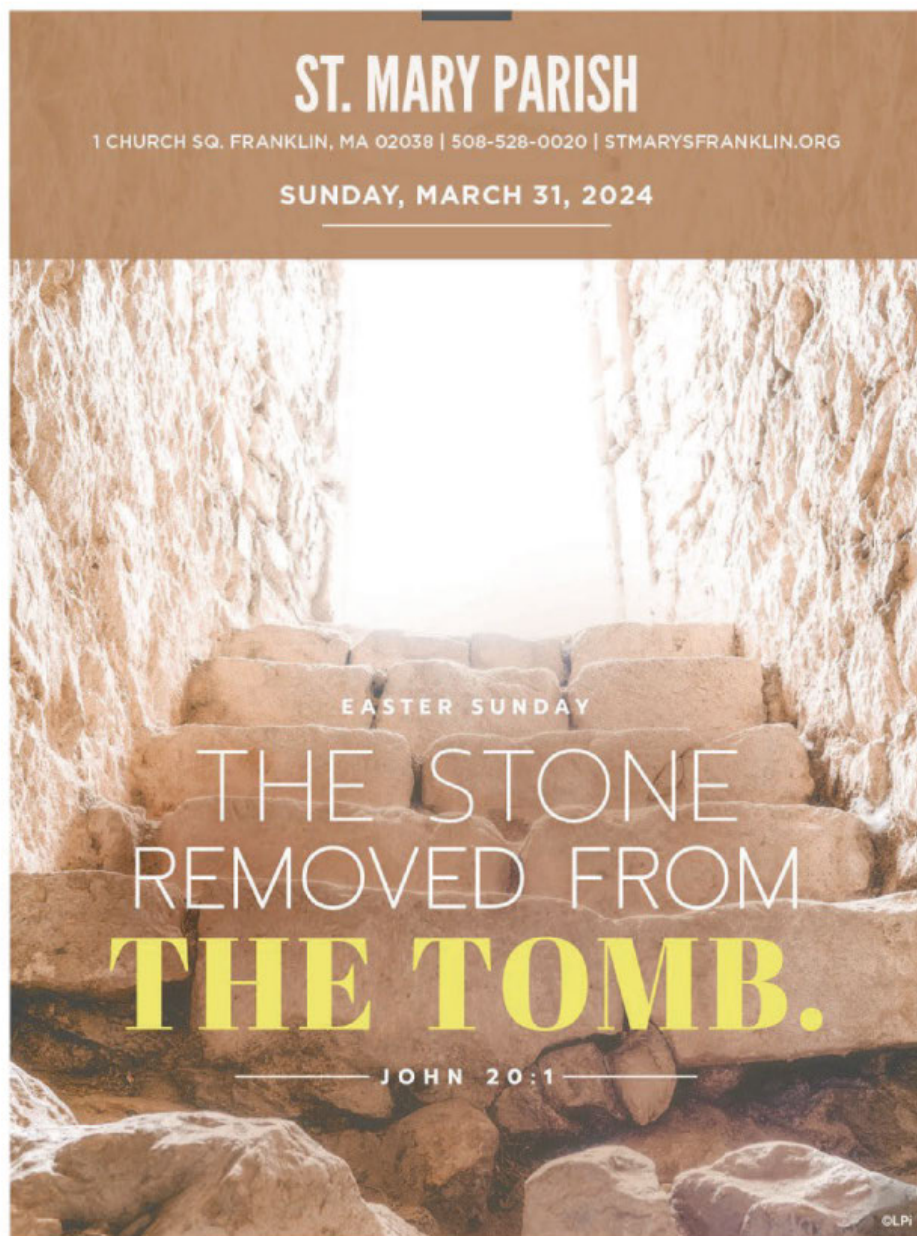


## Saint Mary Parish



### Mass Schedule

#### Saturday

4:00 p.m.

#### Sunday

7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

12 Noon

#### Daily Masses

Monday-Friday

7:00 am

All weekend Masses are  
Live Streamed at:

[stmarysfranklin.org](http://stmarysfranklin.org)

#### Confession

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00a.m.

#### Emergency

#### Anointing of the Sick

508-528-0020, #4

#### Rectory Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, March 30**

7:00 pm Easter Vigil - No Intentions

**Sunday, March 31**

7:30am Easter - No Intentions

9:00am Easter - No Intentions

10:30am Easter - No Intentions

**Monday, April 1**

7:00am No Morning Mass

**Tuesday, April 2**

7:00am Jerry D'Angelo

**Wednesday, April 3**

7:00am Makayla C.

