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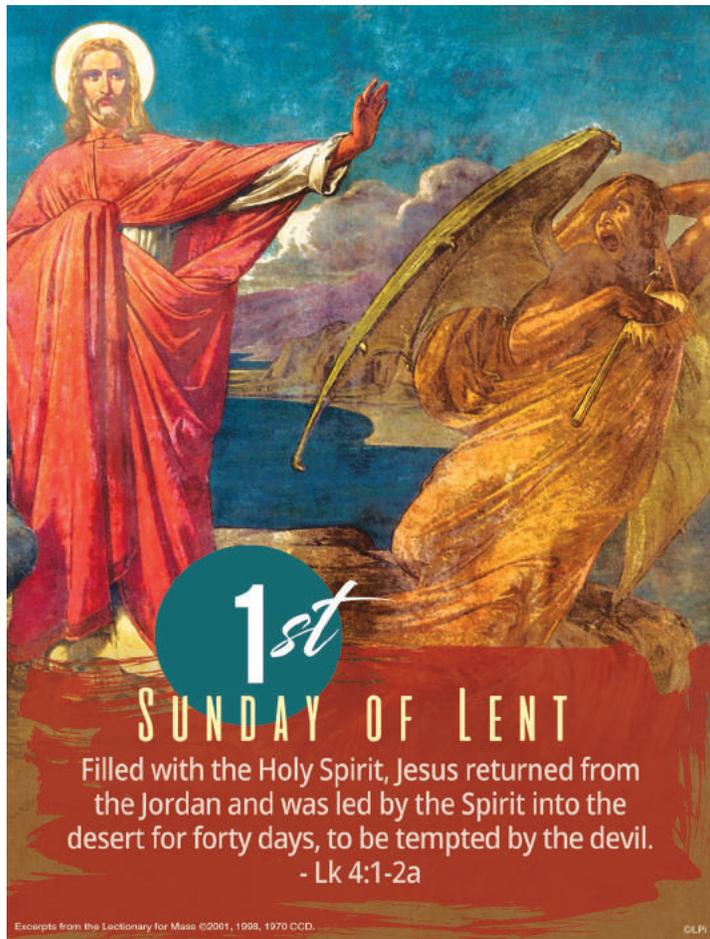
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**WELCOME**

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](mailto:parishpublishing@stmarysfranklin.org) and we will send you a Welcome Package which will help you register.

**Mass Schedule**

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday: 4:00 Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 (September-May), 10:30, 12:00, 5:00 (September-May)

**Daily:** Monday-Friday: 7:00am Saturday: 8:00am

**Holy Days:** Vigil: 4:00pm Holy Day: 7:00am, 7:30pm

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism:** Sunday at 1:30pm by appointment only.

Baptism Preparation meeting required.

**Penance:** Saturday 3:00-3:45pm; or by appointment

**Marriage:** Couples planning to be married at St. Mary's 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**

Grade 1: Call the Religious Education Office for info

Grades 2-10 held in the St. Mary's Parish Center

Sunday through Wednesday

**Adults**

**RCIA**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Meeting Wednesday 7:30pm

October - Easter

## *Pastoral Reflection:*

The Season of Lent has begun with this Sunday and the readings address the major topic of the need for faith in our lives. The theme is in many ways trust in God as a strength, for we can rely on Him. Indeed, the message is simple and clear, but hard and difficult to live: trust in our God and do your best and all will work out accordingly.

Our Old Testament reading drives home the constant mantra of the Israelites that their God would never forget or abandon them no matter what they have done or failed to do. He will also rescue them when they call upon him for help. These lines of scripture today are critical to the Jewish faith and also are included in the Passover *Haggadah*.

Our second reading from Paul's Letter to the Roman addresses the necessity and power of faith. Paul tells us clearly that those who have faith in Christ will not be put to shame. Their shared faith will make them the family of the Lord and beneficiaries of his rich mercy.

