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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"YOU TOO
GO INTO MY
VINEYARD."

MATTHEW 20:4



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 10:30am and 5:00pm (Sept. - May)

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 - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm

PASTORAL STAFF

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

Parochial Vicar: Rev. John Tanyi
parochialvicar@stmarysfranklin.org

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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
Curriculum Coordinator: Paul aFlanagan

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.

Communion to 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 5pm Family and Youth Mass

St. Mary Parish is adding a new 5:00pm Mass to the Sunday schedule! The new 5pm Mass began on Sunday, of Labor Day and will conclude on Memorial Day Weekend Sunday, May 30, 2027.

Clergy Trust

Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend's second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For More Information, Please visit www.clergytrust.org



READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of September 20, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



Saturday, September 19

4:00pm Madeleine Nasuti

Sunday, September 20

7:30am Arthur and Maria Souza

10:30am The Arcaro, Kerr, Negrone, Colace,
Lozzi and Carfagnini families

Monday, September 21

7:00am Stephen Lombardi

Tuesday, September 22

7:00am Donald Carpentier

Wednesday, September 23

7:00am Oliver Lewis

Thursday, September 24

7:00am Claire and Alfred Ortolano

Friday, September 25

7:00am Charles Billings

Saturday, September 26

4:00pm Jeanne Pisani

Sunday, September 20

7:30am Angela Coscia

10:30am All deceased members of the
Ristaino and Cataldo Family



Last weekend Leo Joseph Keenan, James David Mavrides and Francis Raymond Murray were Baptized by Fr. Bob.
May God Bless these children.



COME WALK WITH US!!

St. Vincent DePaul

Friends of the Poor Walk

Saturday, September 26, 2026

8:30am Registration on the Town Common

9:00am Blessing for the walk

Participants can collect donations and walk with us
or donate online with the QR Code:



Zoom Rosary

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





Registration will open for Boys and Girls in
5th - 12th grade this week.

The season runs from **October 2026 to March 2027**.

To register or get more information on our program
including eligibility requirements, please visit:
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**.

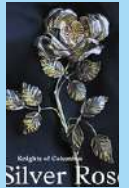
If you have questions or are interested in becoming a
member of our Board, please contact:
Dave Benoit at davebenoit76@gmail.com



**Knights of Columbus and the
Respect Life Commission Sponsor
the Silver Rose in Honor of Life and
Our Lady of Guadalupe**

A silver rose, on a nine-month pilgrimage will be the
centerpiece of a special prayer service in the Chapel
on **Saturday, September 26th at 11:30 AM**.

The journey of the silver rose begins each year in
March and ends on Dec 12, on the
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. During
that time, Silver Roses travel from town
to town along eight routes throughout
North America. Several of the routes
begin in Canada and end in Mexico.

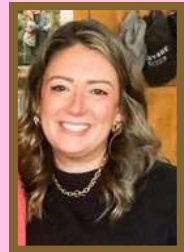


Dear Friends,

I am pleased to introduce to you,
Melissa McGovern. After staying
home with her two children for
eleven years she is joining us at St.
Mary as **our new secretary**.

She has been settling into her new
role nicely and is excited to be a
part of our Parish family.

Please join us in extending a warm
St. Mary's welcome to Melissa.



Peace,
Fr. Bob



Family Faith Formation 2026 - 2027

Open to all parishioners - All Ages!

Read all about it and register:

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

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

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CARRY THE CANDLES



HOLD THE ROMAN MISSAL



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SERVE GOD AND OTHERS

YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS



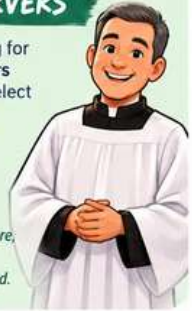
- ✓ At least 9 years old
- ✓ Have received First Holy Communion
- ✓ Willing to learn and serve (and have a little fun!)

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
WE'LL TEACH YOU!**

ADULT SERVERS

We're also looking for **Adult Altar Servers** who can help at select weekend Masses and especially at **Funeral Masses** during the week.

Whether you served years ago or never before, you are welcome! Training will be provided.



INTERESTED? SIGN UP TODAY!

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Fr. John will get back to you with a date for training.

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Tootsie Roll Drive



*Campaign for People with
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Weekend of October 10 and 11*

When you see Knights in the yellow vests that read "Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities," you should smile. When these Knights hold their bright cans and collect donations around a Massachusetts town, they help recognize the dignity of every person.

The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council #1847 will be doing their annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" for individuals with Intellectual and Physical 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.



Please use the
QR Code to donate.



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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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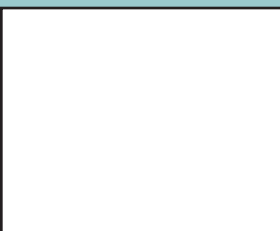
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