



• 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

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BELONGS TO GOD.**

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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: stmarysfranklin.org

RECTORY HOURS Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Very Rev. Robert A. Poitras V.F.

pastor@stmarysfranklin.org

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parochialvicar@stmarysfranklin.org

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gerwat@verizon.net

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508-528-0020

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fando@stmarysfranklin.org

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krishan.oberoi@gmail.com

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508-498-8271

150th Anniversary Director: John Ristaino

150director@stmarysfranklin.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

+ YOUTH MINISTRY

508-528-1450

201 Main Street, Franklin, MA 02038

Director: Jim Flanagan

jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org

Curriculum Coordinator: Paula Flanagan

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.

ANNOINTING 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.



Saturday, October 17
4:00pm Louis + Anthony Marano

Sunday, October 18
7:30am Eleanor Healey
10:30am William and Helen Walsh
Wedding Anniv.

Monday, October 19
7:00am Barbara Dellamora

Tuesday, October 20
7:00am Barba Dellamora

Wednesday, October 21
7:00am Frank + Claire Rofino

Thursday, October 22
7:00am John + Mary Penkala

Friday, October 23
7:00am Oliver Lewis

Saturday, October 24
4:00pm Walter Allen, Mary Antoinette
+ Vanessa Marie Cusson

Sunday, October 25
7:30am Sabino Coscia
10:30am Thomas Gentili

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2026

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40



Last weekend Damian Oliver Coorie, Declan Russell Walsh, Sofia Siena Messinger, Elizabeth Eileen Kohl, and Meadow Mae Hughes were Baptized by Fr. Bob. May God Bless these children.

Celebrating 150 Years of Faith at St. Mary Parish

2027 marks the 150th Anniversary of St. Mary Parish as a Catholic faith community in Franklin, Massachusetts!

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY TO Italy

As part of this very special anniversary year, we are planning a Spiritual Journey to Italy—an opportunity to experience the beauty, history, faith, and sacred places of Italy together as a parish community.

JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION
Wednesday, October 21, 2026
6:00 PM
Sacred Heart Hall
Lower Level of St. Mary Church
Come learn, ask questions, explore the possibilities, and get excited about this special spiritual journey with other interested travelers!

Please contact John Ristaino
St. Mary 150 Director
✉ 150Director@StMarysFranklin.org

Questions?

Faith History Friendship in Italy!

MASS CARD PRICE INCREASE

Starting Monday, October 19, the price of purchasing a physical Mass card will increase from **\$10 to \$15**. Mass intentions will remain at the same \$10 price.



Hallow is a prayer and meditation app that combines the peace and stillness of meditation with the spiritual growth of contemplative prayer. It features over 10,000 sessions of audio-guided prayers led by world-class talent such as Jonathan Roumie, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Bishop Barron, Mark Wahlberg, Sr. Miriam James SOLT, Jeff Cavins, Dr. Scott Hahn, and more!

“All of our content is based in Catholic teaching and we are working closely with leaders of the Catholic Church to make sure all of the content is always 100% in line with Church teaching.” Hallow features the Bible on its “Navigation” tab towards the bottom of the screen and many of the sessions are rooted in Scripture, such as Jeff Cavin's Daily Reflections or Fr. Mike's Bible in a Year.

The Hallow app is available in multiple languages. It also offers a large variety of content for kids and teens under the “Kids & Families” tab.



Scan to download
the Hallow app

CAREGIVER APPRECIATION DAY

“It’s time to care for yourself.”

We’re inviting all caregivers! Those caring for parents, spouses, grandparents, or loved ones, please join us for a special day of recognition, relaxation, and gratitude.

Friday, November 6, 2026

11:00am - 3:00pm

Franklin Senior Center

10 Daniel McCahill St. Franklin, MA

(508) 520-4945

Mini Spa & Wellness Services | Refreshments
Raffles & Giveaways | Entertainment & Music

Resource Tables | Educational Workshops

Free Admission - All Caregivers Welcome

RSVP appreciated, but not necessary.

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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** deaconguy@verizon.net

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION A SUCCESS

Our 2026 Grand Annual Appeal is off to a great start with many households making their gift. If you have not already done so, please place your completed “Grand Annual Envelope” in the regular collection at Mass or mail it directly to the parish office. Additional envelopes are available at the entrance to the church.

All families are being asked to consider a gift of \$500 or more. If you have not decided on your gift to the Grand Annual, we invite you to prayerfully consider making your gift this week. We truly appreciate any assistance you can give and are counting on the many, who are able, to support this appeal.