The Gospel illustrates for us how Jesus' ministry began with an act of faith, an act of faith in God. Recall how Jesus in the desert struggled over three tempting paths that were set before him: choosing possessions, instant power, or instant fame. We know from living life that these compose the unholy trinity that continues to seduce human hearts. Jesus rejects all of these and responded in three ways.

Jesus absolutely refused to take any tempting shortcuts because they lead to nothing. Jesus, instead, recalled his Baptism at the Jordan and the words from heaven that had identified him with the prophet Isaiah's Suffering Servant of God: "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit" (Isaiah 42:1).

Jesus also refused to be a power player in a big manipulative political game. Later, we know how he would be a major disappointment to those who had hoped for a powerful political or military messiah. Thirdly, Jesus rejected becoming a crowd pleaser. He chose instead to faithfully follow and remain obedient to the will of God, obedient even to his death on the cross. Note clearly that his choice to be faithful to the will of God will mark the mission and ministry of Jesus.

It is very clear that trust or faith in God is at the core of all of our readings. As Lent begins today, the readings direct our attention to two different facets of our faith: they inform us again that life constantly tests our faith as individuals and as God's people, and also they assure us that no matter the test life gives us, we can continue to trust and to have faith in God, because God is always faithful. Indeed, God will not lose faith in us. God will support us and see us through.

Bear in mind that we are no different from the ancient Israelites or the very early Christians with our need to trust constantly and consistently in God.

From the scriptures this weekend, we again learn that the plain truth is that the Word of God feeds and keeps alive our faith. Faith is a gift from God that only takes on power and meaning if we live this gift. We must invite and welcome God into our lives to support and strengthen our faith. When we do this, we discover that God is a God we can trust and more than worthy of our trust. Rather, the struggle for us is to be worthy of his trust and grace in how we live our life.

*Father Brian*

PARISH GROUPS

**Catholic Women's Club:** meets September-May  
**Legion of Mary:** meets Mon. at 1pm, Lower Sacristy  
**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 7pm in the lower church hall  
**Our Lady of Hope Prayer Group:** meets 7-8pm Wed., lower chapel: Adoration, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet  
**Bible Study:** Tues., 1:30pm, Call Donna, 508-528-5127 for info  
**Knights of Columbus:** Grand Knight: Scott Kyle, 508-736-8944; Membership Director: Jim Lane, 774 571 9804; Website: [www.kofc1847.org](http://www.kofc1847.org); Twitter: @KofC1847 Facebook: [KnightsofColumbusCouncil1847](https://www.facebook.com/KnightsofColumbusCouncil1847)  
**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month Sept-May at 10am  
**Book Club:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month September-June, 7pm  
**Men's Faith Formation Group:** meets the second Saturday of the month, 8:45-9:45am in the lower church hall.  
**Women's Faith Formation Group:** meets the third Saturday of each month, 9-10am, lower church hall.  
**Health Ministry:** meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 10am

DEVOTIONS

**First Saturday Devotion:** Rosary after 8am Mass every first Saturday  
**Divine Mercy Holy Hour:** Sunday, 3-4pm: Divine Mercy, Holy Hour and Rosary  
**Stations of the Cross:** Mar. 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 7:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Women's Faith Formation: Saturday, March 16, 9:00 am**  
**Knights of Columbus Coffee Hour: Sunday, March 17** after the 9:00 and 10:30 Masses  
**Prayer Shawl Ministry: Tuesday, March 19, 10:00 am**  
**Men's Faith Formation: Saturday, April 13, 8:45 am**

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Here at St. Mary's we have a number of parishioners who are homebound for one reason or another. Some have infirmities that hinder their ability to make it to the church easily. Others have no easy access to transportation on Sundays. Still others are afraid to drive during the winter, while others are recovering from surgery or a long-term illness. Whatever the reason, many of these parishioners are not satisfied with only matching Mass on television, and yearn to receive the Eucharist as well. Many of these wonderful folks would also like a friendly face to visit periodically, bring the Eucharist, and provide some company during extended periods of solitude.



If you are someone who would like to visit just one homebound parishioner every one to two weeks, please consider joining our Ministry to the Homebound.

