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SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00pm Sunday: 7:30am and 10:30am
Monday - Friday 7:00am

Wi-Fi: StMarysChurchMesh Password: STMarysGuest

RECTORY HOURS

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

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ASSISTANCE

St. Vincent De Paul: 508-918-2291

PARISH REGISTRATION

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



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. To schedule a Baptism Zoom Class, contact Deacon Ron at: gerwat@verizon.net

Penance

Penance/Reconciliation 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.

**Special Collection for Gaza
September 6 & 7**

Next weekend, there will be a special collection to support the growing humanitarian crisis in Gaza and provide food, shelter, and medical needs for those suffering. 100% of the funds collected will go to support the work of the Catholic Near East Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS). The special collection will greatly help the humanitarian work for those suffering the effects of war and famine in Gaza.

Thank you for supporting our brothers and sisters suffering in Gaza.



READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of August 31, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33



Saturday, August 30

4:00pm Beverly Theriault

Sunday, August 31

7:30am Gwendoline Hirsch

10:30am Edward Vroman

Monday, September 1

7:00am Raymond Recore

Tuesday, September 2

7:00am Chiarina, Carmine & Filomena Pisani

Wednesday, September 3

7:00am Joyce Pederson

Thursday, September 4

7:00am Gracia Pierre-Louis

Friday, September 5

7:00 am Triumph of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Saturday, September 6

4:00pm Donald Theriault

Sunday, September 7

7:30am Anne & Randy McDonald

10:30am Mary Louise (Herre) Renga



Last week, Anthony Neary Coggin, Cecelia Irene Coggin, Landon James Ledoux and Tatum Robert True were Baptized by Deacon Ron. Ella Rae Browne was Baptized by Fr. Tim Reis. God Bless these children.

AUGUST 31, 2025

A vibrant poster for a movie night event. The background is dark blue with faint, repeating icons of movie-related items like cameras, film reels, and clappers. Scattered throughout are yellow and blue stars. In the center, a large yellow banner contains the text "MOVIE NIGHT" in bold, dark blue letters, with "★ UNDER THE STARS ★" below it. Above the banner is a red and white striped popcorn bucket overflowing with popcorn, and a clapperboard with "TAKE" and "ROLL" visible. Below the banner are several film reels and more popcorn. At the bottom, a yellow banner reads "ST. MARY'S YOUTH MINISTRY". Below this, the event details are organized into three columns separated by dotted lines. The first column shows the date "SEPTEMBER 21" and time "SUNDAY 5:00PM". The second column lists the location "Field Behind the School", address "201 Main St. Franklin, MA", and the instruction "Bring a Buddy". The third column lists "GAMES COOKOUT GIVEAWAYS" and "FREE" in large letters.

MOVIE NIGHT
★ UNDER THE STARS ★

ST. MARY'S YOUTH MINISTRY

SEPTEMBER 21
SUNDAY 5:00PM

GRADES 9-12
★ Field Behind the School
201 Main St. Franklin, MA
Bring a Buddy

GAMES
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**Save the Date!
St. Vincent DePaul
Annual Fund Raiser**

**Saturday,
September 27, 2025**

Registration at 8:30 a.m. Blessing for the Walk will be at 9:00 a.m. on the Town Common. Participants can either walk with us or donate via our online collection link at the St. Vincent DePaul page on our parish website or use the barcode below:



St. Vincent DePaul Society
508-918-2291

The St. Vincent DePaul Society would like to thank all the parishioners who have so generously donated to the SVdP Food Pantry. Donations from these lists help us to keep the pantry well-stocked with many items for our neighbors in need.

The St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry is looking for the following items to help our Franklin neighbors in need.



Paper Towels
Detergent/Regular (Free of Clear)
Deodorant
Cut Green Beans
Bars of Soap

Thank you for your help in supporting those most in need in our community. God bless our neighbors.



Protecting God's Children for Adults Class



Protecting God's Children® for Adults is an program designed to help members of the Catholic community create safe environments for our children and vulnerable adults. It is our sincere 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 to 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.

This program will be offered here in our parish on **Sunday, September 14 from 1:00 to 4:00pm** and **Monday, September 15 from 6:00 to 9:00pm** in the school modular building. You only need to attend one session and can attend anywhere in the Archdiocese.

Please call Leo Racine, Pastoral Associate, at (508-528-0020) or email: pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org for more information. You can Register online at www.virtusonline.org. Click on "First Time Registrant" and choose "Boston, MA" as your Archdiocese/Organization in order to see the available sessions.

HOPE FOR LIFE Conference

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The Archdiocese of Boston's Pro-Life Office, in collaboration with the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth and the Men of Divine Mercy Prayer Group, are excited to invite you to this special conference as we honor the sanctity and the beauty of life from the womb to the tomb and embrace the virtue of hope in all circumstances of every age and stage of life.



Bible Study

Women played a significant role, though often unheralded, in the history of Israel. In our Fall 2025 Bible Study, we will be learning about Women in the Old Testament.

There will be nine Monday sessions, beginning on Monday, September 15 and ending on Monday, November 24. The meetings will be held from 11:00 to 12:00 noon in the third floor chapel at Magnolia Heights, 485 E. Central St, Franklin. There is no cost for the group. Contact Leo Racine, our pastoral associate, for more information and to register. You can reach Leo at 508-528-0020 or pastoralassociate@stmarvysfranklin.org.

REGISTER FOR THE CELEBRATE LIFE GALA



17th Anniversary

Celebrate Life

Fundraising Gala

Thursday, September 25, 2025

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Check-in & Apps 5:45-6:45pm
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