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SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026



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.

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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.

- SACRAMENTS -



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.



On November 14, 2025, Kathryn Bennett Married James Gagnon at St. Mary Parish, Franklin. They were married by Bennett family friend, Deacon Gary Donahue. May God Bless them with a long, loving, happy and healthy life together.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of January 18, 2026

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

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



Saturday, January 17

4:00pm Kenneth Webster

Sunday, January 18

7:30am Itala Taddeo

10:30am Helen Novak & Family

Monday, January 19

7:00am

Tuesday, January 20

7:00am

Wednesday, January 21

7:00am

Thursday, January 22

7:00am The Webb Families

Friday, January 23

7:00am Irene Atkinson

Saturday, January 24

4:00pm Linda Padula

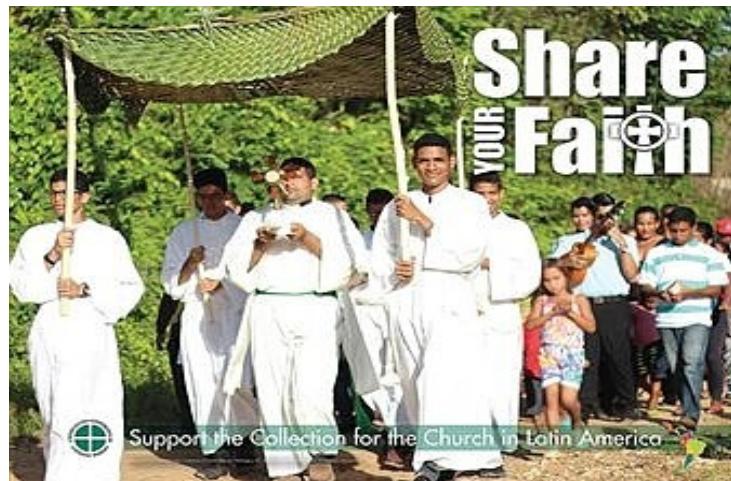
Sunday, January 25

7:30am Antonio Pereira

10:30am Joseph & Giovannina Narducci & Domenic Narducci



Last weekend, Michael James Murphy and Owen Gregory Phillips were Baptized by Fr. John. May God Bless these children.



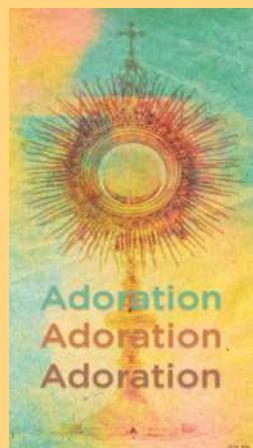
**Collection for the Church in Latin America
Weekend of January 24 and 25**

Next week's second collection supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poorer dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. They fund catechetical and lay leadership programs and formation programs for religious, priests and deacons. CLA makes it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western hemisphere to help each other.

**Weekly Adoration
Thursday Mornings & Evenings**

Weekly Adoration will take place in the Chapel on **Thursday mornings** from **7:30-8:30am** and on **Thursday evening** from **6:30-7:30pm**.

The Respect Life Commission's Adoration will now take place on **Thursday, January 22, 2026** from **6:30-7:30pm** during weekly Adoration in the Chapel. On this evening, there will be a particular focus on praying for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. All are welcome.



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January 28, 2026 6:30-9:30pm

Sunday, February 1, 2026, 1:30-4:30pm

Protecting God's Children® for Adults is a program designed to assist members of the Catholic community in creating safe environments for our children and vulnerable adults.

This program will be offered on Wednesday, January, 28 at 6:30 to 9:30pm and Sunday, February 1 at 1:30 to 4:30pm in the Parish Pastoral Center (school). You only need to attend one session. To reserve a spot in the session or for more information, please call Leo Racine, Pastoral Associate, at the parish office (508-528-0020) or email: pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org. Registration will be online.



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

Family Mass

Sunday, January 25th

10:30am Mass for families

Light refreshment served in after this Mass in
Sacred Heart Hall

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 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.



Bible Study

Bible Study: Have you noticed that John's gospel is very different from the others? For starters, it doesn't have its own liturgical year (there are only three, A, B, and C), but we hear from John's Gospel many times throughout the year, such as during Lent and the Easter Season.

If you are interested in learning more about the Gospel of John, please join our Bible Study group. We will begin our study on Monday, January 26. The meetings are held from 11:00 to 12:00 noon in the chapel at Magnolia Heights, the retirement residence at 485 East Central Street, Franklin. There is no cost for the group.

Contact Leo Racine, our pastoral associate, for more information and to register. He can be reached at 508-528-0020 or pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org.

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



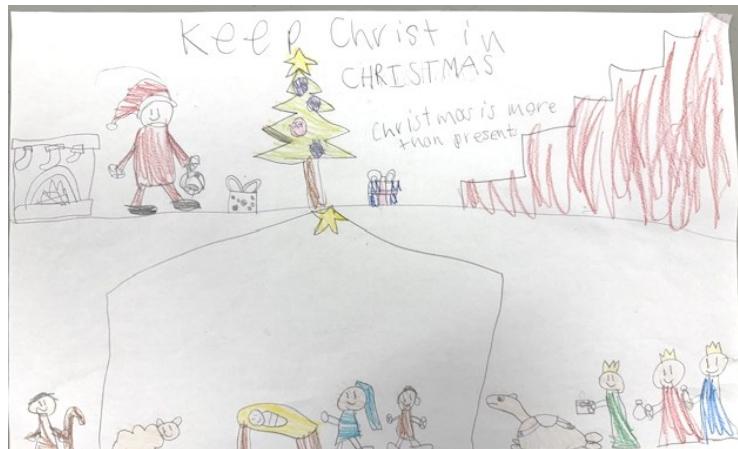
Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus, **Keep Christ in Christmas 2025** winners!

Benjamin Brenn (grade 2)

Daniel McCahill (grade 4)

Mollie Brenn (grade 5)

Their names have gone on to the K of C District Competition. Good Luck to these young artists, and thanks to all participants and winners!



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Today, January 18, marks the beginning of the 118th annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in which all are invited to participate by the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute of NY, a ministry of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement (<https://geii.org/>).

This week presents a time “to realign the hearts of Christians toward mutual recognition and spiritual transformation.” Each year, the prayers, reflections and themes for the week are developed by a different community; this year’s materials were developed by an ecumenical group of Armenian Christians under the auspices of the Armenian Apostolic Church. The theme for this week of prayer is “*There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling*” (Ephesians 4:4).

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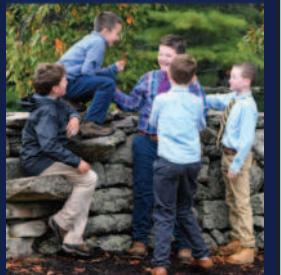
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