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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025



MASS SCHEDULE

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

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RECTORY HOURS

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

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Pastor: Very Rev. Robert A. Poitras
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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 one evening 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** 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 21, 2025

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

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: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

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

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31



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

Monday, September 22

7:00am Ted Young

Tuesday, September 23

7:00am Gerry Connelly

Wednesday, September 24

7:00am Joseph Polomski

Thursday, September 25

7:00am Antonio Pereira

Friday, September 26

7:00 am Deceased Members of the D'Orazio family

Saturday, September 27

4:00pm Jeanne Pisani

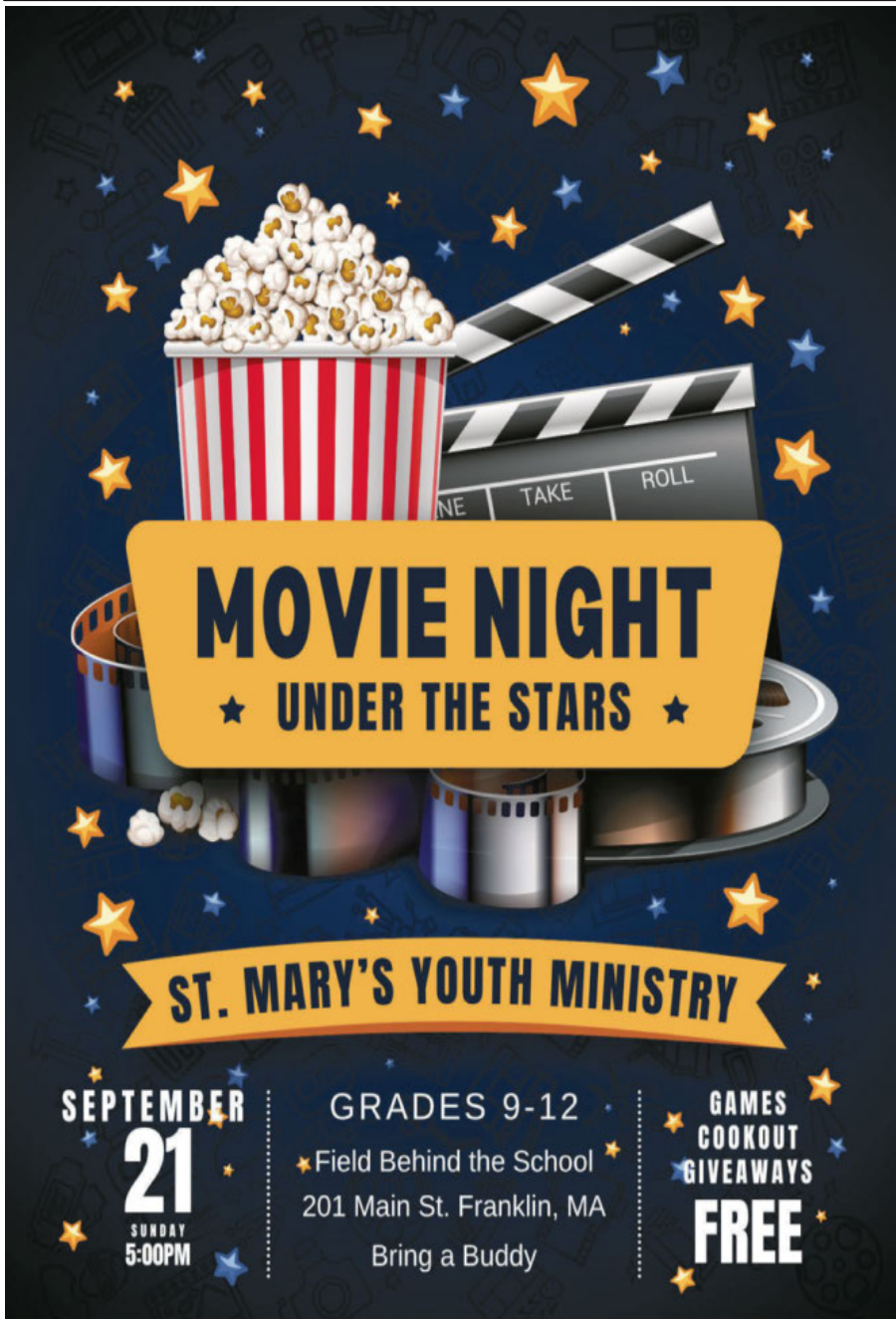
Sunday, September 28

7:30am Chevalier and Cupelo Grandparents

10:30am St. Vincent DePaul Society



Last week, Edward Robert Coffin III, Evelyn Mary Coffin, Theodore Crane Miller and Kendall Amelia O'Toole were Baptized by Deacon Ron. God Bless these children.



MOVIE NIGHT
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The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local council #1847 will be holding a membership drive at all Masses the weekend of September 27 and 28. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council, you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today simply stop by the back of the church on September 27 & 28 and chat with the Knights.

For more information, go to the Knights of Columbus webpage at www.kofc.org/join, and enter our Council number 1847 or use the QR Code. You can also contact Knight, John Hickey at johnhickey669@gmail.com



CYO Basketball Registration

CYO Basketball Registration will open for **Boys** and **Girls** in 5th - 12th grade is now open. 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
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:



Adult Choir

The St. Mary Parish Adult Choir will soon begin their Choral Season for 2025 - 2026!!

Our first rehearsal will be held on Thursday, **September 25, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Upper Church Choir Loft. The Adult Choir will sing at their first Mass of the season on Sunday, October 5, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

