

# 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](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.

508-528-0020

St. Mary's Church Wi-Fi is:  
**StMarysChurchMesh**  
Password: **STMarysGuest**

### St. Vincent De Paul

Assistance

508-918-2291

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, May 4**

4:00 pm Christopher McWade

**Sunday, May 5**

7:30am Leita McKenna & Michael Purdon

10:30am Olinto Colace

12:00 pm Antoinette Perry

**Monday, May 6**

7:00am Jerry D'Angelo

**Tuesday, May 7**

7:00am Barbara & Michael Corrao

**Wednesday, May 8**

7:00am Glen DeColibus

4:00pm James Aglio

**Thursday, May 9**

7:00 am Biagino Taddeo

7:00 pm Coleen E. Westbrook

**Friday, May 10**

7:00 am Pietro Ferrara

**Saturday, May 11**

4:00 pm Donna & Lenny Federico

**Sunday, May 12**

7:30am Anthony Fandetti

10:30am Francis Garbarino

12:00 pm Linda Padula, Gwendolyn Hirsch,  
Pauline Padula, Elaine Padula &  
Angelina Trenouth

**WEEKLY GIVING FOR APRIL 27 & 28**

Offertory	\$ 5,309.15
Online	\$ 5,014.62
Drop Off	\$ <u>1,391.00</u>
Grand Total	\$ 11,714.77



Last weekend Ryder James O'Donnell, Leighton Ann Sparks, Lainey Christine Taddeo and Olivia Anne Twomey were Baptized by Deacon Ron. May God watch over them always.



Father Jack will observe his 50<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary of Ordination** by celebrating the 10:30 A.M. Mass on Sunday, May 19. Father Jack requests that all gifts be given to *St. Mary's Parish Youth Ministry Fund*.

You can either place your donations with a notation for "*Youth Ministry Fund*," in the collection baskets or mail or drop-off a check to the Rectory. You can also donate online via [www.stmarysfranklin.org](http://www.stmarysfranklin.org)



**READINGS THIS WEEK**

**Readings for the week of May 05, 2024**

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/ Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

**- 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, May 8, 2024 at 7-8pm. Contact Deacon Ron at gerwat@verizon.net

To schedule a Baptism, please email: Baptism@stmarysfranklin.org or call 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.

**Eucharist for the Homebound**

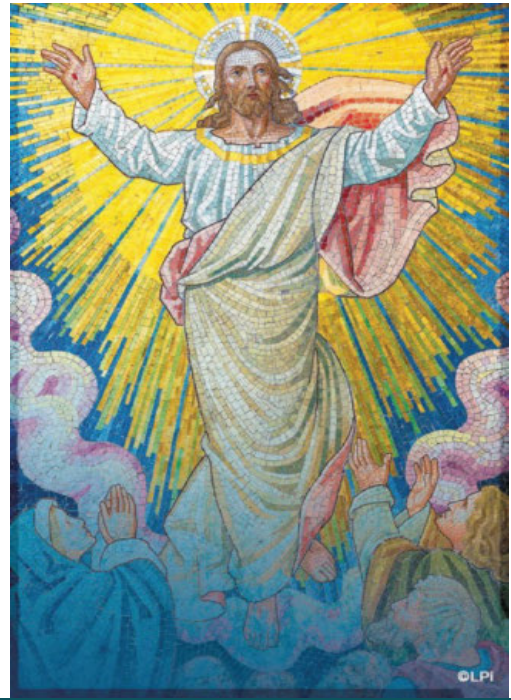
Please call the rectory or email the Pastoral Associate (pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org) if you have a family member, friend, or neighbor who is unable to attend church due to age or infirmity. We will provide pastoral visits.

**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



**Ascension of the Lord Masses**

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses area as follows:

Wednesday May 8 at 4pm

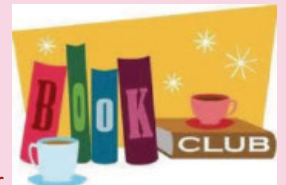
Thursday May 9 at 7am and 7pm



Reminder that the last regular 12 Noon Mass will be Sunday May 12th. The Summer Mass Schedule is Saturday 4pm, Sunday 7:30 and 10:30am.

