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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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.

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Very Rev. Robert A. Poitras  
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### FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

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### ASSISTANCE

**St. Vincent De Paul:** 508-918-2291

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Register Online at [www.stmarysfranklin.org](http://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.



To make a donation online, you can go to the St. Mary Website at **[www.stmarysfranklin.org](http://www.stmarysfranklin.org)** or use the QR Code below. We are grateful for your generous support of our Parish.



### READINGS THIS WEEK

#### Readings for the week of September 14, 2025

**Sunday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/  
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

**Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Tuesday:** 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/  
Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50  
**Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

**Next Sunday:** Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



#### Saturday, September 13

4:00pm Mary Verna Kaufman

#### Sunday, September 14

7:30am Kevin O'Neill

10:30am Peggy Yanuskiewicz

#### Monday, September 15

7:00am Donald Carpentier—Mass for Healing

#### Tuesday, September 16

7:00am Ricky Melanson

#### Wednesday, September 17

7:00am Carmine & Carmina Colace

#### Thursday, September 18

7:00am Joseph P. Merullo Fr.

#### Friday, September 19

7:00 am Hector Gomez

#### Saturday, September 20

4:00pm Mary Sweeney & George Sweeney

#### Sunday, September 21

7:30am Gaspare Favara

10:30am Elaine Padula, Frank T. Hirsch & Martha Felber



Last week, Violet Amy Masse, Cecelia Michele Cadoret, Fia James Gurdon-Pagliaro, Max Finn Mooney and Luca Nicholas Sciotti were Baptized by Fr. John. Rory Grace Gagne and Addison Marie Gagne were Baptized by Fr. Jonathan Slavinkas. God Bless these children.





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### Rosary for Life



Respect Life Month is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in October to promote the inherent dignity of every human being from conception to natural death. Please join us as we pray a **"Rosary for Life"** on **October 4<sup>th</sup>** at **2:30pm** at **St. Mary's Cemetery** on Beaver Street. We will gather at the cemetery's altar to pray together.

The rosary will be led by Deacon Guy with members of the Respect Life Commission helping with the decades. Come individually, or invite friends and families to take part in the power of prayer for this important cause.



### Help Wanted

Mt. St. Mary's Abbey is looking to hire part-time nurses and part-time Certified Nursing

Assistants to assist with caring for elderly sisters in the monastery infirmary.

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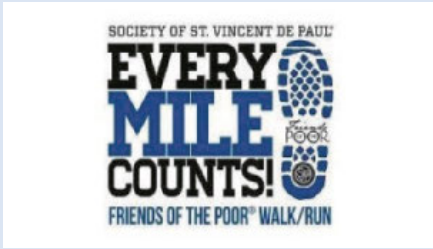
## CYO Basketball Registration

CYO Basketball Registration will open for **Boys** and **Girls** in 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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:



**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.

## **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. *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](mailto:pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org) or at 508-528-0020, for more information. You can Register online at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org). Click on "First Time Registrant" and choose "Boston, MA" as your Archdiocese/Organization in order to see the available sessions.

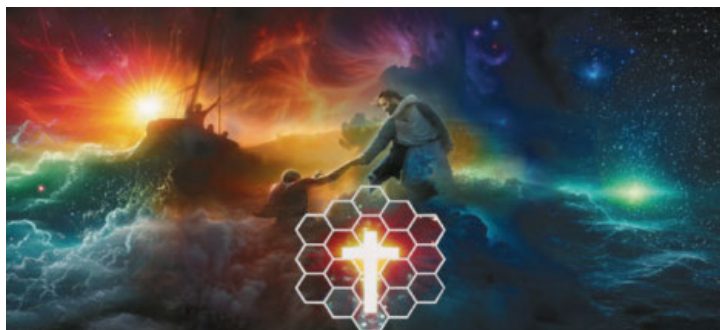


## *Bible Study*

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](mailto:pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org).



### Critical Catholic Cosmology Course

Come check out Critical Catholic Cosmology—a two semester course designed to bring education into open discussion around evidence at the cutting-edge intersection of science, philosophy and faith. Atheists, agnostics and all faith perspectives welcome. No theology background required.

**Semester 1:** The Case for God & the Human Soul  
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### 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](mailto:jennifermdriscoll@yahoo.com) or 508-472-4752.



We are in the midst of the ecumenical Season of Creation which runs through October 4. This Season is an annual celebration of the riches

of the earth, our common home. It also presents an opportunity to reflect on what we can do to care for this precious resource.

September 1 was the Catholic Church's World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. In his letter, the Pope urges us all to work for environmental justice, as justice can "contribute to the growth of peace and the renewal of hope." <https://bit.ly/PopeLeoSept1>.

The Season of Creation has its own website, <https://seasonofcreation.org/> where you can find information about the history of this observance, a listing of events from around the world and a library of advocacy resources. Energize Franklin is a local organization that works to promote a healthy planet, <https://bit.ly/EnergizeFranklin>. 350 Mass is another Massachusetts organization that is dedicated to combatting climate change and advancing renewable energy in our state, <https://350mass.betterfutureproject.org/>

### 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](mailto:rschratz@comcast.net).





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