A close-up photograph of several burlap sacks filled with mustard seeds. The seeds are small, round, and have a warm, golden-brown hue. The sacks are made of coarse, woven fabric, and the image is softly blurred in the background, creating a sense of depth and texture. The lighting is warm and natural, highlighting the organic nature of the seeds.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH

THE SIZE OF A MUSTARD SEED.

— LUKE 17:6 —

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

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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 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 October 5, 2025

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

Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19



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

Monday, October 6

7:00am Albert Peter Palumbo

Tuesday, October 7

7:00am

Wednesday, October 8

7:00am

Thursday, October 9

7:00am Deceased members of the Gallo Family

Friday, October 10

7:00 am Antonio Pisani

Saturday, October 11

4:00pm Tina Baker

Sunday, October 12

7:30am Angelina and William Trenouth and David and Ronald Trenouth

10:30am Hank Versprille



Last week, Alice Mary Doogan, Lincoln Rocco Taddeo and Catherine Ann Vanesian were Baptized by Deacon Ron. God Bless these children.

1st Grand Annual Collection
1st Grand Annual collection is October 11th & 12th

Our 1st Grand Annual Collection is next week.

This annual appeal supports not only operating expenses but also building maintenance and repair. 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 12th followed by additional collections on the weekends of November 2nd and December 7th.

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.

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.



Online Giving

Consider making your gift Online:
www.stmarysfranklin.org

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The universal Catholic Church's observation of World Day of Migrants and Refugees is usually held on the last day of September. However, this year it is held in conjunction with the Jubilees of Migrants and the Missions, celebrated this weekend in Rome.

The theme for the 2025 World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Migrants, Missionaries of Hope." Pope Leo XIV has written a message for this day, (<https://bit.ly/LeoXIVMigrants>). In this message, Pope Leo tells us that "many migrants, refugees and displaced persons are privileged witnesses of hope." He reminds us that "the communities that welcome them can also be a living witness to hope, one that is understood as the promise of a present and a future where the dignity of all as children of God is recognized."

The United States bishops have a website (<https://justiceforimmigrants.org/>) devoted to issues regarding immigration. One of the issues they address is that of Catholic Social Teaching. You can read about Catholic Social Teaching and migration at <https://bit.ly/JFICst>.



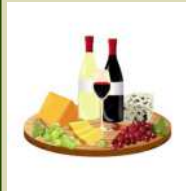
St. Vincent DePaul *Many Thanks!*

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:



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.



Adult Choir Wine and Cheese Party

The St. Mary Adult Choir has begun their Choral Season for 2025 - 2026! The Adult Choir will host a Wine and Cheese Party at their weekly rehearsal on **Thursday, October 9 at 7:30 pm** in the Upper Church Choir Loft.

If you have an interest in singing or have questions about singing in the Adult Choir, please stop by on October 9th and check it out!!!



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.

Women's Faith Formation October 20th Meeting

All women are invited and encouraged to attend our Women's Faith Formation meeting, scheduled for October 20th from 9:00 - 10:00 am. We will be watching another video from Fr. Dave Pivonka's series "My father's Father." There will be time for discussion following the video and light refreshments will be served.

The meeting will be held in the school building (accessible by the ramp from the parking lot). The videos in this series can be viewed independently, so it will not be a problem if you missed a previous session. All women are welcome!



Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Men

This next meeting of the St. Marys Parish Men's Faith Formation group is on **Saturday, October 18 at 8am** in the Sacred Heart Hall. All men, 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.



The Catholic Women's Club will hold their bake sale the weekend of October 25th and 26th after all the masses. All proceeds go to their scholarship fund.



8th Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Apple * Pumpkin * Blueberry * Pecan * Cherry



- ✓ Order Pies for your Thanksgiving table.
- ✓ Donate Pies to benefit Franklin Senior Center and the Franklin Food Pantry for their Thanksgiving table.

You can order pies in the back of the Church after all Masses on the weekends of October 25 & 26 and November 1 & 2 or online from October 4 thru November 2 at:

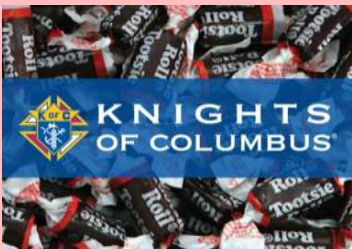
<https://kofc1847.org/payments-thanksgiving-pie-sale> or the QR Code below.

A couple changes this year, we are adding Cherry as another choice to complement our delicious Apple, Pumpkin and Blueberry pies. The price this year is **\$20.00** per Pie, with PECAN at a cost of \$25. We have done all we can to hold the costs down.

You can pickup the pies at the Religious Ed. Office on **Tuesday, November 25th from 2-6pm**

For more information, contact Mike Swan at 508-404-4792 or mbswan@comcast.net or Jim Lane at 774-571-9804

Proceeds to support the ongoing charitable efforts of the 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: <https://givebutter.com/paxQaR>



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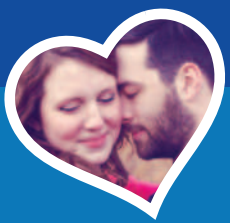
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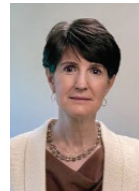
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