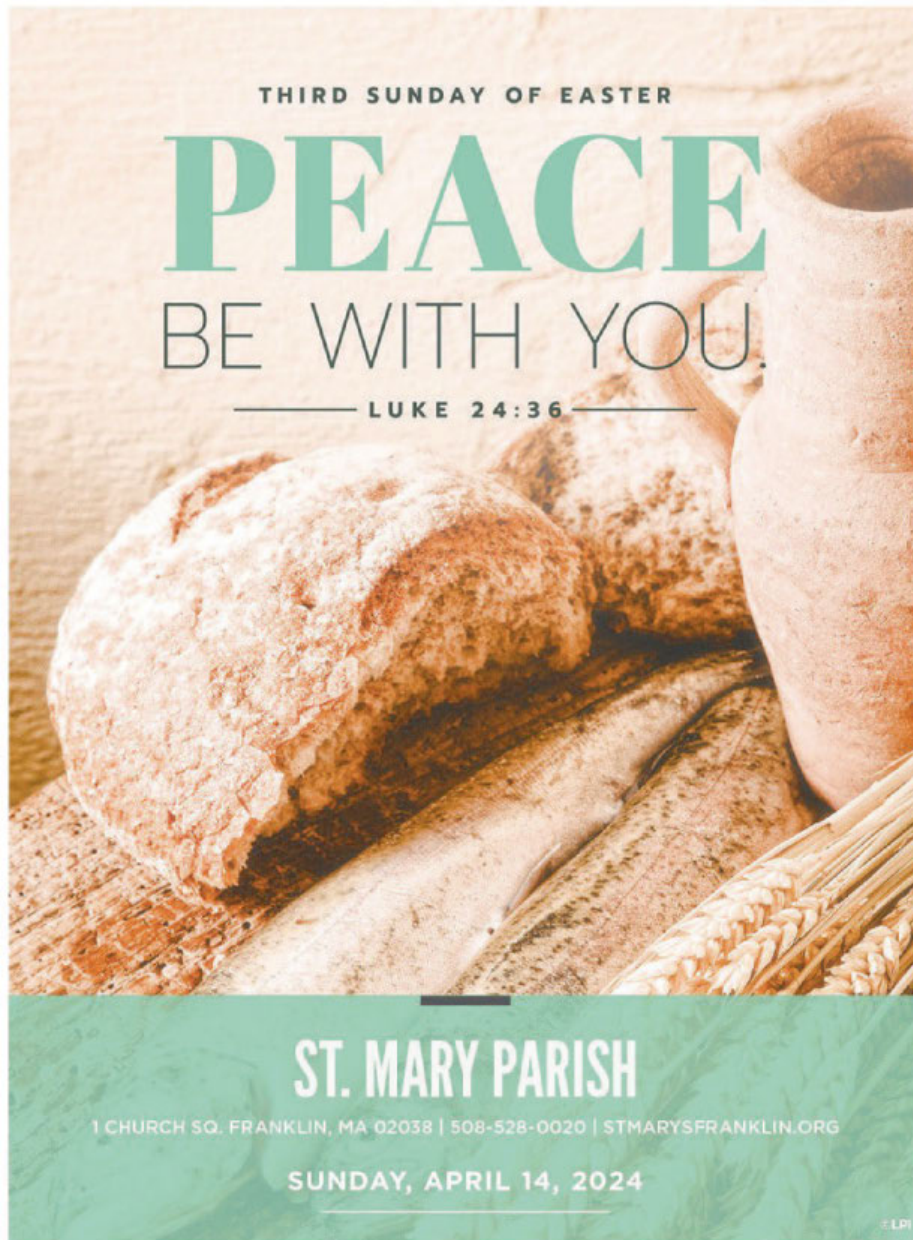


Saint Mary Parish



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 a.m.

All weekend Masses are
Live Streamed at:

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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St. Mary's Church Wi-Fi is:
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 13

4:00 pm John Creavin

Sunday, April 14

7:30am Martin & Mary Ann Gill

10:30am Juliana Kyungwoo Lee

12:00 pm Rose, Joseph & Tony Musto

Monday, April 15

7:00am Carmine & Carmina Colace

Tuesday, April 16

7:00am Paul Lombardi

Wednesday, April 17

7:00am Antonio Pereira

Thursday, April 18

7:00 am Juliana Kyungwoo Lee

Friday, April 19

7:00 am Bob Girard

Saturday, April 20

4:00 pm Paul Hannon

Sunday, April 21

7:30am Lorraine McCarthy

10:30am John and Carol Donaghy

12:00 pm Anthony Alessi

APRIL



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**WEEKLY GIVING FOR EASTER
CLERGY TRUST FUND**

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| Offertory & Online | \$ 10,509.31 |
| Good Friday - Holy Land Collection (church & online) | \$ 1,016.00 |

WEEKLY GIVING FOR APRIL 6 & 7

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| Offertory | \$ 6,634.55 |
| Online | \$ 7,270.62 |
| Drop-Off | \$ <u>2,943.00</u> |
| Grand Total | \$ 16,848.17 |



On April 7, 2024, Kenna Rose Hayes and Carlee Francis Ryan were Baptized by Deacon Ron. May God watch over them always.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of April 14, 2024

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-1



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, May 8, 2024 at 7-8pm. Contact Deacon Ron deaconron@stmarysfranklin.org.

