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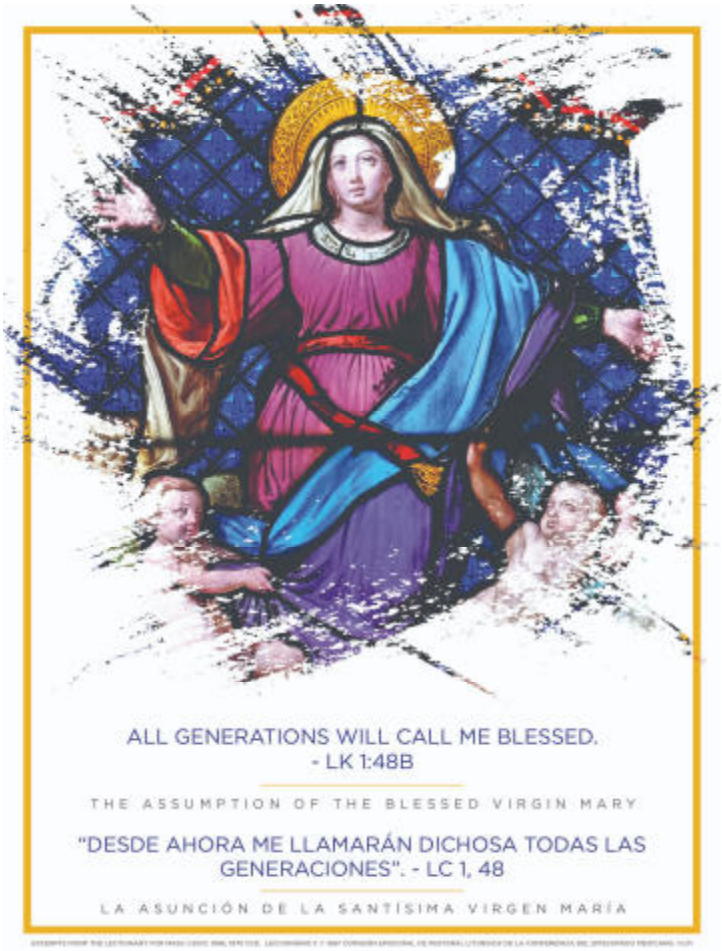

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WELCOME

If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself to the priests after Mass. We want to know and serve you. To register, please email your name and address to parishpublishing@stmarysfranklin.org. We will send you a Welcome Package that will help you register.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: By appointment only. Consult our website: stmarysfranklin.org

Penance: Saturdays 8 to 9 AM in Reconciliation Room in Chapel, 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.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the rectory if you have a family member, friend, or neighbor who is unable to attend church due to age or infirmity. We will provide pastoral visits, with administration of the Sacraments.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children (Grades 1-8):
Guided Remote Learning

Confirmation Preparation (after Grade 8):
Guided, Independent, Remote Conferences

Programs run from October through May

Adults

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Wednesdays · 7:00pm
October to Easter

Pastoral Reflections

The Feast of Mary's Assumption into heaven is a feast that celebrates the triumph of Mary into heaven first and then also includes "all who hear the word of God and keep it." Slowly, ever so slowly, the honor paid to Mary by Christians grew through time. In early church documents we learn of Mary's "dormition" meaning the falling asleep or death. In fact, it was the Orthodox Church, the Church of the East, which first celebrated as a formal feast Mary's Dormition, or what we have come in the Church of the West to call 'the Assumption of Mary into heaven." No matter its history or whatever word(s) you use to describe this reality, this feast of Mary is precious and is cherished in our Latin Rite Roman Catholic Tradition.

We recognize as a sacred truth that Mary is the first of those who came wholly into God's presence. We believe this as it is an expression of our faith in the saving power of the resurrection of Christ. As Catholics, we recognize that all feasts, including feasts of Mary, are essentially celebrations of Jesus Christ. Does not Saint Paul tell us so when he writes: "Christ the first fruits; and then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ."

Our Gospel passage comes from the writings of Saint Luke who told us many stories of the birth and earliest life of Jesus. This story is very personal and poignant about Mary, the mother of Jesus and contributes much to our faith and understanding about Jesus and our understanding about Mary. We learn in this passage that it was by the gift of the Holy Spirit that Elizabeth recognized that the pregnant Mary was to be mother of "my Lord." Mary's response to Elizabeth's faith becomes what we now call the *Magnificat*. This prayer connects Mary back to another woman of faith to the mother of the judge Samuel. Mary's prayer belongs to the long line of great women of her race.

In many ways, Mary is also the crown of all women. We note that Mary blesses God, but on this day, we call Mary blessed. We celebrate her as the Mother of God and at the same time the one who also belongs to God. Our Church has specially honored Mary. The feast of the Immaculate Conception in very dark days of winter acknowledges and celebrates the beginning. In the very long sun filled days of our summer, we celebrate Mary as the one who conceived without sin and would bear witness to the sinless one, the Light of the world.