For more information, or to get started, please contact:

**Stephen May, Pastoral Assistant**  
 508-528-0020 x13, or [smay@stmarysfranklin.org](mailto:smay@stmarysfranklin.org)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Religious Education classes are offered for students in Grades 1-10. For information regarding Religious Education, please contact Karen Ackles or Liz Bertoni at 508-528-1450

ALTAR SERVER OF THE MONTH

**Altar Server of the Month**  
**Gina Schratz**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT



We will be offering the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent.

Please join us in the Chapel from 7:00-7:30pm March 15, 22, 29, April 5 & 12.

The Stations offer a unique opportunity to reflect on the Passion of our Lord and how it may touch our lives as we each walk our road in life's journey. We encourage families to attend. This is about a walk that a very special person did for each of us because He loved each of us.

Each week we will have people from different parish organizations leading the Stations. Each week there will be a different Reflection for each of the Stations. You can pray along with us (Our Father & Hail Mary) at each Station or just sit and reflect and be open to whatever thoughts in faith may be connecting with you. Bring a friend, a relative, co-worker, baby-sitter, grandparents... The Stations were and are for each of us no matter where we are in our lives. We hope to see you there.

*Everyone is welcome.*

RESPECT LIFE COMMISSION

Under the direction of Fr. Brian, Deacon Guy has established a small core commission to address the broad elements for Respect Life. Topics such as Palliative Care, Physician Assisted Suicide, Capital Punishment, Abortion, and Euthanasia are some of the major focus topics. The commission seeks to raise awareness of



many issues in contemporary society that touch upon the sacredness of human life.

The hope is to assist in the organization of St. Mary's parish respect life in three areas: to create service activities, education opportunities for parishioners on the Catholic

Church's teachings on the dignity of human life, and prayer opportunities that support the respect life mission of the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Deacon Guy.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### **Saturday, March 9**

4:00 - Charles Dickinson - 3rd Anniversary

#### **Sunday, March 10**

7:30 - Mass for the People

9:00 - Inez and John Lavigne - Memorial

10:30 - Richard Thompson - 1st Anniversary

12:00 - Francis Mazzola - 7th Anniversary

5:00 - James Driscoll and Sean Driscoll - Anniversary

#### **Wednesday, March 13**

7:00 - Paul Carrara - Anniversary

#### **Saturday, March 16**

8:00 - Salvatore Bertone - Anniversary

4:00 - John T. Higgins - 3rd Anniversary

#### **Sunday, March 17**

7:30 - Gino Colace - 18th Anniversary

9:00 - Catherine Cusson - 35th Anniversary and  
Walter Cusson - Memorial

10:30 - Fred and Josephine Pasquantonio - Memorial

12:00 - Lawrence Orlando - Memorial

5:00 - Mass for the People

Your prayers are requested for all our shut-ins, our unemployed, and our sick. Eternal rest grant to **Judi Brady, Gerard Dooley, and Pauline Sheridan**. May their souls and the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. May their friends and family be consoled during their grief.

### READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of March 10, 2019

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15  
[cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/  
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/  
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/  
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8  
[3a]/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/  
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/  
Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14[1a]/  
Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

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### COMMUNION BREAKFAST



The St. Mary's Women's Club Communion Breakfast will be **Sunday, March 31st after the 9:00 Mass at 3 Restaurant**. Our guest speaker is Colleen Campion, who will talk about "After this, everything is gravy!": Recognizing God's grace in the

ups and downs of life". Tickets are \$25. The last day to buy tickets is Tuesday, March 19.

To reserve tickets please contact :

**Rosemary O'Koren 508-528-1663/okorenj@comcast.net**

**Colleen Viscarra 617-875-9666/visc@msn.com**

*All women are welcome.*

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

March 3, 2019...\$14,864.32

Envelope donation total...\$7,603.50

Online giving total...\$3,846.13

Other donations total...\$3,414.69

*Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.*

### 2018 DONATION STATEMENTS

Parishioners who use either envelopes or online giving can request a statement of their donations for the calendar year 2018 by emailing secretary@stmarysfranklin.org or by calling the rectory, 508-528-0020 during business hours.

