

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHICH COMMANDMENT IS THE GREATEST?

— MATTHEW 22:36 —





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

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Password: STMarysGuest

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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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secretary@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 24
4:00pm Walter Allen, Mary Antoinette & Vanessa Marie Cusson

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

Monday, October 26
7:00am Donald Carpentier

Tuesday, October 27
7:00am Peter Steeves

Wednesday, October 28
7:00am Frank + Claire Rofino

Thursday, October 29
7:00am Antony + Vera Mucciarone and family, Jim + Rose Dalo and family

Friday, October 30
7:00am Barbara Dellamora

Saturday, October 31
4:00pm St. Mary Parish

Sunday, November 1
7:30am Elaine Colonna
10:30am Tina Baker

Readings for the week of October 25, 2026
Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12

Wedding Announcements

Last Thursday, Daniel Jaramillo and Rachel Renee Robidoux were married by Fr. John. May God Bless this new couple.

Baptism

Last weekend Carmella Clementina Ferdenzi, Lennon David Oullette, Willa Mae Sullivan, Margot Bridget Johnston, William John Cotto, and Claire Benge Chalder were Baptized by Deacon Ron. May God Bless these children.



YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS

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

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
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GROW MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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.



+ TRAINING DATES +

YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS

Interested youth altar servers are invited to attend a training on

Saturday, November 7
at 12 noon

OR

Saturday, November 14
at 12 noon

✓ At least 9 years old

ADULT ALTAR SERVERS

Interested adult altar servers are invited to attend a training on

Saturday, November 7
at 12 noon

ALL SOULS MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

A Special Mass of Remembrance for your beloved deceased will take place on Saturday, November 7, 2026 at the 4:00pm Mass. All names from the last year will be written on a Scroll of Remembrance.



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 CONTINUES NOVEMBER 7 +8

Our next collection for our Grand Annual Appeal is November 7 & 8. 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.

This annual appeal supports not only operating expenses but also building maintenance and repair. This year, our Grand Annual takes on special significance as we prepare to celebrate St. Mary’s 150th Anniversary in 2027. Funds raised will help us mark this important milestone while also caring for the church that has served generations of parishioners. Your gifts will support the cleaning, repointing, and repair of the church exterior and needed repairs to the exterior windows.

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

October 25, 2026

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS WILL START ON NOVEMBER 3

Tuesday, November 3rd starting at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 7th starting at 8:00 a.m. and again at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 8th starting at 11:30 a.m. and again at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 11th starting at 5:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Confirmation - Saturday, October 24th

10:00 a.m. Ceremony - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (includes 5:00 p.m. Mass)

12:00 p.m. Ceremony - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (includes 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Candidates are encouraged to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Thursdays - 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Chapel

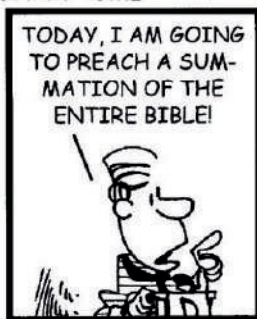
Saturdays - 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Chapel

Contact Jim Flanagan to make an appointment with Fr. John or Fr. Bob

Jim Flanagan will there to go over the steps of the Sacrament



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION PAGE

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

UPDATED REGISTRATION LINK

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

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.marysyouth.franklin](https://www.instagram.com/st.marysyouth.franklin)



Join our **GroupMe** texts to receive Middle School and/or High School Ministry events directly to your phone.

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](https://www.metrowestcyobasketball.com/reg)
Questions: franklincyobasketball@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY (sponsored by Youth Ministry)

The Middle School and High School young people are hosting a Children's Halloween Party on Sunday, October 25th from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Building

YOUTH MINISTRY T-SHIRT SALE

We are selling three different styles of t-shirts for for \$15.00 each. Stop by the Faith Formation and Youth Ministry office to make a purchase.

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

FOR ALL NEW VOLUNTEERS

Protecting God's Children Training

Wednesday, November 18 starting at 6:00 p.m.

Leo Racine is facilitating

Wednesday, December 2 starting at 6:00 p.m.

Leo Racine is facilitating

Please register on www.virtusonline.org

"First Time Registrant" and follow the prompts (Archdiocese of Boston and St. Mary Parish - Franklin)

ST. MARY'S
MUSIC

SING @5!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
5:00 PM MASS

Calling all high school students, college students, and young adults!

Ever thought about singing at Mass but aren't ready for a weekly commitment?

Come **Sing @ 5!** Join us at 4:15 PM for a quick, informal rehearsal, where we'll learn two easy songs to sing alongside our regular cantors at the 5:00 PM Mass that evening.

No experience necessary, no audition, and no ongoing commitment.

Just show up, sing a couple of songs, and see what it's like to be part of the music at St. Mary's!



THANK YOU!

The St. Mary Knights of Columbus, Council 1847, would like to thank all of the parishoners who generously donated to our Tootsie Roll Drive. All proceeds go to supporting the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

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 parishoners who **so generously** donate to the SVdP Food Pantry.

We are looking for the following items:

- mens shaving cream • snacks
- mens deodorant • apple juice
- womens deodorant • cranberry juice
- jam + jelly • toilet paper
- cereal • 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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