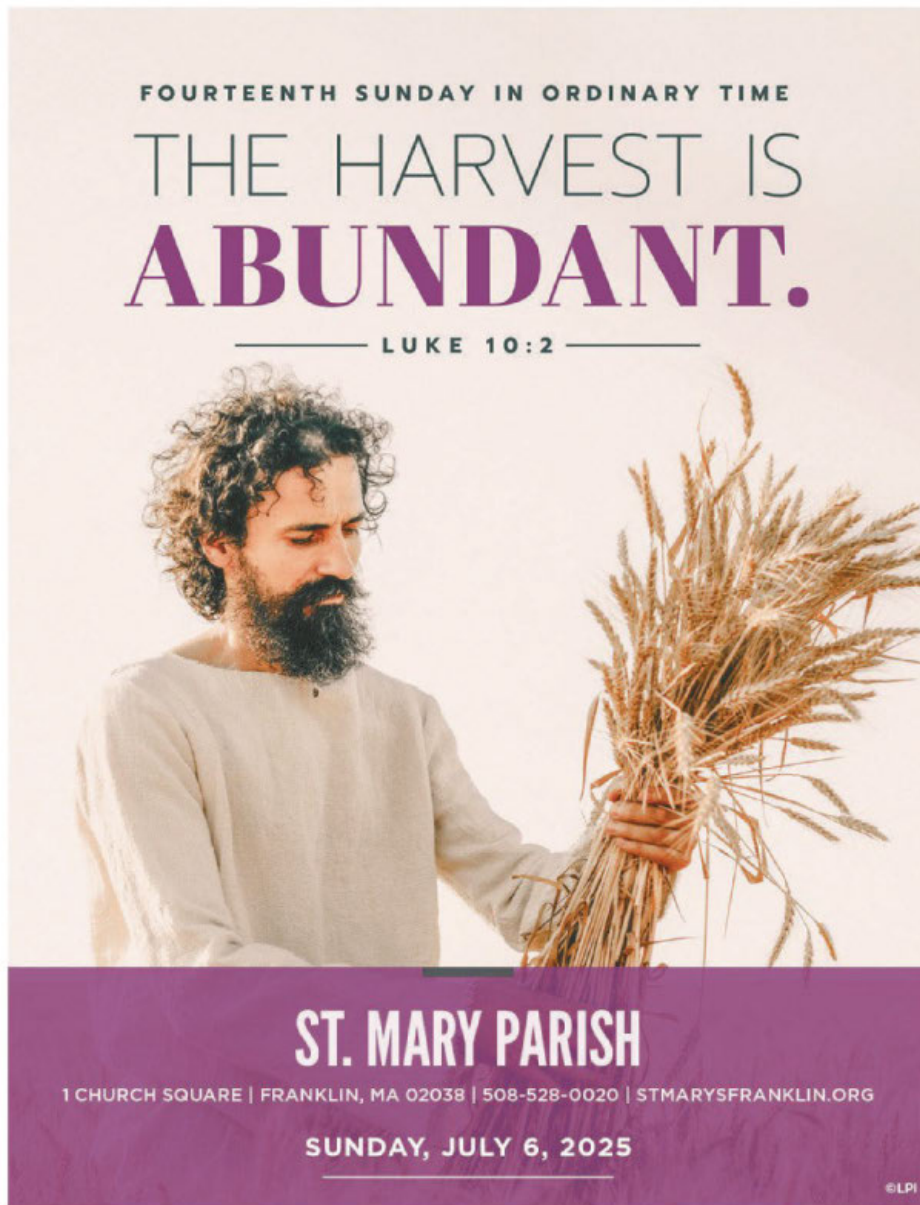


SAINT MARY PARISH



Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:00 p.m.

Sunday

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

Daily Masses

Monday-Friday

7:00 a.m.

Confession

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00a.m.

Emergency

Anointing of the Sick

508-528-0020, #4

Rectory Hours

Monday - Thursday

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 5

4:00pm Tino, Alma & Vincent DeBaggis

Sunday, July 6

7:30am Victoria Kachenmeister

10:30am Denise Bernier

Monday, July 7

7:00am Tino, Alma & Vincent DeBaggis

Tuesday, July 8

7:00am Jon Raymond

Wednesday, July 9

7:00am Louis Regilio

Thursday, July 10

7:00am Joseph P. Merullo Sr.

Friday, July 11

7:00 am The Colace Family

Saturday, July 12

4:00pm Linda Padula, Pauline Padula & Ann Padula

Sunday, July 13

7:30am Susan Rittenhouse

10:30am Deceased Members of the Morelli and Ortolano Family



On June 29, 2025 Tegan Grace Hultman-Fleige, Everett George McNeice, Vincent Anthony Montanaro, Raphael Yu Madiedo-Mariano, Anthony Joseph Scafati and Olivia Kelly Vozzella were baptized by Fr. John. God bless these children.



READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of July 6, 2025

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37



Baptism

Baptisms are held on Sunday afternoons at 12:30pm. First time parents need to attend a Baptism Class held by Deacon Ron via Zoom. Classes are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month. To schedule a Baptism, please call: 508-528-0020 or email: baptism@stmarysfranklin.org.

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 arrange a meeting with the priest in preparation for marriage and schedule a date.

OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you are interested in become a Catholic, please call the Rectory at 508-528-0020.

Eucharist for the Homebound

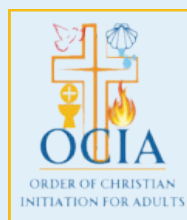
if you have a family member, friend, or neighbor who is unable to attend church due to age or infirmity, please call the rectory or email the Pastoral Associate (pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org). We will provide pastoral visits.

