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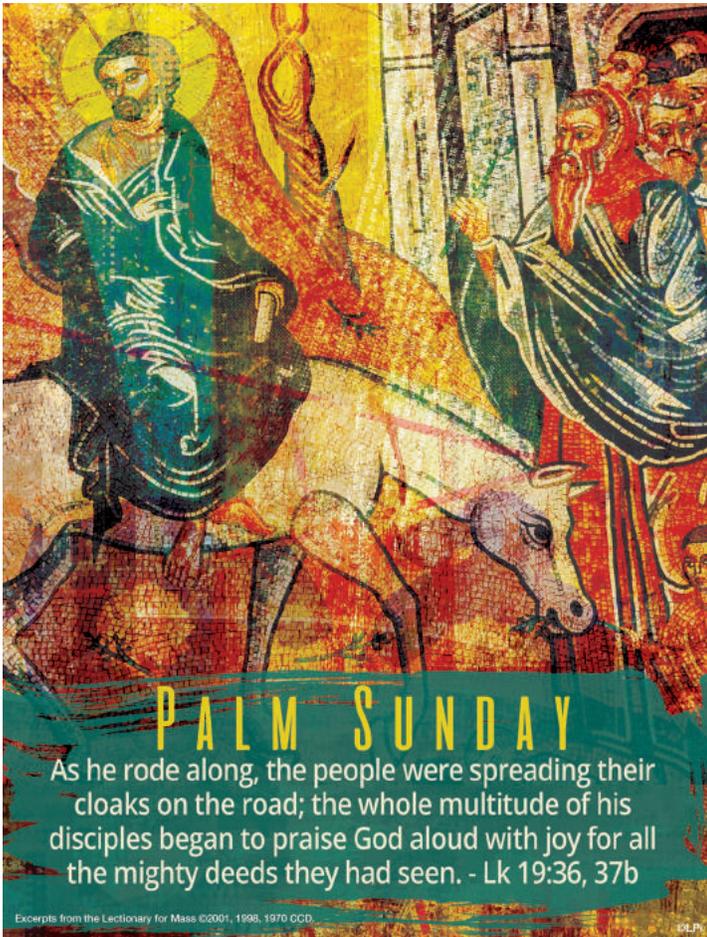
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**WELCOME**

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:

How are we able, in fact, to walk the way of the Cross? It is because ultimately we are walking towards the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We walk along with Jesus on his way to Golgatha and experience much with him, but it is because we ultimately experience him in his Resurrection that all of this has meaning. We sing great alleluias because He is Risen, not because he has died. This Sunday has been called Palm Sunday for many centuries even though the story really is about the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. Our celebration of the Blessing of Palm is distinctive to this Sunday and it is the grand introduction to Holy Week with all its profound and spiritually moving ceremonies and services. How fitting it is to begin this week with a Procession of Palm in honor of Jesus Christ and his ultimate victory over death.

Note that the first two readings of this Sunday are the same every year. Their purpose is to make the passion and death of Jesus Christ their principal focus. Our Old Testament passage from Isaiah identifies clearly the sufferings of one servant who bears the burden of pain for others. The wonderful book of Isaiah contains four sections titled “Songs of the Suffering Servant”. On Palm Sunday we read from the third song. This reading provides a connection between the song and the story of Jesus’ life. We all can hear Jesus saying these words, as he describes the events of his public ministry as none other than a school of compassion. Bear in mind that every day he had given himself over to his mission, no matter what the threatening consequences. This magnificent Song of the Suffering Servant prepares us to read the great Passion story.

The passage from Paul’s letter to the Philippians offers us a balancing perspective to our first reading. It is an adapted hymn that gives us an image not only of Jesus’ life and death, but also of his resurrection and exaltation as Lord. This hymn from Philippians helps us to feel deep within us the power and poignancy of the Passion story itself.

We know that each Gospel writer contributes various facets and details of Jesus’ passion and death. In the Gospel of Luke, the cross is the cause of our conversion, and this story highlights for us all the people along the *via dolorosa*, at the foot of the cross, and also at the cross itself on Golgatha. We learn in today’s reading of the wide and various assembly of people, both named and unnamed, who meet Jesus on his journey to his death. At the beginning we encounter Simon from Cyrene, who is pressed into service. He is the one who carries the cross for an exhausted and worn out Jesus. Jesus also pauses to speak to the women of Jerusalem for whose future he weeps as much as they weep for his. In addition, there are the women who were with him during his three-year ministry. They watch at the foot of the cross, but are at some distance. Luke writes about the good thief, repentant at last, and also the unnamed multitude who regret this crucifixion. We cannot forget about the centurion who realizes a great deal a little too late. Recall this quote: “This man was innocent beyond doubt” (Luke 23:47). And at the end, Joseph of Arimathea steps forth, offering to lend a tomb for Jesus’ body.

As we read and meditate on this *via dolorosa* and think about all that happened on that graced day, the terror of these moments was Jesus’ alone. We must remember that the narrative is for our sakes. The story is retold, as Saint Paul’s passage tells us today, not only that we might hear and follow along, but also that we might hear and be moved in our very being: “Let your attitude be Christ’s.”

