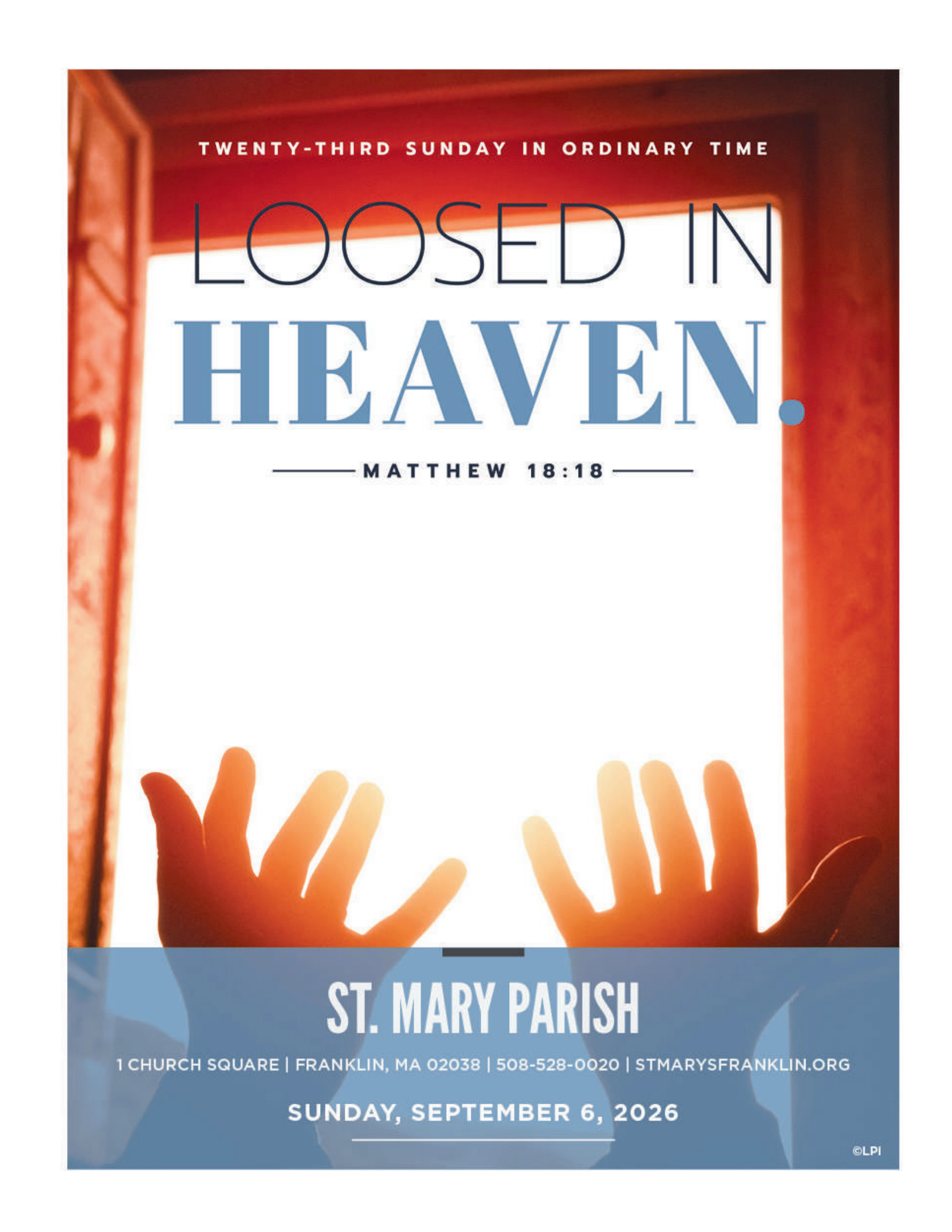




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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00pm
 Sunday: 7:30am, 10:30am and 5:00pm
 Monday - Friday 7:00am

Adoration: Thursdays 7:30-8:30am and 6:30-7:30pm
 Wi-Fi: StMarysChurchMesh Password: STMarysGuest
 Weekend Masses Live Streamed at: stmarysfranklin.org

RECTORY HOURS

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

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

Parochial Vicar: Rev. John Tanyi
 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: Jill Compton
 businessmanager@stmarysfranklin.org

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 secretary@stmarysfranklin.org

Music Director: Dr. Krishan Oberoi
 krishan.oberoi@gmail.com

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 508-498-8271

150th Anniversary Director: John Ristaino
 150director@stmarysfranklin.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

508-528-1450
 201 Main Street, Franklin, MA 02038

Director: Jim Flanagan
 jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org

ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED

St. Vincent De Paul: 508-918-2291

Parish Registration

Online at www.stmarysfranklin.org or call the office.



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 or friend who is unable to attend church due to age or infirmity, we will provide pastoral visits. To set-up visits, please call the rectory or email the Pastoral Associate at: pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org.

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.

New Sunday Family and Youth Mass

This Labor Day Weekend, Sunday September 6, at 5pm St. Mary Parish is adding a new Sunday Mass to the schedule! The new 5pm Mass will begin this Sunday, September 6, 2026 and concluding on Memorial Day Weekend Sunday, May 30, 2027.