**Thursday, April 4**

7:00 am Josephine Mason

**Friday, April 5**

7:00 am Frances DePietro

**Saturday, April 6**

4:00 pm Louis Geer

**Sunday, April 7**

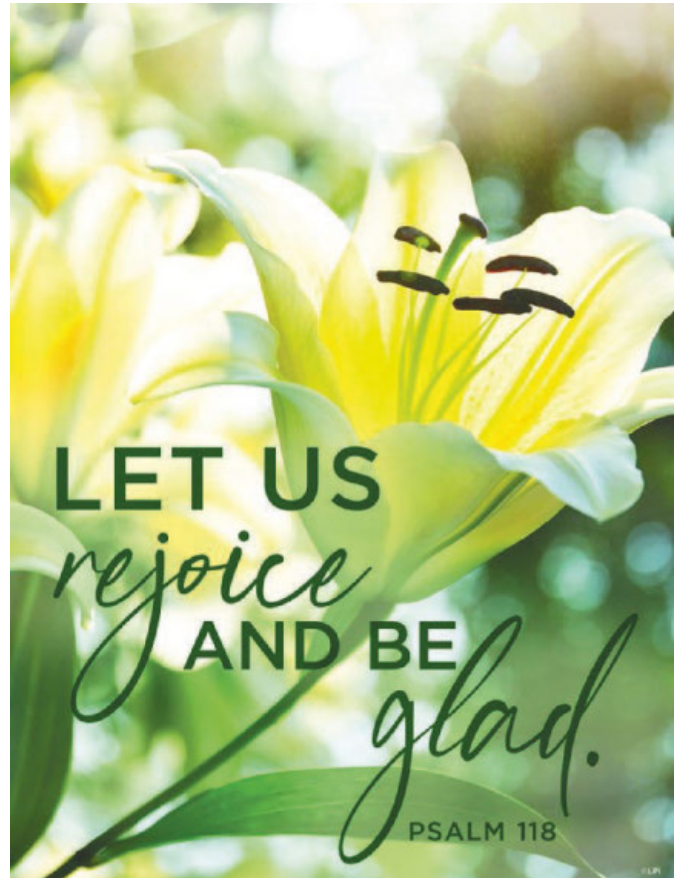
7:30am Juliana Kyungwoo Lee

10:30am John Donovan

12:00 pm Melissa Fernandes

**WEEKLY GIVING**

Offertory	\$ 4,540.55
Online	\$ 5,569.62
Drop-Off	\$ 1,553.00
Grand Total	\$ 11,663.67



**READINGS THIS WEEK**

**Readings for the week of March 31, 2024**

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

**- SACRAMENTS -**



**Baptism**

Baptisms are held on Sundays at 1:30pm. First time parents need to attend a Baptism Catechesis Class held by Deacon Ron via Zoom. Classes are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The next Zoom Baptismal class is on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 7-8pm. Contact Deacon Ron [deaconron@stmarysfranklin.org](mailto:deaconron@stmarysfranklin.org).

To schedule a Baptism, please email: [Baptism@stmarysfranklin.org](mailto:Baptism@stmarysfranklin.org) or call the office at 508-528-0020.

**Penance**

Penance/Confession 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 schedule the wedding and rehearsal date and to arrange a meeting with the priest in preparation for marriage.

**RCIA**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you are interested in become a Catholic, please email Father Jack at [jsullivan@stmarysfranklin.org](mailto:jsullivan@stmarysfranklin.org)

**Sacrament to the Sick for the Homebound**

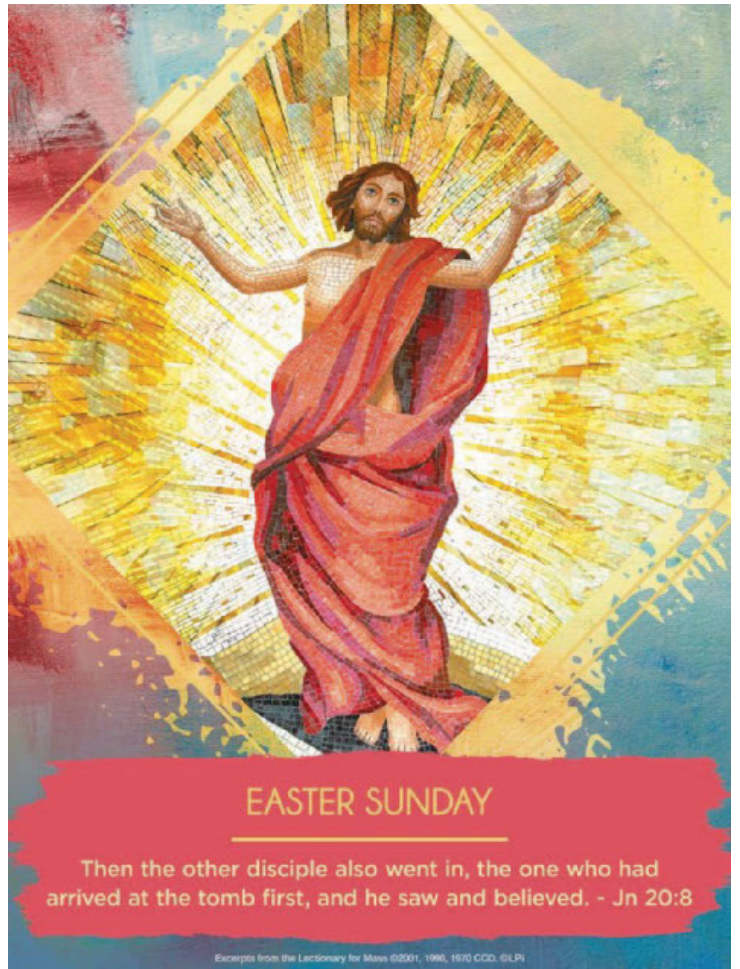
Please call the rectory or email the Pastoral Associate ([pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org](mailto:pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org)) if you have a family member, friend, or neighbor who is unable to attend church due to age or infirmity. We will provide pastoral visits, with administration of the Sacraments.