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:** Good Friday, 3pm  
**Good Friday Cross Walk,** April 19, 12:00-1:00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Prayer Shawl Ministry: Tuesday, April 16, 10:00 am**  
**Health Ministry: Thursday, May 2, 10am**  
**Women's Faith Formation: Saturday, May 17, 9:00 am**

GOOD FRIDAY CROSS WALK

People of all ages are encouraged to unite on Good Friday for this powerful annual, ecumenical remembrance of Christ's Passion. We will gather at Noon to walk together through and around the Franklin Town Common and back to St Mary's lawn. Please email co-coordinator Ann Marie Truenow at [amtruenow@comcast.net](mailto:amtruenow@comcast.net) with questions.

CONFESSIONS

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

Wednesday, April 17

Location: upstairs Church confessional

HOLY LAND SHRINES COLLECTION

The Good Friday collection supports the sacred places and the educational, charitable, and peace-seeking ministries of the Church in the Holy Land.

EASTER COLLECTION

Next week, at all our Easter Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical, and financial needs of the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity.

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  
 Patrick O'Toole

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Parishioners in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or older who have made their First Communion and would like to become Altar Servers are invited to a 45-minute training session on **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm** in the upper church. We request at least one parent to attend with their child. Parents: please encourage your child to become a server. Altar Server schedules are family friendly!

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

The rectory office will be closed Monday, April 15, 2019 in observance of Patriots Day. It will re-open Tuesday, April 16 at 9:00 am.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 14  
 Passion Play · 5:00pm Mass

Wednesday, April 17  
 Confessions · 7-8pm

Holy Thursday, April 18  
 Morning Prayer · 7:00am  
 Mass of the Lord's Supper · 7:30pm

Good Friday, April 19  
 Morning Prayer · 7:00am  
 Ecumenical Cross Walk on the Common · 12:00-1:00pm  
 Stations of the Cross · 3:00pm - upper church  
 Commemoration of the Lord's Passion · 7:30pm

Holy Saturday, April 20  
 Morning Prayer · 7:00am  
 Confessions · 3:00-4:00pm  
 Easter Vigil · 7:30pm

Easter Mass Schedule

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 20 · 7:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 21  
 Upstairs: 7:30am, 9:00am 10:30am, 12:00 noon  
 Downstairs: 7:30am, 9:00am 10:30am  
 No 5:00pm Mass

No 7:00am Mass on Monday, April 22

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday, April 13

4:00 - Maria Grace Rossetti - 50th Anniversary

#### Sunday, April 14

7:30 - Edmond Geoffroy - Memorial

9:00 - Dale Ippolito - 5th Anniversary

10:30 - Rheta Frascotti - Anniversary

12:00 - John T. Galvin - 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 **Joseph McHugh** and **Jeanne Bundtzen**. 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 April 14, 2019

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18

[cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25

[Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15--15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12

Next 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 Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35

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### ROSE MEMORIAL



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Vincent and Florence Keras Family

### WELCOME TO THE PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into our parish family **Connor Patrick Finn, Nora Catherine Finn, Tessa Marie Barrile, Jensen Charles Fasulo, Grace Kay Gagne, Lucy Emerson Gancarz, Georgette Marie Glavin, and Rory Kennedy Guilliams**, who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism. May the Lord watch over them always.

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Donation totals for April 7, 2019... \$ 13,387.28

Envelope donation total...\$6,646.25

Online giving total...\$3,491.13

Other donations total...\$3,249.90

*Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.*

### CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thanks to your generous support of the 2019 Catholic Appeal, we can continue to advance programs for evangelization and pastoral outreach in our parish communities and schools, and in the lives of those who turn to us for assistance. **For those of you still interested in making a pledge to this life-changing work, envelopes are available in the church.**

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

All women are invited to attend the next meeting of the **Catholic Women's Club on April 25th at 7pm**. We again have the pleasure of hosting Dennis Sardella, who will present a program titled "Catacombs to Cathedrals," which traces the development of churches through the ages. Please note that this meeting will take place in the school auditorium. Light refreshments will be served and we encourage you to bring a friend.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Graduating seniors who are registered members of St. Mary's Parish are invited to apply for the **Catholic Women's Club \$1,000 scholarship**. Preference is given to those candidates who have a relative in the Catholic Women's Club. Application forms may be downloaded from <http://stmarysfranklin.org/catholic-womens-club>. Application deadline: **Wednesday, May 1, 2019**.



### HEALTH MINISTRY NOTES



Discover the benefits of a healthy eating style:

- Choose foods and drinks that are good for your health.
- Include a variety of healthful foods from all of the food groups on a regular basis.
- Select healthier options when eating away from home.
- Be mindful of portion sizes. Eat and drink the amount that's right for you, as MyPlate encourages us to do.
- Keep it simple. Eating right doesn't have to be complicated.
- Make food safety part of your everyday routine.
- Help to reduce food waste by considering the foods you have on hand before buying more at the store.
- Find activities that you enjoy and be physically active most days of the week.
- Consult the nutrition experts. Registered Dietitian Nutritionists can provide sound, easy-to-follow personalized nutrition advice to meet your lifestyle, preferences and health-related needs.