### WOMEN'S FAITH FORMATION GROUP

Are you looking for something different to do this Lent? All women are invited to join the St Mary's Women's Faith Formation Group on **Saturday, March 16th from 9 - 10am** in the lower church hall. We will again focus on Mary while continuing our viewing of Bishop Barron's "Catholicism" series. Each session is structured to be independent, so you can attend at any point even if you have not been to a previous session. Small group discussions will follow. Feel free to bring a friend! All are welcome. Contact Deacon Guy with any questions.

### LENTEN CONFESSIONS

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation / Penance will be available from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM on these evenings:**

**Wednesday March 13, Thursday March 21,  
Wednesday March 27, Thursday April 4,  
Wednesday April 10, Wednesday April 17.  
Location: upstairs Church confessional.**

### HEALTH MINISTRY NOTES



#### HEART HEALTH

Heart Disease is the leading global cause of death with more than 17.9 million deaths each year. The number is expected to rise to more than 23.6 million by 2030.

You can make healthy changes that can decrease your risk of developing heart disease and also make changes to control an existing heart condition.

Actions that can lower your risk:

- Watch your weight.
- Quit smoking.
- Stay away from secondhand smoke.
- Drink alcohol in moderation.
- Control your cholesterol intake and
- Monitor your blood pressure.
- Get active and eat healthy.
- Get plenty of sleep.

There are certain things you can't change like age and family history but even modest changes in your lifestyle and diet can improve your health and lower your risk of heart disease by as

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS



**Lenten Offering**

In observance of the season of Lent, our St. Vincent de Paul Society is asking parishioners to consider bringing one item for the food pantry on each weekend of Lent.

Suggestions for each weekend:

- March 16th/17th peanut butter and jelly
- March 23rd/24th canned fruit/fruit cups or applesauce cups
- March 30th/31st tissues, mac and cheese
- April 6th/7th canned tuna and chicken
- April 13th/14th canned vegetables and pasta sauce

All donations may be placed in the boxes at the doors of the church on those weekends. Donations may also be dropped off anytime during the week. When a person calls St. Mary's in need of food, two Vincentians pack up bags of food and bring them to the person. We are all working together to make a difference in our corner of the world. God Bless.



**St. Vincent de Paul Easter Outreach**

Each year, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul headquarters in Stoughton offers Easter dinner food boxes, at a cost of \$10 each, to local Conferences. Our St. Mary's Conference is ordering 50 food boxes. If you are in need of help for Easter dinner, please call St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul

at 508-918-2291. We are here to serve you. Parishioners, if you would like to cover the cost of an Easter dinner food box, please drop \$10 in an envelope and label it "SVdP Easter." It's hard not to get excited about helping another family celebrate Easter dinner. May God bless you always.



**We are so thankful** for your financial and food donations that allow us to help our brothers and sisters who are struggling. We depend on each and every dollar, every food item and on your prayers. It is a blessing for us to be able to assist people whom God has brought into our lives and for them to experience the support of our St. Mary's parish.

**There are yellow envelopes with the SVdP name on them for donations at the entrances to the church. If you'd like to donate you can place the envelope in the regular church collection.** All of your generous gifts to the St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul demonstrate that you are devoted disciples of Jesus, as it shows your love by helping many families with food, utility, rent, and other bills. If you know of anyone who may be in need of assistance in these cold winter months, please have them contact the SVdP office at (508) 918-2291. God Bless!

**Catholic School Tuition Assistance Grants**

The Boston Council Society of St. Vincent de Paul is happy to announce the availability of tuition assistance grants for the 2019-2020 school year. These grants are for students attending Catholic Schools in grades 1-8. The grants are for \$1500 and are paid in two installments of \$750 each. There is a limit of one applicant per family and typically the household income should be below \$85,000. A home visit is required by two of our St. Mary's SVdP members. Applications for these grants are available by calling St. Mary's SVdP at (508) 918-2291. **The deadline for applications locally is April 1, 2019** so that we may forward all information to the Boston Council in a timely manner.