**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, option 4. Please do not leave messages on this line.

**Become a Parishioner of St. Mary Parish**

Register Online at [stmarysfranklin.org](http://stmarysfranklin.org) or call the Rectory at 508-528-0020.



**Year of Prayer**

This week's summary of Pope Francis' teaching on prayer is about the mystery of Creation. The pope, referencing the Catholic Catechism, teaches that prayer arises from the impulse in the human heart that is created by the beauty and mystery of Creation; he mentions Psalm 8, which expresses the psalmist's amazement of God's work in nature.



In this session, he talks about wonder, thanksgiving, hope, praise, and joy, all of which are placed in the context of God's gift of life to us and to all of creation. Prayer is a response to this gift! Go to <https://bit.ly/PFPrayer3> to read the pope's teaching.



## Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen!

We have completed our 40 day journey and we find ourselves looking joyfully into an empty tomb. We began our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday and find its fulfillment here, on Easter! Throughout our journey we challenged ourselves to search and find all the brokenness and weakness of our lives, all that would distract us from being true disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. We were led this past week, Holy Week, to carry all our troubles, weakness and brokenness to the tomb with our Lord, and now we rejoice in the fact that through His death and Resurrection, he has saved us, restored us, and made us whole again. Our Easter celebration began in a dark church and shortly thereafter our church was illuminated by the one flame of the Paschal Candle as we sang, "Christ our Light, Thanks be to God." Christ, through His Resurrection, has brought the light of hope and dispelled the darkness of doubt and despair from our lives.

Alleluia! I hope this Easter morning has found you full of joy knowing that God loves you so much that he gives us His only begotten Son as a sacrifice for our sins, destroying death and offering new hope, new and eternal life. For that reason we yell out Alleluia!

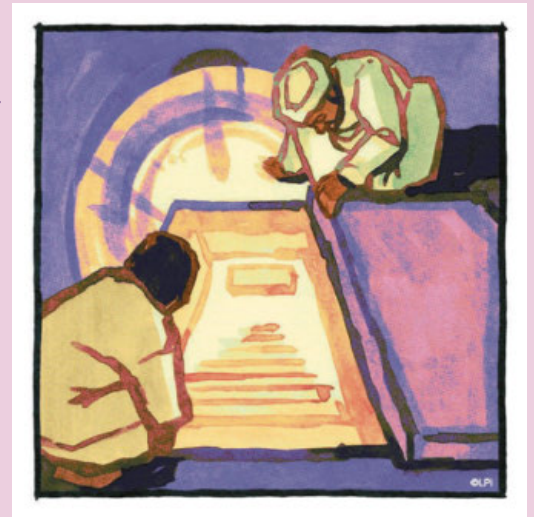
A special welcome to all those who are visiting us for the first time this Easter or have returned to our parish for the first time in a while. It is truly a joy and a blessing to have you here, as together we experience the great celebration of our salvation. As I look out into the congregation and see so many families filling our church, I am filled with joy that this local parish family is celebrating as one family united by Easter joy.

I hope you find your time with us warm and welcoming and I pray that you are able to call this place of prayer and worship, home.

Easter is a time of great rejoicing. We have so much to be grateful to God for in our lives. Easter reminds us that God did not only create us, but more so, He mercifully, and lovingly, supports and sustains us by the sharing of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and through the working of the Holy Spirit. Let us rejoice then in God's gift of salvation by being a people of love, mercy, hope and forgiveness in our homes, and in our communities. Let us make this Easter truly joyful for all those around us. May we carry the light of Christ's Resurrection through our words and actions and illuminate all the darkness of life.