As the choir returns from their summer absence, this is an ideal opportunity for anyone interested in singing in the choir to become a member!! Come to the first rehearsal of the season on September 25th and check it out.

We are all looking forward to another fun-filled season!



O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.* Amen.

Respect Life Commission

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Today is Catechetical Sunday. This annual observance recognizes those who have volunteered much time and energy to teach others, especially our children and youth, about the Catholic faith. It began in 1935 and is held on the third Sunday of September every year. The Sadlier Company website (tells us that Catechetical Sunday presents an "opportunity for all Catholics to re-dedicate themselves to the mission of handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel as a community of faith."

In their 1999 letter, *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us*, the US Bishops, reminded us that "an adult community whose faith is well-formed and lively will more effectively pass that faith on to the next generation, (<https://bit.ly/USCCBBurning>).

Take a look at our parish website pages on adult faith formation, <https://stmarysfranklin.org/> (under Parish Life) to find programs and resources which may help you to enhance your faith!

Rosary for Life

October 4, 2025 at 2:30pm

St. Mary Cemetery, Franklin, MA

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 The Respect Life Commission as we pray a "Rosary for Life" on October 4th 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.



Volunteers Wanted

The Franklin Meals on Wheels office needs volunteers to pack meals and we have volunteer delivery driver positions available as well. Volunteer drivers receive \$0.70 per mile. We deliver a nutritious, hot meal to homebound seniors in Franklin, Bellingham, Medway & Blackstone.

We are also hiring a per diem driver. The per diem driver works every other week, Mon – Fri, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Per diem drivers are paid an hourly wage plus mileage. Women are encouraged to apply.

All drivers whether volunteer or per diem must be at least 21 years of age. If you are interested in helping out, please call Jeanne at 508-520-1422 for further information."



Sunday October 5 at 3pm

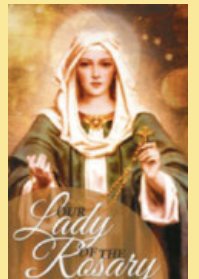
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Bring your pet to be blessed by Fr. Bob in honor of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures.

Rosary Rally

On Saturday, October 11, at 12 Noon, St. Mary Parish will hold a Rosary Rally. All are invited to meet at the Blessed Virgin Statue in the front of the Rectory to pray the Rosary together.

If it rains, the Rosary Rally will be held in the Chapel.



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.

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