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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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— LUKE 16:25 —



### 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  
pastor@stmarysfranklin.org

**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. John Tany  
parochialvicar@stmarysfranklin.org

**Deacon:** Deacon Ron Gerwatowski  
gerwat@verizon.net

**Pastoral Associate:** Leo Racine  
pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org

### RECTORY STAFF

508-528-0020

**Finance & Operations Manager:** Patricia Murphy  
businessmanager@stmarysfranklin.org

**Secretary:** Jennifer Lance  
secretary@stmarysfranklin.org

**Music Director:** Terry Kerr  
Terry.kerr@att.net or 508-541-3286

**Cemetery Caretaker:** Joe Spencer  
508-498-8271

### FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

508-528-1450

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#### Director:

Jim Flanagan - jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org

#### Secretary

Liz Bertoni - reled.secretary@stmarysfranklin.org

### 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 at 12:30pm. First time parents need to attend a Baptism Class held by Deacon Ron. Classes are held one evening each month via Zoom. To schedule a Baptism email: baptism@stmarysfranklin.org or call: 508-528-0020. 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.





**Sunday October 5 at 3pm**

St. Mary School Parking Lot, Pleasant St., Franklin

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

**READINGS THIS WEEK**

**Readings for the week of September 28, 2025**

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

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10



**Saturday, September 27**

4:00pm Jeanne Pisani

**Sunday, September 28**

7:30am Chevalier and Cupelo Grandparents

10:30am St. Vincent DePaul Society

**Monday, September 29**

7:00am Donna Antonuccio

**Tuesday, September 30**

7:00am Donna Kenyon

**Wednesday, October 1**

7:00am Anna Ashe

**Thursday, October 2**

7:00am Ricky Melanson

**Friday, October 3**

7:00 am For the Triumph of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**Saturday, October 4**

4:00pm Vanessa Marie Cusson, Walter and Mary Cusson

**Sunday, October 5**

7:30am Ronald, Alfred, Joseph, Raymond & Dominic Padula

10:30am Normand Gonthier



Last week, Adrian Francis Kapoor, Weston Thomas McNamara and John Jeffrey Quillin were Baptized by Fr. John. God Bless these children.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Grand Annual Collection** **October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Annual Collection is coming soon. Every registered household will soon receive a Grand Annual Appeal letter and envelope in the mail.

This year, we plan to revisit the installation of a new, more welcoming church sign—an effort postponed by the fire last year. We will also take important steps to enhance security for our church and rectory, ensuring that our parish remains a safe and sacred place for all.

### **Will you consider a special gift of \$500 or more?**

The Grand Annual makes these projects possible. Once again, we invite you to prayerfully consider a gift of \$500 or more toward this year's appeal. We know that for some this may be a sacrifice, and for others, an even greater gift may be possible. What matters most is that each of us participates according to our means, so that together we may reach our goal of \$175,000.

The Grand Annual Collection will be taken up three times this year as has been our tradition. The first collection will be held on the weekend of October 12<sup>th</sup> followed by additional collections on the weekends of November 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Please return your October 12th Grand Annual envelope with your total gift amount and first installment. Gifts may be made by mail, in the Sunday offertory, or online at [stmarysfranklin.org](http://stmarysfranklin.org).

We truly appreciate any assistance you can give and are counting on the many, who are able, to support this appeal. Thank you for your support.



Consider making your gift Online:  
[www.stmarysfranklin.org](http://www.stmarysfranklin.org)

### **Volunteers Wanted**

The Franklin Meals on Wheels office needs volunteers to pack meals. We also have volunteer delivery driver positions available. 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 (21+). 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. If you are interested in helping out, please call Jeanne at 508-520-1422 .



### **Rosary Rally**

St. Mary Parish will hold a Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 11th at 12 Noon. All are invited. We will 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 *Many Thanks!*

The St. Vincent DePaul Society would like to thank all those who participated and donated to our Friends of the Poor Walk. It's not too late...you can donate via our online collection link at the St. Vincent DePaul page on our parish website or use the QR code:



## Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

*Campaign for People with  
Intellectual Disabilities*

### October 11th and 12th after each Mass

The Sacred Heart Council #1847, Knights of Columbus will be doing their annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" for individuals with *"Intellectual Disabilities."* The Knights are collecting donations to help recognize the dignity of every person.

This is a chance to provide people with intellectual and physical disabilities with more resources to live a happy life. The Knights of Columbus has also partnered with the Special Olympics. Please consider contributing to this worthy cause.

You can also use this QR Code that directs you to a link where you can donate, or donate online by accessing: [www.givebutter.com/FranklinTootsieRoll](http://www.givebutter.com/FranklinTootsieRoll)



Archbishop Richard Henning invites all couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, 50th or other milestone wedding anniversaries to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, October 26 at 3:00 PM** at the **Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston**. The couple will renew their marriage commitment and receive a special blessing. **Please select one ticket per couple.**

There will be an opportunity for photos after the Mass. All family and friends are welcome to attend; guests do not need to register. Information on parking options will be mailed out to registered guests. For more information, please email [marriageprep@rcab.org](mailto:marriageprep@rcab.org).

## Dei Verbum

The *Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation*, or *Dei Verbum (DV)*, is the sixth Second Vatican Council document we will be looking at in our Vatican II document series.

*DV* first talks about revelation in general, telling us that "Christ is both the mediator and the sum total of revelation." All there is to know about God is found in Christ, the one who helps us to know and experience God in our world. He is the mediator or bridge between us and the Father. Our knowledge of God, or divine revelation, is made up of tradition, Sacred Scripture and the Bible. This includes the lives/teachings of the apostles, the unity of the Church and the Eucharist and the prayers.

The rest of *DV* addresses Sacred Scripture. Through the Old and New Testaments, scripture tells us of God's work of salvation among God's people, first among the Israelites (Old Testament) and then among Christians (New Testament). We are all encouraged to read, study, and pray over the Sacred Scriptures so that we may continue to grow in our understanding of God's presence and work in our world. You can read *DV* in its entirety at <https://bit.ly/VatIIDV>.



### Knights of Columbus Membership Drive This Weekend!

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 this weekend. 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](http://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](mailto:johnhickey669@gmail.com)



### CYO Basketball Registration

CYO Basketball Registration for **Boys and Girls** in 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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](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 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.



### Rosary for Life

**October 4, 2025 at 2:30pm at  
St. Mary Cemetery**

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 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. *If it is raining, we will meet in the Chapel.*

The rosary will be led by Deacon Guy with members of the Respect Life Commission helping with the decades.



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