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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“GO OUT
AND WORK IN
THE VINEYARD.”

— MATTHEW 21:28 —



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

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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.

Second Collection Oct 4 + 5: Holy Father and Apostolic Works

Next weekend's second collection supports the Holy Father's "Peter Pence" collection:

- funds emergency disaster relief
- supports Catholic Univ. of America
- assists Inner-City parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston
- Your generosity will assist the Holy Father as well as various Apostolic works at home and abroad

For more information:

www.usccb.org/nationalcollection/peters-pence

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of September 27, 2026

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

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



Saturday, September 26

4:00pm Jeanne Pisani

Sunday, September 27

7:30am Angela Coscia

10:30am Deceased members of the Ristaino and Cataldo families

Monday, September 28

7:00am Cristina Ferrara

Tuesday, September 29

7:00am Carissa Saunders and Aline Boucher

Wednesday, September 30

7:00am Joanne Bogon

Thursday, October 1

7:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, October 2

7:00am Ralph Rosati Jr

Saturday, October 3

4:00pm John Creavin

Sunday, October 4

7:30am John Favora

10:30am Officer Stephen LaPorta



Last weekend Adeline Rose Dulong, Lucy Marigold Fricker, Henry Steven Fricker, Clarisse Marie Hover, and Owen Shea O'Hara were Baptized by Fr. John.
May God Bless these children.

to celebrate the opening of Family Faith Formation



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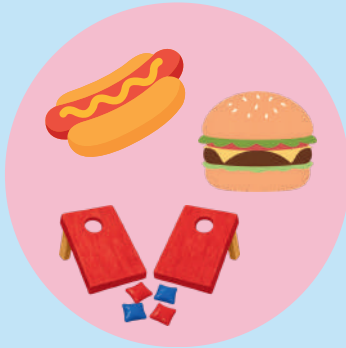
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OUTDOOR MASS + COOKOUT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

10:30AM MASS

Mass will be held in the grass behind the school.
Please bring your own lawn chairs and/or blankets



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GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER



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

Annual Blessing of The Animals

Saturday, **October 3, 2026** | **1:00pm**
school parking lot, 201 Main St, Franklin



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:



CYO Basketball Registration

Registration open for **girls and boys in grades 5 to 12**.
Follow us on X - @St_MarysCYO. Tryouts: TBD
To register - metrowestcyobasketball.com/reg
Questions: franklincyobasketball@gmail.com



Middle School Youth Ministry

St Mary Parish family, **we need help from adults and middle schoolers** to make this happen.
We look forward to everything this ministry can become.
We will have our first leadership meeting on **Monday, September 29th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Youth Ministry Room.



High School Youth Ministry

The leadership team would like to run a Haunted House toward the end of October. St Mary Parish family, **we need help from adults and high schoolers** to make this happen.
We will have a planning meeting on **Monday, September 29th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Youth Ministry Room.



FRANKLIN SENIOR CENTER

Senior Expo 2026

Friday, October 2, 2026 | 10am-1pm

Connecting older adults, caregivers,
+ community resources.

- 400+ vendors
- 300+ attendees
- Vaccination clinic
- Community resources
- Giveaways and raffles

10 Daniel McCahill Street, Franklin



Drive

Weekend of October 10 and 11



donate here

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.

Did you know...



The Parish Office is now open
on Fridays from 9:00am-3:00pm.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

WHAT IS IT?

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 sessions
teach the value of fostering a strong
spiritual community, mutual respect of peers,
and a commitment to living out the Gospel
in everyday life, regardless
of ones age or beliefs.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Open to parishoners of **all** ages.



For More Information contact: **Jim Flanagan**
Director of Family Faith Formation and Youth Ministry
jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org
Office 508-528-1450 | Cell 617-922-0024

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Women's Faith Formation

We are please to welcome Catholic author Jennessa Terraccino to the **October 10th** meeting of the Women's Faith Formation group, where she will speak about her newest book "A Rosary for Every Heart", published by Sophia Press.

Jennessa is a passionate servant of Jesus, a dynamic speaker, editor of "Road Signs for Catholic Teens" (Our Sunday Visitor, 2019) and author of "The Princess Guide: Faith Lessons from Snow White, Cinderella, and Sleeping Beauty" (Servant Books, 2015). Jennessa earned a MA in Theological Studies from the Christendom Graduate School. She also holds a certificate in Youth Ministry (accredited by Franciscan University). Jennessa spent a number of years serving teens in the Arlington Diocese as a volunteer and Coordinator of Youth Ministry. She has made appearances on EWTN, CatholicTV, radio, podcasts, and online conferences. Currently, she resides in New England with her husband and children.

Find out more at www.femmeorfaux.com

The meeting will begin at 9 am and be held in the school building
(accessible by the ramp from the parking lot).

Light refreshments will be served . **All women are welcome!**

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
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SERVE LEARN

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.*



GROW

MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Interested? Sign up today! Email Fr. John:
ParochialVicar@stmarysfranklin.org



St. Vincent DePaul Society

508-918-2291

The St. Vincent DePaul Society would like to thank all of the parishioners who **so generously** donate to the SVdP Food Pantry.

We are looking for the following items:

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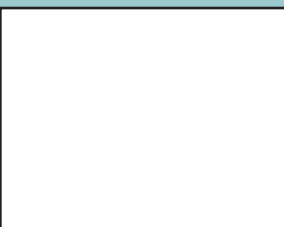



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