**Book Club**

St. Mary's Book club is getting ready to plan for next year's readings. The club meets the first Thursday of the Month: September thru June, from 6-7pm in the Olive Branch Room in the lower church. Members select casual-reading books that are available at the Franklin Library. If you are interested, come help us choose next year's books. Any questions, please call Joseph Ewald at 508-298-2405.





## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, May 18th, 2024 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

St. Mary's Parish School Parking lot

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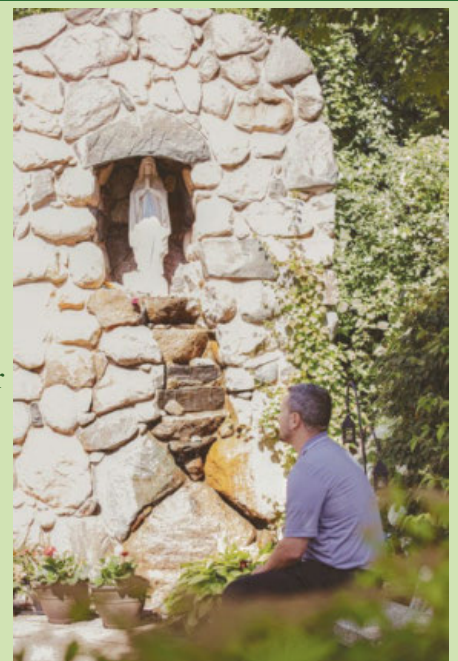
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- \$25 each for TVs up to 26," CRT Monitors, Outdoor Grills, Snow Blowers, Lawn Mowers, Rototillers, Power Washers, Large Yard Equipment, Water Tanks.
- \$30 each for TVs between 26" and 35," Washing Machines, Dryers, Stoves, Dishwashers, Other Large Appliances, Treadmills, Exercise Equipment,
- \$35 each for TVs over 36," Large Refrigerators, Ride-On Lawn Mowers.
- \$40 each for Projection TVs.
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### Mary Garden

Gardening is an act of faith and, in addition to bringing us close to the earth, can inspire in us a love for the Creator. *The 2024 Sacred Air* program suggests that as you purchase plants and flowers this spring, consider devoting some space to plants that have a religious significance by creating a **Mary Garden**.

A very old tradition, a **Mary Garden** is created by placing a statue of Mary in your garden, and then surrounding it with flowers and plants that have a Marian significance, either by name or tradition and can even begin with a single potted plant. A **Mary Garden** is special and can be used as a place for meditation and prayer. This summer, visit the **Mary Garden** across from St. Joseph Church in Woods Hole; it is the oldest known **Mary Garden** in the USA. More information about **Mary Gardens** is available at <https://bit.ly/MGUDayton>.



**Thank You!**

The St. Mary's **St. Vincent de Paul Society** would like to thank everyone who donated to the Mother's Day Gift Bag. You will make some deserving mothers very happy.



**Mother's Day Roses for Life**

The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council 1847 and the Respect Life Commission would like to thank the St. Mary's Parishioners for the donations, which amounted to about \$4000.00, donated through the Abundant Hope Bottle Drive. These generous donations will help expectant mothers and families in great need.

After all Masses on the weekend of May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> the Respect for Life Commission will be offering a free rose to mothers on Mother's Day. The roses were purchased by the Franklin Knights of Columbus as part of an order-wide program called *Aid Support After Pregnancy*. The Knights will make a donation to Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center on behalf of St. Mary's Parish. Abundant Hope serves 1200 women annually across Southeastern New England.

We hope all moms have a joy-filled Mother's Day.



**Parish Pastoral Council Elections**

St. Mary Parish will be holding our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) elections the weekend of **June 1st and 2nd**. Parishioners will be invited to nominate individuals during the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, by filling-out Nomination papers (in the pews), and then placing them in the baskets at the doors of the church, or by mailing Nominations to: 1 Church Sq., Franklin, MA 02038

Suggested candidates will be asked if they wish to accept the nomination and commit by Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon, and then send a digital photo and brief self-description/biography to the parish office. These introductions will be placed on display boards in the church and on the parish website. The election will be held on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in church.