**St. Vincent de Paul Phone Number  
508-918-2291**

TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE OPPORTUNITIES

*Are you interested in becoming more involved with Saint Mary's Parish Family?*

**Lectors:** Interested in becoming a Lector? Contact John Ristaino at johnmristaino@gmail.com or 774-571-9808.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Eucharistic Ministers distribute Communion at Mass. If you are interested please contact Joan McGuire at 508-528-3789 or joanmcg1@verizon.net.

**Altar Servers:** Students in grade 4 and older are invited to become Altar Servers. Call the rectory if you are interested.

**Baptismal Ministry:** The Baptismal Ministry is in need of new members who can welcome parents, godparents and babies to St. Mary's and the Sacrament of Baptism. For more information please contact Michele Hardesty at 508-528-0214 or [hardesty99@gmail.com](mailto:hardesty99@gmail.com).

**Altar and Sanctuary Care Ministry:** Volunteers needed for this year for Linen Care.

**Linen Care:** This involves the washing and ironing of the linens used by the priest for the celebration of the Mass. The linens are the Corporals, finger towels, and Purificators. They are picked up once a week and returned the same week. This opening is for two weeks twice a year. For more information or to sign up please contact Cathy Pokorny: [cathyp@jhpokorny.net](mailto:cathyp@jhpokorny.net) or 617-462-0080 Thank you for your consideration.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** The mission of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is to offer comfort to those in need. Shawls are knitted or crocheted with recipients in mind. Prayers are offered for them. Shawls are given to those suffering a loss, facing a difficult diagnosis or a challenging life situation. They are recommended for anyone who would benefit from the comfort the shawls provide. To request a shawl please call Helen Hastry, 508-528-0104, or email her at [helenhastry@gmail.com](mailto:helenhastry@gmail.com).



VOCATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

A Deacon is ordained to the three-fold ministry of Word, Liturgy, and Charity, working in obedience to his bishop and in close fraternal cooperation with priests. While all Christians are called to serve others, the deacon is an icon of the Servant Christ in the Church.



For more information:  
**Deacon Guy St. Sauveur**  
[deaconguy@stmarysfranklin.org](mailto:deaconguy@stmarysfranklin.org)  
and/or

**Deacon Christopher Connelly**  
**Director of Permanent Diaconate Formation**  
617-746-5649 [cconnelly@rcab.org](mailto:cconnelly@rcab.org)

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**S.A.F.E. Coalition Hotline 508-488-8105**

**For free and confidential assistance**

Are you or a family member in need of assistance with treatment and or support for Substance Use Disorder? S.A.F.E. is here to help you find your pathway! The S.A.F.E. Coalition phone line will provide assistance with:

- Locating treatment for Substance Use Disorder including Detoxification, In- and Out-patient Rehabilitation, Halfway Houses and Sober Homes
- Referrals to counselors for psychiatric assessments and therapeutic treatment for Substance Use Disorder
- Assistance with utilizing Massachusetts General Law Section 12 (Mental Health) and Section 35 (Substance Abuse) for involuntary commitment
- Understanding MassHealth Insurance benefits
- Information on NARCAN / NARCAN training - NARCAN is an opioid overdose reversal drug
- Local Support resources for families and loved ones

**Did you know...**Our town offers two support groups for families struggling with addiction and recovery. **Community of HOPE** (Healing Ourselves, Preserving Each Other) meets on **Mondays at 7pm** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 262 Chestnut St, Franklin and **Healing Hearts** meets on **Thursdays at 7pm** at the Franklin YMCA, 45 Forge Hill Rd, Franklin. Both groups preserve anonymity and create a safe place for people and families in crisis.

**The Franklin Senior Center** offers **affordable respite care** for Caregivers. Caring for a loved one can be stressful. If you would like to help, the Senior Center offers two options.