To schedule a Baptism, please email: 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 call the Rectory at 508-528-0020.

Sacrament to the Sick for the Homebound

Please call the rectory or email the Pastoral Associate (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 or call the Rectory at 508-528-0020.



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. For more information, contact Claudia Brennick at Claudia.brennick@gmail.com.

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.

Year of Prayer



This week, Pope Francis' teaching on prayer focuses on Abraham's grandson, Jacob. The Pope describes Jacob as a "self-made man; with his ingenuity, his cunning, he manages to obtain everything he wants." As the story of Jacob progresses in the Bible's Book of Genesis, we hear that Jacob wrestled with a "stranger" for a full night, injured and limping in the end. As a result of this experience, the Pope says that Jacob came to understand "that he was limited, that he was a sinner who needed mercy."

Referencing Jacob's story, Pope Francis calls wrestling with God a "metaphor for prayer." The pope's teaching is at <https://bit.ly/PFPrayer6>.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZING GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little “Easter eggs” of Jesus’ humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, “So, have you got anything to eat?”

It’s right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn’t he? And he wasn’t shy about calling Peter “a Satan” when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It’s the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God’s call to be better. Being perfect isn’t the domain of the Christian — that’s the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That’s the domain of the Christian.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

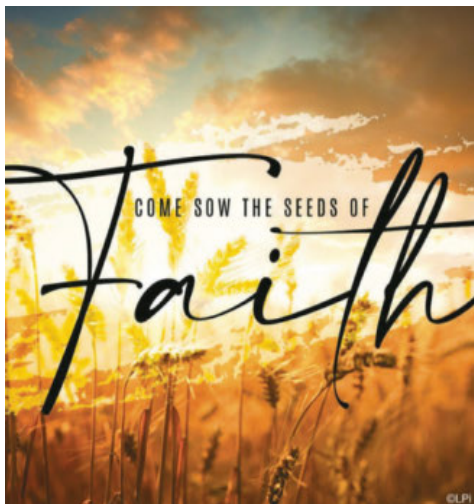
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Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Men

This next meeting of the St. Mary’s Parish Men’s Faith formation group (COR– Communication Resources) is on Saturday, May 4 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.



Mother's Day Outreach

The St. Mary's **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will once again be sponsoring a **Mother's Day Gift Bag Drive**. The SVdP will be making Mother's Day a special day for some mothers who presently are having a difficult time. Parishioners are invited to put together **Mother's Day gift bags** containing three cheerful items.

Suggested inexpensive items to place in the bag include a scarf, decorative kitchen towels, hand Sanitizer, note pad with pen, hand towel & washcloth, lip balm, hand cream, socks, picture frames, and adult coloring books and colored pencils. A Mother's Day card is a nice touch. Please do not include earrings, candles, or candy. It is always fun to see the creative items that our donors place in the bags.

Members of the Society will distribute the gift bags to mothers in town. The gift bags may be dropped off at boxes at the doors of the church on the **weekends of April 20 & 21 and April 27 & 28**.

Thank you for your generosity and for continually helping us to reach out to our neighbors in need.



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.



We hope that you will respond to the Catholic Appeal 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. 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.



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:

- Laundry detergent**
- Regular and Free & Clear
- Paper Towels
- Tissues

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



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.

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Meals on Wheels: For seniors and homebound.
Call Jeanne at 508-520-1422



The Franklin Office of Meals on Wheels urgently needs volunteer delivery drivers. If you can devote about 2 hours each week, we need you! Meals on Wheels provides healthy meals to our homebound seniors in Franklin, Medway, Bellingham & Blackstone. If you would like to help out, please call Jeanne at 508-520-1422 (Mon - Fri, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm). Substitute/On- Call drivers also needed.



Earth Day is celebrated on Monday, April 22; this year's theme is "Planet vs. Plastics." Franklin is celebrating Earth Day with clean-up events.

On Saturday, **April 20**, a clean up event of nearly 40 acres across town will begin at Beaver Pond from 9am- 12pm. Meet at Beaver Pond at 9am and pick up your bags/gloves and maps. DPW will be giving away tree samplings, coffee, and bagels. Then wrap up your Saturday, **April 20th** with the Franklin Area Moms Club's **Environmental Extravaganza** on the Town Common from 11 - 2 PM.

Finally, on Sunday, **April 21**, the Conservation Department is sponsoring an **event at DelCorte Conservation Area** on Pleasant Street from 9:00am - 1:00pm.

Join the Town of Franklin Recreation, Conservation and DPW for a month long celebration of Earth Month. For Complete Information, visit the Franklin Matters website www.franklinmatters.org/2024/03/earth-month-2024-celebration.html.

Thank You!



The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council 1847 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*.

If people would still like to contribute online, please visit our Website: 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 through April 15th.**



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