St. Mary Parish budgeted goal = \$196,000

**Collection Dates: October 11,
November 8, and December 6**

**Thank you to the many families that have
already returned their Grand Annual Gift.**



Online Giving



Consider making your gift Online:
www.stmarysfranklin.org

A festive Halloween-themed invitation for a party. The background is a light beige color. On the left side, there are three illustrations: a large orange witch hat at the top, a boy in an orange skeleton costume in the middle, and a girl in a white angel costume sitting in a red wheelchair at the bottom. On the right side, there are three illustrations: a girl in a pumpkin costume at the top, a striped candy in the middle, and a large orange cauldron at the bottom. In the center, the text reads: "YOU'RE INVITED TO HALLOWEEN PARTY" in large, bold letters. Below this, it says "SPONSORED BY ST. MARY'S YOUTH MINISTRY". The date "Sunday October 25th" is written in a large, orange, stylized font. Below the date, it says "STOP BY BETWEEN 1:30-4:30PM IN THE FAITH FORMATION BUILDING". Further down, it lists "Suggested Donations 10\$ per child" and explains that the money raised will go to support those going to NCYC and the Oliver Lewis scholarship. It also mentions that costumes are recommended and that the party will include games, crafts, a costume contest, and more. At the bottom, it provides contact information for Jim at jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org or Devyn Kelleher at kelleherdevyn@gmail.com.

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STAY CONNECTED:

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION WEEKLY EMAIL

Send a quick email to Jim to sign up.
jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org



Please follow our High School Youth
Ministry Program on Instagram:
[@st.marysfranklin](https://www.instagram.com/st.marysfranklin)



Join our **GroupMe** texts to
receive Middle School and/or High
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CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Now open for girls and boys in grades 5 to 12.
Follow us on X - [@St_MarysCYO](https://twitter.com/St_MarysCYO). Tryouts: TBD
To register - metrowestcyobasketball.com/reg
Questions: franklincyobasketball@gmail.com



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to support
our Family Faith Formation and our
Sacramental Preparation classes.
Please reach out to Jim if interested
jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org

ST. MARY 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.

Family Faith Formation is open to every Parishioner!

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION PAGE

<https://www.stmarysfranklin.org/familyfaithformation>

UPDATED REGISTRATION LINK

<https://www.stmarysfranklin.org/re-registration>
Information for Family Faith Formation
can be found under the "Youth and Family"
and the "Parish Life" tabs





CORI FORM COLLECTION

It's CORI collection time this weekend. It is our parish policy, following Archdiocesan requirements, to collect signed and completed CORI release forms from all of our employees and volunteers every fiscal year. **We will have CORI forms available for you to complete and sign in the elevator lobby**, just inside the door from the St. Rocco Plaza after all Masses this weekend. Please remember to bring your driver's license (or other form of government-issued ID) with you, as you will need this to complete the form.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Nan Rafter will be leading a seven week, faith-based, peer support bereavement group at **St. Jude's Church in Norfolk, beginning on Thursday, October 22 at 1:30pm**. This group is for anyone who has experienced a recent loss; preparing for the holidays will be one of the themes explored in this group. **Call Nan at 774-571-0092 for more information and to register.** There is no charge to participate in this group, though space is limited.

ADULT ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are looking for Adult Altar Servers who can help at select weekend masses and especially at Funeral Masses. No experience necessary. Training will be provided.

Reach out to Samuel at: samuel.kalu@sjs.edu



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:

- pasta sauce
- rice
- snacks
- instant potatoes
- cereal
- juice
- toilet paper
- tissues
- paper towels

Your kindness supports those most in need in our Franklin community. God bless.

9TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY PIE SALE – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, FRANKLIN

Why bake when the Knights can do it for you?

Once again, this year the Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council 1847 St. Mary Parish Franklin MA is running their Thanksgiving Pie Sale. Our famous bakery (same as last year) is Lyman's Orchards. This year we will be offering "Mile High" Apple, Pumpkin, Blueberry and Cherry. These Pies are fantastic.... outstanding flavor, aroma, and taste. The price is \$20.00 per Pie. We will have PECAN also, at a cost of \$25. As was last year you will be able to DONATE a pie. All donations will be distributed through the Franklin Senior Center and Franklin Food Pantry network for distribution at Thanksgiving time. The goal of the donated pies is to put a pie on a table for a family that may not have that opportunity otherwise.

This year there will be 2 means by which you may purchase your Thanksgiving Day pies. Please visit our website www.kofc1847.org/payments-thanksgiving-pie-sale or utilize our QR code on this note. The site is open October 17th thru November 2nd. We will also be taking Pie orders at the back of church, the weekends of October 24-25th and October 31st and November 1st, after all the Masses. Cash, Check or Credit Card will be accepted. ALL online orders will accept Credit Card only. There is a service fee for online orders. ALL orders received at the church will be fee free.



You will be able to Pick Up your order of Thanksgiving Pies on Tuesday, November 24, from 2pm – 6pm at the Faith Formation Offices at the St. Mary's school. You will see our signs. (same as last year)

We are excited to bring this quality product to St Mary Parish community and all our Franklin neighbors. We thank you for your generous support over the years and the support you lend to help a senior and make your Thanksgiving Day special with a Pie (or 2) from Lyman Orchard's.

Any questions, please call Jim Lane 774-571-9804 or Mike Swan 508-404-4792.

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