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 and select Emergency Anointing of the Sick. Please do not leave messages on this line.

Become a Parishioner of St. Mary Parish

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



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Looking to Build a Team

What is OCIA: OCIA, formally RCIA, meets the needs of people in the process of initiation and conversion to the Catholic faith. It supports spiritual formation; **helps the Catechumen prepare and reflect on Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.** Those baptized in other Christian traditions prepare for reception into full Communion in the Roman tradition.

Who We Are: OCIA team members are people who support and assist non-Catholics preparing to become Catholic, or baptized Catholics seeking to receive the Sacraments. **They are an important link to the parish community and a witness to their faith.**

How We Minister: Everything we do as catechists helps seekers encounter the mystery of Christ. **"The definitive aim of catechesis,"** said the pope, **"is to put people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ."** Some responsibilities of an OCIA team member include: Attending weekly meetings, Serving as a sponsor, leading small group discussions, and sharing your faith with inquiring adults. As a team member, you have the privilege of teaching our beautiful, rich Catholic faith to those inquiring, while at the same time building upon your own faith formation by benefiting from the teachings of your fellow team members.

Join Us!

St. Mary Parish is looking to build a team who will journey with those members in our community who are seeking a closer relationship with God through the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation. This ministry is open to all practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church, and who have a love for the Catholic faith. If you would like more info or would like to join this joy filled ministry please email **Fr. John Tanyi: parochialvicar@stmarysfranklin.org**

JULY 6, 2025

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: Too often, life falls short of my expectations — an opportunity didn't work out, a day didn't go the way I planned — so I ball up my fists and stomp my feet. And God takes the Book of the Gospels and opens it to Luke, Chapter 10. On Pilgrimage

Before I embarked on my trip to the National Eucharistic Congress last summer with a group from my archdiocese, we had an orientation meeting. At that meeting, the coordinator of the trip shared with us "The Five Rules of Pilgrimage."

If you're not familiar with them (I wasn't), here they are:

1. Don't complain.
2. Don't complain. (It's so important, it's listed twice.)
3. When you see a bathroom, use it.
4. When someone offers you something, receive it.
5. When someone asks you for something, give it.

It's great advice for a pilgrimage, but more than that, I think it's great advice in general. So when I read today's Gospel and I hear Jesus say essentially the same thing to his disciples as they set out to evangelize (well, minus the bathroom tip, but those weren't as much of a thing in biblical Judea), I come to an important realization.

The whole Christian life is a pilgrimage. Too often, life falls short of my expectations. An opportunity didn't work out. A day didn't go the way I planned (like, at all). A person didn't accept me. And I ball up my fists and stomp my feet like a full-grown Veruca Salt, and I yell: I cannot work in these conditions!

And then, I imagine God, on his celestial throne, sighs and opens the Book of the Gospels (surely he keeps it handy, don't you think?) to Luke, Chapter 10. And he whispers in my heart what he said to his disciples 2,000 years ago. Don't complain. Be open and give of yourself, and in turn, receive what comes your way, whatever it is. If it's good, rejoice. If it's not good, move on. And in the end, remember where you're headed — the place you're trying to go.

Oh, and again: don't complain.

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Where: Sacred Heart Hall

Children third grade to high school and their parents are invited to meet with Fr. John to learn about becoming an Altar Server at St. Mary Parish. Fr. John will discuss training and the flexible schedule offered for those interested in joining our vibrant group of altar servers.

Please contact Fr. John at
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FREE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAMS

Hockomock YMCA, in collaboration with many partners and organizations, will operate summer meal programs for kids ages 18 and under and their caregiver, in the communities of Bellingham, Milford and Plainville. **No registration or paperwork required.** Each child (and accompanied adult) will receive a free lunch at any of the sites below. Since 2016, we are proud to have served over 600,000 free lunches and counting!

At Bellingham Public Library:

- Free lunches Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
- 11:30am to 12:30pm
- Bellingham Public Library: 100 Blackstone Street, Bellingham
- The program will run Tuesday, June 24th through Thursday, August 14th.
- Special thanks to our partners, the Town of Bellingham Public Library, the Franklin Food Pantry, Franklin Public Schools and Bellingham Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry.

At Milford's Memorial Elementary School:

- Free lunches Monday through Friday, 11:00am to 12:30pm, and will run Monday, June 23th through Friday, August 15th.
- Memorial Elementary School: 12 Walnut Street in Milford, MA
- Special thanks to our partners including the Town of Milford.

Every Friday, we will have interactive activities and games for all to enjoy during the mealtime including special Friday events like block parties, reptile encounters, mad scientist experiments, princess meet & greets, beach party fun and more.

At Plainville's Jackson Elementary School:

- Free lunches Tuesday and Thursday
- 12:15pm to 1:00pm
- Jackson Elementary School: 68 Messenger Street in Plainville, MA
- The program will run Tuesday, June 24th through Thursday, August 14th.
- Special thanks to our partners including the Plainville Public Schools.
- Join us for free lunch, activities and more.



Zoom Rosary

Deacon Guy continues a Zoom Rosary every Monday night at 7:00pm. This is open to parishioners, family & friends from all communities. You are welcome to join, relax, pray and/or and just listen. *Link info* is on the Parish Web Site under Parish Life and Prayer. For more information contact Deacon Guy at: deaconguy@verizon.net.



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 9am-2pm

The Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council #1847, is holding another Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, August 16, 2025 in the Modular Classrooms at St. Mary School. More Info to follow.



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