Many Blessings and Happy Easter,

*Fr. Bob*



### **Congratulations to CYO Boys Basketball**

Congrats to the Parish Senior Boys CYO basketball teams. Team Walsh defeated Team Auciello in an all St. Mary's Franklin State Final. This represents the third straight state championship for our senior boys. Team Walsh now moves on to represent our parish in the New England championship. GOOD LUCK!!!



### Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Men

This next meeting of the St. Mary's Parish Men's Faith formation group (COR-Communication Resources) is on Saturday, April 6 at 8am in the Sacred Heart Hall. All men, wherever you are on your faith journey are welcome. We meet on the first Saturday of each month at 8:00 am.

The program is a great way for men to connect. In addition to faith formation, we build in plenty of time to socialize over coffee and bagels. If you have additional questions, please reach out to Regis Schratz at: [rschratz@comcast.net](mailto:rschratz@comcast.net).



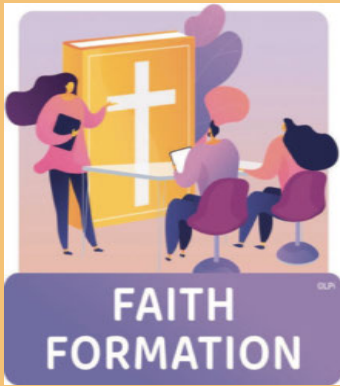
### Catholic Women's Club Scholarship

The Catholic Women's Club Scholarship is given to a graduating senior, who is a registered member of St. Mary's Parish Franklin and planning on attending a 2 or 4 year College, Certification Program or Trade School. Preference is given to those candidates who have a relative in the Catholic Women's Club. The Application is on the St. Mary's website under Catholic Women's Club. The deadline is Monday, April 29, 2024

The scholarship award will be in the amount of \$1000. The award will be presented at the Catholic Women's Club Scholarship Dinner and end of year banquet, which will be held on Thursday May 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Restaurant 45, 45 Milford St, Medway, MA.



### Women's Faith Formation



The Women's Faith Formation group will be holding our next meeting on Wednesday, April 10th at 7pm via Zoom. They plan to view *"The Eucharist: Source and Summit of Christian Life"* from the SYMBOLON series through the Augustine Institute. Discussion will follow.

To receive the Zoom Link or if you would like to be added to our email list, please email: [womensfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:womensfaithformation@gmail.com). All women are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### Zoom Rosary

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



Beginning Thursday, April 18, Nan Rafter will be leading a seven week, faith-based Bereavement Group at St. Jude's Church in Norfolk. The group will meet on Thursdays at 1:30pm.

There is no charge to attend this, but you must register. Please call Nan at 774-571-0092 for more information and to register.



### Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council 1847 at St. Mary Church in Franklin, MA, would like to thank the St. Mary Parishioners for donating to their annual **Easter Fundraiser Gift Card Drive** for those in Franklin and surrounding communities who are "in need" during the Easter season. **ALL** proceeds from the event benefitted the *St. Vincent de Paul Society*.

ONLINE GIVING OPTION: If people would still like to contribute online, please visit our Website: [kofc1847.org/food-card-drive-donations](http://kofc1847.org/food-card-drive-donations) or use the QR code below. **Please note that the website will accept donations for the food card drive from March 16 to April 15th.**

We thank you in advance for your continued support and charitable donations for those less fortunate, especially during the Easter season!



### St. Vincent DePaul 508-918-2291

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all of the parishioners who have so generously donated to the SVdP Food Pantry. Donations from these lists help us to keep the pantry well stocked with many items for our neighbors in need.

Donations may be placed in the boxes at the doors of the church anytime during the month. The current needs of the pantry are:

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### The 2024 Catholic Appeal

Once a year, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are asked to partner with one another to support their parish and the many outreach ministries by contributing to the Catholic Appeal. Many of you have received a letter from Cardinal Seán requesting your participation and early support of the 2024 Appeal. We hope that you will respond to his invitation with a generous gift, knowing that each contribution has a significant impact on the lives of thousands across the Archdiocese.

You can donate online at [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org). For those who have already made a gift, thank you for your early support! The Appeal is a primary means by which we care for our brothers and sisters and move forward in our faith together.

### Bible Study



St. Mary's Parish will sponsor a six-session Bible Study series on *the Book of the Prophet Isaiah*, led by Leo Racine, at Magnolia Heights Retirement Center at 485 East Central Street in Franklin. The next meeting will be on **Monday, April 1, from 11:00 to 12:00 noon**; additional sessions are on Mondays, April 1, 8, 22, 29, and May 6.

All parishioners are invited to attend the study of this vital Book of the Old Testament. For more info or to register, please contact Leo Racine at 508-528-0020 or [pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org](mailto:pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org). There will be a cost of \$14 for materials for this series; financial assistance is available.

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