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council assist the Pastor in keeping our Parish Vision as reflected by our Mission Statement. Members provide prayerful reflection and insight to the Pastor as he seeks to foster a growing and thriving community of faith.

To be eligible for election a person must be:

- A registered and actively engaged member of our Parish
- Sign and commit to a Code of Conduct for all Parish Volunteers
- Be able to pass an Annual CORI Review and attend a one-time Protecting God's Children Program
- Attend approximately 5 meetings a year (in person)
- Be willing to prepare by praying, reading and reflecting for PPC Meetings
- Be willing to listen without judgement or decision, to the words and ideas from all parishioners
- Be a positive advocate for the parish and parishioners.



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**Saturday June 8, 2024  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Sacred Heart Hall**

Appointments Needed. Please sign-up *now* at [redcrossblood.org/give](http://redcrossblood.org/give), and search by Zip Code.

### Catholic Women's Club Annual Banquet

The St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club will hold their annual banquet on Thursday, May 16th, at Restaurant 45, 45 Milford St., Medway. Cocktail hour will begin at 6:00 PM, followed by a buffet dinner at 7:00 PM. Annual scholarships will be awarded after dinner. All women of the parish are welcome to attend!!

Tickets are \$30.00. RSVP to Lisa Oxford at [liserina60@aol.com](mailto:liserina60@aol.com). Deadline is May 9<sup>th</sup>. Please make your check payable to *St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club*, and mail to: Lisa Oxford, 18 Lincoln Street, Franklin, MA 02038



### Women's Faith Formation

Please join us in person for the Women's Formation Meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 9:00-10:00 AM in Sacred Heart Hall. This will be our final meeting for this season, wrapping up our 6th year! We are looking forward to getting together in person again and hope you can join us.



All our meetings are on unique topics, so it is fine to attend without having been to a previous meeting. Light refreshments will be served.



Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center has been a trusted source of educational, material, and medical resources in Attleboro and over 40 surrounding communities since 2009. We are committed to serving women and families with grace, honesty, and love.

Abundant Hope offers services in Pregnancy Services (pregnancy testing, counseling STI Testing and limited ultrasound), Diaper Bank, Parenting Support, Community Resource Referrals and Post-Abortive Healing Ministries. For more information or to donate, please call 508-455-0425 or <https://ahprc.org>



### 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:



- Tissues
- Paper Towels
- Spaghetti
- Jar of Spaghetti Sauce



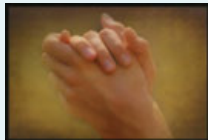
Thank you for joining us to serve those in our Community with the greatest needs. God Bless.



### Year of Prayer

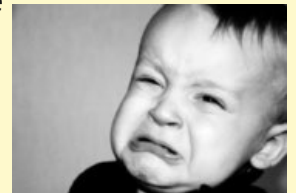
Pope Francis continues his teaching on prayer with a focus on Elijah, a prophet whose experiences are recounted in the Hebrew Scriptures.

The Pope tells us that prayer is the "lifeblood that constantly nourishes his [Elijah's] existence." Elijah as both a man of deep prayer and a man of action. He says that "[Elijah] shows us that there should be no dichotomy in the life of those who pray: one stands before the Lord and goes toward the brothers and sisters to whom he sends us." You can read more about Pope Francis' teaching <https://bit.ly/PFPrayer9>.



### Fussy Little Ones?

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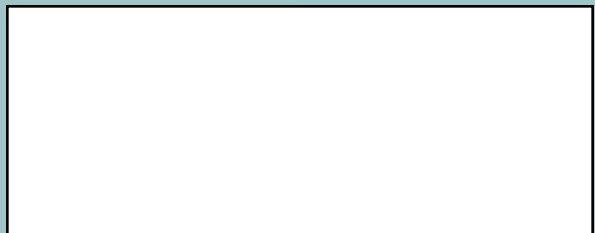
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