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SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE SPIRIT OF GOD
DESCENDING LIKE
A DOVE.

— MATTHEW 3:16 —



MASS SCHEDULE

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

Wi-Fi: **StMarysChurchMesh** Password: **STMarysGuest**

All weekend Masses are Live Streamed at:
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RECTORY HOURS

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

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Very Rev. Robert A. Poitras V.F.
pastor@stmarysfranklin.org

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gerwat@verizon.net

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pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org

RECTORY STAFF

508-528-0020

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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.

Holy Hour For Life

Friday, January 29 from 7-8pm

The St. Mary Respect Life Commission is having a Holy Hour for Life on in the Chapel on Friday January 28 from 7 to 8pm. All are welcome!

Every Life is Worth Living Prayer

*Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life.
Help us to cherish and protect this gift,
even in the midst of fear,
pain, and suffering.*

*Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable,
and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is
worth living.*

*Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need,
and teach us to be merciful to all.*

*Through our words and actions, may others encounter
the outstretched hands of Your mercy.*

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Saturday, January 10

4:00pm Gerald P. Hart

Sunday, January 11

7:30am

10:30am Antoinette Perry

Monday, January 12

7:00am

Tuesday, January 13

7:00am

Wednesday, January 14

7:00am

Thursday, January 15

7:00am

Friday, January 16

7:00am

Saturday, January 17

4:00pm Kenneth Webster

Sunday, January 18

7:30am

10:30am Helen Novak & Family

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of January 11, 2026

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34



There were no Baptisms last weekend. Please email the Jennifer Lance, the parish secretary at Baptism@stmarysfranklin.org to schedule a Baptism for 2026.



K of C Free Throw Contest

The St. Mary Parish, Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council 1847, Franklin, MA are holding their Annual Girls and Boys Basketball Free Throw Contest. It will be at the Hockomock YMCA, Franklin, MA on **Saturday January 17, 2026** at 3PM-5PM. We welcome all 9-14 Years old Girls and Boys and would like the parent to accompany the participant.

Come and join us for a great day of competition and basketball. You do not have to be an expert, just come and have fun! The Winners will be decided after the shooting is complete and will be invited to the " Districts" to compete among the other Council Champions.



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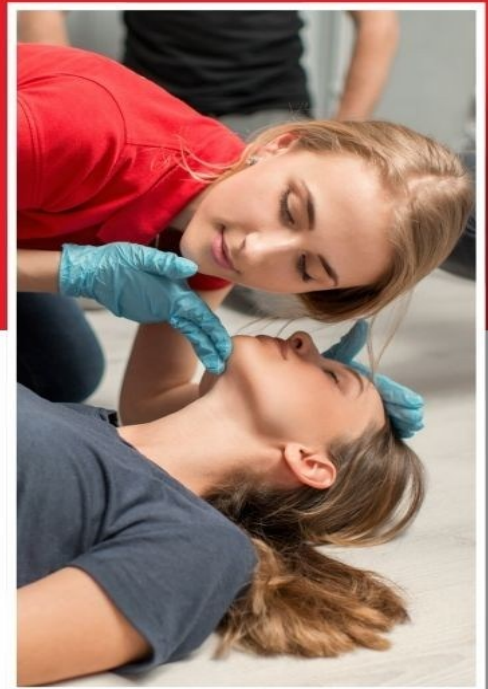
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- First Aid

IMPORTANT INFO

- Maryellen McNally - Trainer
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- Cost is only \$50.00
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- Open to all parishioners starting at age 12



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YOUTH MINISTRY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you are in need of service hours - St. Mary's Faith Formation and Youth Ministry have several projects that we could use help on!



OPPORTUNITIES MAY INCLUDE:

CLEANING
TABLES

ADMINISTRATIVE
SUPPORT

ORGANIZE NEW
YOUTH ROOM

CONTACT US AT: Jim Flanagan a 617-922-0024 or
jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org



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. The St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry is looking for the following items to help our Franklin neighbors in need.

Paper products (esp. Tissues/Kleenex)
Jam/Jelly
Pasta
Spaghetti sauce
Laundry detergent

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



Upcoming High School Youth Ministry Events

1st Sunday of the Month - YM Event

(Social, Christian Service, Prayer, Speaker)

February 1,

March 1st, April 12th (2nd Sunday),

May 3 & June 7th

Boston College/Providence College Hockey

Friday, January 16th

Leaving the parking lot at 5:15 p.m.

Returning after the game

Cost is \$40.00 (ticket & bus transportation)

Contact Jim Flanagan at jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org

Zoom Rosary

Deacon Guy continues a Zoom Rosary every Monday night at 7:00pm. This is open to parishioners, family & friends from all communities. You are welcome to join, relax, pray and/or and just listen. *Link info* is on the Parish Web Site under Parish Life and Prayer. For more information contact Deacon Guy at: deaconguy@verizon.net.



Sanctuary Care Volunteers Needed

Looking for a meaningful New Year's Resolution? The Altar & Sanctuary Care Team needs volunteers to help a few times a year with:

- Light cleaning
- Sacred linen care

Contact Kate Boragine (508-440-5330) for more details if you are interested in joining the team.

Thank you!!



Sock and Underwear Drive

During this season of good cheer, please consider supporting our neighbors in need by contributing to the Sock and Underwear Drive, sponsored by the Respect Life Commission. We are requesting new prepackaged items in a variety of sizes for adults and children. These donations will benefit families and individuals in area homeless shelters as well as members of our own Franklin community. Bins will be available near the entrances of the church to collect your donations the weekends of Jan. 17 & 18, Jan 24 & 25 and Jan 31 & Feb 1. Thank you for your generosity. We are looking for donations of :



Boxer shorts: boys and men, all sizes

T- shirts: children and adults

Socks: children and adults, all sizes

Underwear, sports bras and panties: girls and women all sizes



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High School Youth Ministry

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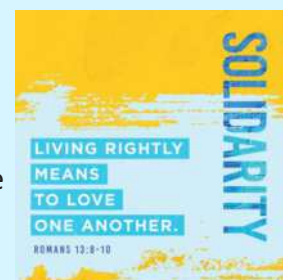
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH - GAME STARTS AT 7 PM

COST IS \$40.00 (TICKET AND TRANSPORTATION)

Catholic Social Teaching: Solidarity

This month we will look at the Catholic Social Teaching theme of **Solidarity**. The United States Bishops have prepared a document (<https://bit.ly/USCCBSeven>) which lists the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching. Addressing the theme of solidarity, the bishops write that “we are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences.”

One of the identifying marks of solidarity is the pursuit of the common good for all peoples throughout the world. “All individuals well-being is intertwined with the well-being of the larger society of which they are members” (<https://bit.ly/USCatholicSolidarity>). We are therefore called to work toward the creation of a society defined by equity and justice, ensuring that all peoples have adequate food and water, shelter, clothing and other basics, as well as opportunities for work and dignity. You can view the US Bishops’ video on solidarity at <https://bit.ly/USCCBVideo>; From the menu, choose *Solidarity* from among the seven CST options.



Contact Jim Flanagan at jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org for more info.

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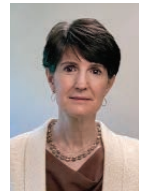
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