New Church Security System

We are happy to announce that our St. Mary Church security project is now complete. We now have a state-of-the-art video surveillance system that allows us to monitor and record the entire interior and exterior of St. Mary's Church. Our new system also introduces a automatic entrance locking and unlocking system for every outside door of the church.

The new St. Michael the Archangel Security System is donated in loving memory of The Cupelo and Chevalier Family.

Our Sacred Heart Chapel will now be open for prayer from 6am-8pm Monday through Friday.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of September 6, 2026

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/ Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-3



Saturday, September 5

4:00pm Donald Therault

Sunday, September 6

7:30am Tatum Elizabeth Sheehan

10:30am Hector Gomez

Monday, September 7

7:00am Elena Rosati

Tuesday, September 8

7:00am Ronald Paquette

Wednesday, September 9

7:00am Sarah O'Neal

Thursday, September 10

7:00am Juliette Kuza

Friday, September 11

7:00am Flavio Taddeo

Saturday, September 12

4:00pm Mary Verna Kaufman

Sunday, September 13

7:30am Walter, Alice and Valerie Morash

10:30am Peggy Yanuskiewicz



Last weekend James Tighe Donovan, Reese Valentina Olsen were Baptized by Fr. Bob. May God bless these children.



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, 2026

9:00 AM — 2:00 PM

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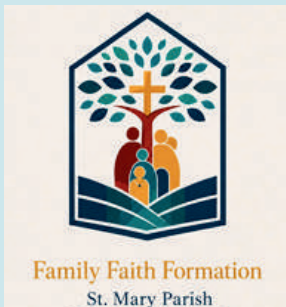
Protecting God's Children

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. Protecting God's Children® for Adults is open to all St. Mary's parishioners and is mandatory for many of our parish ministers. This program will be offered here in our parish on **Sunday, September 13 (1:00 to 4:00PM)** and **Wednesday, September 16 (6:00 to 9:00PM)** in the school modular building; you need only attend one session and you can attend anywhere in the Archdiocese. Registration is online at www.virtusonline.org; click on First Time Registrant and choose Boston, MA (Archdiocese) as your organization in order to see a list of the available sessions. Please call Leo Racine, Pastoral Associate, at the parish office (508-528-0020) or email him at pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org.



Bible Study begins September 14

God's Spirit is present in the world now and in individuals of both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. In our Fall 2026 Bible Study, we will be learning about the Holy Spirit in the Bible. There will be six Monday sessions, beginning on Monday, September 14 and ending on Monday, October 26. The meetings will be held from 11:00 to 12:00 noon in the third floor chapel at Magnolia Heights, in 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.



Family Faith Formation

Open to all parishioners regardless of age

Read all about it and register:

<https://www.stmarysfranklin.org/religious-ed>
<https://www.stmarysfranklin.org/re-registration>

St. Mary's Family Faith Formation – 2026 - 2027

What is Family Faith Formation?

The Catholic Church defines the family as the "domestic church" - a community of faith, hope, and charity, where God's love is welcomed, lived, celebrated, & passed on to the next generation. Family Faith Formation session brings lessons learned in to life at home, fostering a shared spiritual life, mutual respect, and a commitment to living out the Gospel in everyday relationships regardless of ones stage of life or belief.

For More Information

Jim Flanagan Director of Family Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

Email Jim at jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org

Office 508-528-1450 or Jim's Cell 617-922-0024

Help Wanted
St. Mary Parish Secretary

St. Mary's is looking for someone to provide administrative and clerical support for the church and parish operations. The secretary works with priests, parishioners and our organizations to fulfill the needs of the parish. This includes answering phones, managing the parish calendar, preparing for funerals and baptisms, making the weekly bulletin and creating sacramental certificates upon request. This position is a 24 to 30 hour a week, hourly paid position.

Office hours are Monday thru Thursday 9am to 3pm but the additional hours are flexible. Must enjoy interacting with people, be organized and able to multi-task and have computer skills in Google Calendar, Word, Excel and Canva/MS Publishing . If interested, please email: Fr. Bob at pastor@stmarysfranklin.org



Women's Faith Formation

The Women's Faith Formation will begin their 2026-207 Season with a meeting on Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 9am in the St. Mary School Modular Classroom. In honor of the Franciscan Jubilee Year proclaimed by Pope Leo, we will watch a video about St Francis. 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).

All women are welcome!



SAVE THE DATE!

St. Vincent DePaul

Friends of the Poor Walk

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Registration at 8:30 am on the Town Common followed by a Blessing for the Walk at 9:00am. Participants can Collect donations and Walk with us or donate online with the QR Code:



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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.

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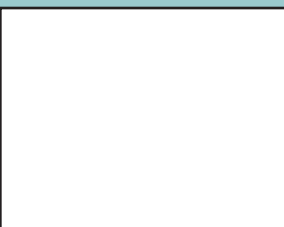



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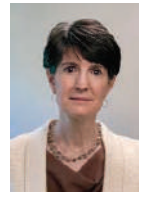
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