- **The Sunshine Club** is a supportive Day Program at the Center which offers a stimulating environment where members enjoy social interaction, fun activities, gentle exercise and lively discussion. Luncheon and two snacks are provided.
- **The Companion Care Program** can provide a screened, trained Companion to stay with your loved one in your home to engage in conversation and fun activities so you can have some time to yourself.

**The first visit for both programs is free!** For more information, call the Franklin Senior Center at 508-520-4945.

**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

**Men of St. Mary's!**

**Enrich and strengthen your faith** by joining your fellow parishioners and other Catholic men throughout the state at the 19th Annual **Catholic Men's Conference** at Assumption College in Worcester, Ma on **Saturday, April 6, 2019**. Hear inspirational talks from men who have made the journey of faith through the difficulties of life. Priests will be available to hear confessions throughout the day and Bishop McManus will offer Mass at the close of the conference. If you are interested in car pooling and going to the conference together as a group from the parish, please contact Frank Fiorillo at [ffiorillo@verizon.net](mailto:ffiorillo@verizon.net) or 508-528-7930. For purchasing tickets and for more information about the conference, pickup a conference brochure at the side entrance of the Church or visit the website at [www.firstmensconf.org](http://www.firstmensconf.org).

*Welcome to Saint Mary Parish Family*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

As the spring season is rapidly arriving, our Sacred Heart Council #1847 is working hard and has declared its priority - refocus on gaining **New Members**. During the next few months we will be involved in programs that help the weak, youth, the financially stressed, and recognizing our own milestones. Our request is that you join us and be part of the fun and excitement. As a Knight you will learn and experience what it means to be a better Catholic, husband, father, and provider of financial protection for your family, and to be a better citizen in our USA.

**Upcoming Events include:**

Admission Degree Exemplification	March 2019
Parish College Scholarship Contest	May 2019
KOC MA State Convention	June 2019
Tootsie Roll Drive	October 2019
St. Vincent De Paul 3K Walk for the Poor	October 2019
Selling Stop N Shop cards for SVdP	November 2019
2nd Annual Pie Sale	November 2019
K of C Christmas Party	December 2019
Annual Free Throw Council 1847 Contest	January 2020

**We invite you to our Upcoming Meetings:**

- Business Meeting, St. Mary's Lower Church  
8PM 1st Wednesday of the Month
- Social Meeting, Alumni Restaurant  
7PM 3rd Wednesday of the Month
- Coffee and Donuts Sessions, St. Mary's Lower Church  
Announced in Church Bulletin- after 9AM and 10:30AM Masses

Hope to hear from you and see you at our events and meetings where you can meet others and support our church and community. If you have any questions or want to join, contact our Deputy Grand Knight and Membership Director, Jim Lane @ 508-520-1947, [JDLane58@hotmail.com](mailto:JDLane58@hotmail.com)

**OUT OF PARISH GROUPS AND EVENTS**

**FISH Volunteers needed:** FISH of Franklin provides transportation to medical appointments for Franklin residents who have no other means of transportation. FISH volunteers devote one day a month to telephone and/or provide transportation for our FISH clients. To learn more call 508-528-2121.

**Transformed in Love Marriage Prep** – Transformed in Love for engaged couples is the Archdiocesan program for marriage preparation. For upcoming dates, locations, and registration information, visit [bostoncatholic.org/familylife](http://bostoncatholic.org/familylife) or contact Liz Cotrupi at [ecotrupi@rcab.org](mailto:ecotrupi@rcab.org).

**Did you know...** there is a confidential support group for anyone experiencing domestic violence. For support and group info call 617-653-4226 or the 24-hour hotline at 888-314-3683.

**The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents, St. Anthony Shrine:** Spiritual Retreats · Monthly Meetings. Call (800) 919-9332 or (617)542-8057, 100 Arch Street, Boston, MA 02110 [www.emfgp.org](http://www.emfgp.org) · [info@emfgp.org](mailto:info@emfgp.org).

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** Are there times in your life or marriage relationship when you judge you are in a spiritual desert? Bring life to your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 13-14, 2019 in Brewster, MA and Jun 8-9, 2019 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>