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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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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508-528-1450

201 Main Street, Franklin, MA 02038

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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 This Weekend

This 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 request concerns their humanitarian work for those suffering the effects of war and famine in Gaza. Collection baskets will be at the entrance of the church. Thank you!

Meet and Greet

Please welcome Jim Flanagan our new Family Faith Formation Director! Jim will be available after all Masses this weekend to say a friendly "hello" and chat about his plans for St. Mary's religious education, youth and family enrichment.

If you haven't picked-up your 2025/26 religious education books, Jim will have them to distribute at these Masses.



READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of September 7, 2025

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

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-1



Saturday, September 6

4:00pm Donald Theriault

Sunday, September 7

7:30am Anne & Randy McDonald

10:30am Mary Louise (Herre) Renga

Monday, September 8

7:00am Albert Peter Palumbo

Tuesday, September 9

7:00am Rosemary O'Donnell

Wednesday, September 10

7:00am Cedrick Pierre-Louis

Thursday, September 11

7:00am James Hill

Friday, September 12

7:00 am Claire Marie Sullivan

Saturday, September 13

4:00pm Mary Verna Kaufman

Sunday, September 14

7:30am Kevin O'Neill

10:30am Peggy Yanuskiewicz



Last week, Dominic Timothy Logano and Lily Christine Trubiano were Baptized by Fr. John. God Bless these children.



MOVIE NIGHT
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ST. MARY'S YOUTH MINISTRY

SEPTEMBER 21
SUNDAY
5:00PM

GRADES 9-12
★ Field Behind the School
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Altar and Sanctuary Care Ministry

Are you looking to get involved at St. Mary but don't have a lot of time to devote? Consider joining the Altar and Sanctuary Care Ministry to help launder the sacred linens or do light cleaning in the Church. The commitment is only a few, hours, twice a month for 1-3 months per year. This is based on your availability.

For more information please contact Kate Boragine at:
508-440-5330



Abortion National Day of Remembrance

Please join Abundant Hope for a memorial service to pray for mothers, fathers, grandparents, abortion doctors, staff etc. involved in the devastation of abortion. Attendees are invited to lay a flower in memory of the aborted babies on the KofC headstone that honors the Unborn. Bring your own flowers or roses will be provided.

Saturday, September 13th at 10:00am
St. Mary's Cemetery
Towne St. and Stanley St.
North Attleboro

CYO Basketball Registration

CYO Basketball Registration will open for **Boys** and **Girls** in 5th - 12th grade this week. The season runs from October 2025 to March 2026. To register or get more information on our program including eligibility requirements, please visit: 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 are interested in becoming a member of our Board, please contact: **Dave Benoit** at davebenoit76@gmail.com





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 QR code below:



Protecting God's Children for Adults Class

Protecting God's Children® for Adults is a 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 or email Leo Racine, Pastoral Associate, at pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org or at 508-528-0020, 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.



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.

Laundry Detergent (Free & Clear & Regular)
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Cereal
Spaghetti Sauce

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



Would you like to know more about some of Israel's important women like Sarah, Deborah and Esther? This Fall St. Mary Bible Study, we will be reading 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 East Central St., Franklin. There is no cost for the group.

To register or for more information, contact our Pastoral Associate, Leo Racine at 508-528-0020 or pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org.

HOPE FOR LIFE Conference

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SEASON OF CREATION

September marks the beginning of the Season of Creation. In the universal Catholic Church, it is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Pope Leo XIV has designated the this year's theme as *Seeds of Peace and Hope*.

In his letter, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that we have a responsibility to follow our words with action as we care for our world and other people, especially the poor. He says that environmental justice "can no longer be regarded as an abstract concept or a distant goal...it is an urgent need."

Pope Leo tells us that "by working with love and perseverance, we can sow many seeds of justice and thus contribute to the growth of peace and the renewal of hope." You can read the pope's message at <https://bit.ly/PopeLeoSept1>.

Women's Faith Formation

Please join the St. Mary Women's Faith Formation on **Saturday, September 20, 2025** at from **9-10am** in the old St. Mary School modular classrooms.

The topic will be "My Father's Father" with Fr. Dave Pivonka. We will be watching a short video, have a great discussion and enjoy light refreshments.

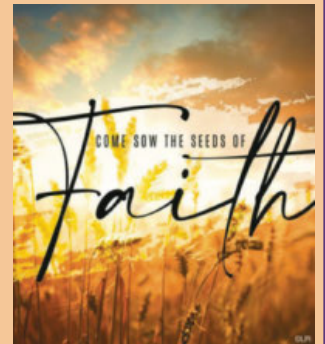


For more information, please contact Jennifer Driscoll at jennifermdriscoll@yahoo.com or 508-472-4752.

Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Men

This next meeting of the St. Mary's Parish Men's Faith formation group (COR— Communication Resources) is on **Saturday, September 20** at **8-9am** in the Sacred Heart Hall. All men, wherever you are on your faith journey are welcome. We usually meet on the third Saturday of each month at 8:00 am.

The program is a great way for men to connect. In addition to faith formation, we build in plenty of time to socialize over coffee and bagels. If you have additional questions, please reach out to Regis Schratz at: rschratz@comcast.net.



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