The highly dramatic Book of Revelation is our first reading We use this passage on this feast day to remind us to regard Mary as the triumphant one, clothed in the colors and surrounded by the creatures that connote the heavens—the stars, the moon. In fact Mary bore the child who would defeat all sin and evil. We acknowledge in this feast that Jesus is the one who would save the people from their sins. Thus we understand why Mary's *Magnificat* proclaims the mighty are cast off their thrones and the lowly are lifted up, that the hungry are filled and that the rich are sent away empty. The greatness of Mary magnifies the greatest of our God for us. We are a blessed parish to have Mary as our special Patroness.

Fr. Brian

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 14
4:00pm Roy and Louise Scipione—Memorial

Sunday, August 15
7:30am Cydney Nicole Fields—8th Anniversary
10:30am John Carlucci—Memorial

Monday, August 16
7:00am Thomas Henry—Healing

Tuesday, August 17
7:00am Anthony Lawrence—47th Anniversary
Eldora Lawrence—35th Anniversary

Monday, August 18
7:00am Pietro Ferrara—Memorial

Saturday, August 21
4:00pm Walter A. Cusson, Vanessa Marie Cusson, John and Elena Willinski, and Walter and Catherine Cusson—Memorial

Sunday, August 22
7:30am Madeleine Faenza—Memorial
10:30am Rosaria Vandenberg—Memorial

Mass Book is open for Mass Intentions: You can call the parish office or go online to request a Mass, the Monday prior to the bulletin weekend.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of August 15, 2021

Sunday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/
1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

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SVDP reminder of Food Resources for Franklin Residents
Information as of 4/1/2021

Franklin Food Pantry:
Tuesday: 9:00AM to 1:00PM and 5:30PM to 6:30PM.
Friday: 9:00AM to 1:00PM
Some delivery available call 508-528-3115

Primavera Restaurant (Millis): Free Family prepared meals Wednesday-Sunday 11:30AM to 7:30PM. May use multiple times.

YMCA: "Grab and Go" Nonperishable food Wednesday 1PM to 2PM and 5PM to 6PM.

Meals on Wheels for seniors and homebound Call 800-286-6640

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Non-perishable food, hygiene items and paper products. Delivery available. Call 508-918-2291 and leave a message.

Friends of the Poor
walk a mile in my shoes

SAVE THE DATE!
SVdP Annual Fund Raiser
Saturday, September 25, 2021
Friends of the Poor Walk

Blessing for the Walk will be at 9:00 a.m.on the Town Common, registration at 8:00 a.m. Participants can **Collect donations** and **Walk with us** or **donate online** at **www.fopwalk.org./event/2617**.

All money raised stays in Franklin, to assist anyone in need of help. Put your feeling of Compassion into action

"Go to the poor; you will find God."
St. Vincent de Paul

Saint Vincent de Paul
Food Pantry Collection

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all of the parishioners who have so generously donated to the SVdP Food Pantry. The SVdP members are grateful that the donors are reading the bulletin and checking the bulletin for the immediate needs of the pantry. Donations from these lists help us to keep the pantry well stocked with many items for our neighbors in need.

Throughout the month of September, we will be requesting the items listed below.

Fruit cups and applesauce cups, pancake mix and maple syrup, spaghetti sauce and men and women's deodorant.

Thank you for all of your donations of these specific items.

Donations may be dropped off at the doors to the church anytime during the month.

Thank you for joining us to serve those in our community with the greatest needs. God Bless.

Catholic Women's Club Celebrates 100 Years

This coming year is a big one: our 100th year of the club! Let's make it a memorable one! The Catholic Women's Clu is a social club for the women of our church. It's about friendship and building bonds with other like-minded women. The intent is to give everyone a chance to meet new friends and old friends and to do fun activities together to enrich our lives. After such a difficult year of separation fror our friends and family, I am hopeful that the 2021-2022 sea son of the CWC will continue to be a year of revival and joy for all of us. Please call Rose O'Koren at 508-528-1663 if interested to hear more.

Knights of Columbus Franklin Blood Drive

Saint Mary's Parish
1 Church Square
Franklin, MA 02038

Saturday, August 28, 2021
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

American Red Cross

Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) New England, a yearlong volunteer opportunity for women and men 50 years of age and better, is recruiting volunteers for the upcoming (**September to June)** year. Volunteers give two full days/week of service and commit to a monthly spiritual reflection program in the Jesuit tradition. IVC works with nonprofits in the Boston/Worcester/Providence areas that address problems of homelessness, education, immigration and more. Get info and application by contacting regional director **Dave Hinchen @ new-england@ivcusa.org**, or check out the IVC New England website @ www.ivcusa.org/new-england

The Emmaus Ministry

Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents Whose Children of any Age Have Died by Any Cause, No Matter How Long Ago.

One-Day In-Person Spiritual Retreat
Saturday, August 14, 2021
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Carver, MA

For more information or to register,
Call Diane at 800-919-9332
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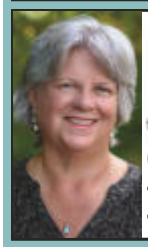

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