See St. Mary's Health Ministry bulletin board in the downstairs entryway of the Church for more MyPlate ideas and games.

**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.

**For this last weekend of lent, April 13th & 14th, we are asking parishioners to donate 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.



**Lenten Offering Thanks**

During this Lenten season we have been overwhelmed by your generosity! The shelves of the SVdP food pantry are well stocked with food and household cleaning and paper products. Your generosity has helped the St. Mary's SVdP to prepare fifty

Easter dinner packages for our neighbors in need. Friends your food and financial donations make all the work of the SVdP Society possible. We accept the gratitude from the recipients of your donations, on your behalf. You are a wonderful example of God's mercy at work in our community.



**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.



**Thank you for helping those in need!**

We are so thankful for your financial and food donations that allow us to help our brothers and sisters who are struggling.

**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!

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD CARD DRIVE**



The Knights of Columbus is holding an Easter fund raiser with all proceeds to benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The Knights will sell Stop & Shop gift cards outside the church after all Masses on the weekend of April 13 and 14.

**In recognition of significant need, please donate one or more of the gift cards you purchase.**

*Thank you for your compassion to those less fortunate.*

**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 johnmrstaino@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.

**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: cathy@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.

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP AT ST. MARY**

St Mary Church in Franklin is offering a **7-week bereavement group that will begin on Wednesday April 24 at 7pm.**

This faith-based group is offered to anyone who has experienced a recent loss. There is no charge for this program; however, registration is required.

For additional information or to register please call **Nan Rafter at 774-571-0092.**

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASS**

In an effort to protect the people of our parish from those who may want to take advantage of the weak and vulnerable among us, the Archdiocese of Boston mandates that all parish volunteers (and encourages others) to attend a Protecting God's Children Workshop. This program, which runs less than two hours and does not have to be repeated, trains volunteers on how to help keep our parish safe. If you have never attended this workshop, you are asked to do so now. **Anyone volunteering in any capacity at St. Mary's must complete this program.**

**Our next class will be Sunday, April 28th at 2 pm in the Sacred Heart Hall of the church.** There is no need to pre-register; please just show up. Thank you for making the safety of our vulnerable parishioners a priority. If you have any questions, please contact the workshop facilitator, Stephen May, at 508-528-0020 x13, or [smay@stmarysfranklin.org](mailto:smay@stmarysfranklin.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.

RESPECT LIFE COMMISSION

The Respect Life Commission seeks to raise awareness of many issues in contemporary society that touch upon the sacredness of human life, including Palliative Care, Physician Assisted Suicide,



Capital Punishment, Abortion, and Euthanasia .

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.

*Welcome to Saint Mary Parish Family*

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB BANQUET

The St. Mary's Women's Club End of the Year Banquet is Thursday, May 16th at Alicante's in Mendon. All women of the parish are invited. Our scholarship winners will be awarded at the dinner. Tickets are \$35 for salad, entrée, and dessert with tea and coffee. You need to pay individually for all other drinks. If you have dietary concerns, please contact Rosemary O'Koren when you buy your ticket so she can let the restaurant know ahead of time. Dinner selections:

- **Chicken Parmigiana**
- **Veal Parmigiana**
- **Eggplant Parmigiana**
- **Chicken Serrano**
- **Salmon Relheno**

The last day to buy tickets is Tuesday, May 7. You can mail your check made out to the St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club to 515 Maple Street, Franklin, MA 02038. If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary O'Koren at okorenj@comcast.net or 508-528-1663.



OUT OF PARISH EVENTS

**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).

**The Franklin Veterans Council** hosts a Veterans Coffee Social on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10am in the Franklin Senior Center Cafe. **Our first Coffee Social will be on April 3rd at 10am.** Coffee and pastries provided. All veterans are invited. Contact the Veterans Service Office with any questions: 508-613-1315.

**The Friends of the Norfolk Public Library** will hold its **annual Book and Bake Sale on Saturday, April 20, 9am to 3pm** at the Norfolk DPW, 33 Medway Branch road, Norfolk. The Friends of the Norfolk Public Library is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that uses all of its funds to support the programs and services of the Norfolk Public Library.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** Let God show you how much of an impact forgiveness can be in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jun 8-9, 2019 in Medway, MA and Sep 14-15, 2019 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

**Mount St. Mary's Abbey Gift Shop** needs volunteers, especially on Fridays and Saturdays. Please call 508 528-1282 and leave a message for Sister Marilyn, if you are interested in helping out.

**Montrose School Open House: Thursday, May 2, 6:30pm, 29 North Street, Medfield.** Montrose prepares girls to thrive in college and beyond. Inspired by the teachings of the Catholic Church, Montrose is an independent day school for girls in grades 6-12. To preregister, email [Admissions@MontroseSchool.org](mailto:Admissions@MontroseSchool.org). (Walk-ins also welcome!)

**Project Bread 51st Walk for Hunger, Sunday, May 5, 6am-6pm,** beginning and ending on the Boston Common. <http://www.projectbread.org/walk-for-hunger/> Call Kellie Vehlies for information: 617-239-2548.