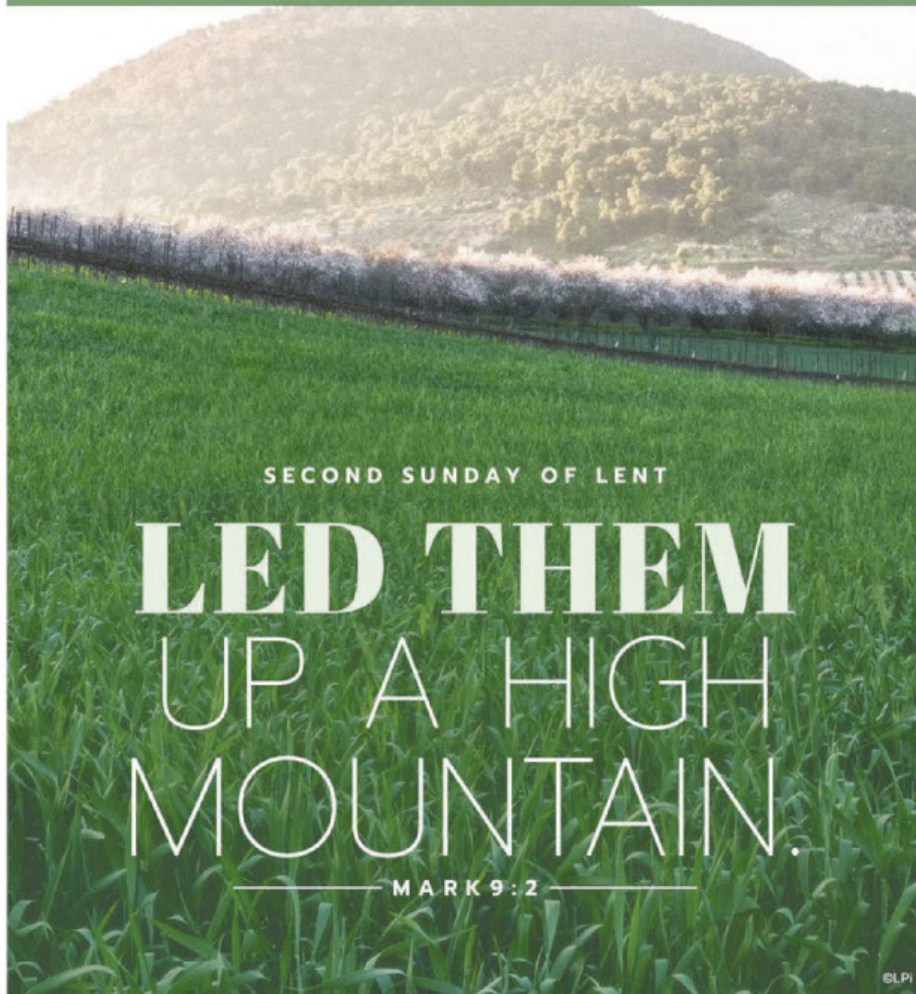


# Saint Mary Parish

## ST. MARY PARISH

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024



## 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**

### 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

## PASTORAL STAFF

### Pastor

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### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, February 24**

4:00 pm Paul Hannon

**Sunday, February 25**

7:30am Antonio Perreira

10:30am Rosalba McWilliam

12:00 noon Ronald Padula & Alfred Padula

**Monday, February 26**

7:00am Joseph Merullo Sr.

**Tuesday, February 27**

7:00am James Hill

**Wednesday, February 28**

7:00am Elenor Stanislovitis

**Thursday, February 29**

7:00 am Juliana Kyungwoo Lee

**Friday, March 1**

7:00 am Bernard Cataloni

**Saturday, March 2**

4:00 pm Paul Hannon

**Sunday, March 3**

7:30am Antonio Pereira

10:30am Rosalba McWilliam

12:00 noon Ronald Padula & Alfred Padula

### **WEEKLY GIVING**

Online Donation: \$ 4,966.00

Offertory \$ 4,879.62

Drop-Off \$ 2,280.00

Grand Total \$ 12,125.62

Grand Annual - 80% \$139,004.00



Maeve Alyssa Brightbill, Vivienne Jeanne Fiore, Adrianna Marianne Rodriguez and Audrey Elizabeth Sullivan were Baptized on February 18th by Fr. Bob. May God watch over them always.



### **READINGS THIS WEEK**

**Readings for the week of February 25, 2024**

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/ Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/

Jn 2:13-25 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



### 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, March 13, 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

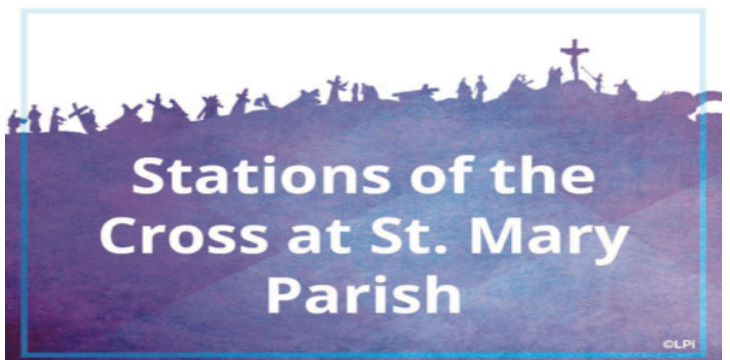
Register Online at [stmarysfranklin.org](http://stmarysfranklin.org) or call the Rectory at 508-528-0020.



### The 2024 Catholic Appeal

Next weekend, the **2024 Catholic Appeal** will officially launch here in our parish and across the Archdiocese. One of the most meaningful ways that we witness the presence of Christ and deepen the impact of our Church's ministries, is by supporting the Catholic Appeal.

As your pastor, I strongly encourage you to join me in giving a gift to this year's appeal. Many of you have already done so and I am deeply grateful. As a parish, I am hoping for 100% participation! When our parish reaches its goal of \$81,500, a portion of the additional funds received will be returned to St. Mary's for use in our parish. To make a gift online, please visit [www.stmarysfranklin.org](http://www.stmarysfranklin.org). On behalf of Cardinal Seán and all those who benefit from your generosity, we thank you!



Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday during Lent, at 7pm in the Chapel. A different parish organization will lead the Stations each week.

March 1	Religious Education
March 8	Women's Faith Formation
March 15	Men's Faith Formation
March 22	St. Vincent DePaul





## Attention College-Bound High School Seniors



The Knights of Columbus is accepting applicants for 2024 *The Robert Simmler PGK, Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council #1847 Scholarship* award program.

Applicants must be a registered member of St. Mary's Parish in Franklin and must be graduating from High School in spring 2024 and progressing onto their first year of study at a 2 or 4 year college/university. Please submit a completed scholarship application to be postmarked on or before the application deadline of **March 28, 2024**. **We are awarding 2 scholarships this year a \$3000 and \$1000!**

The application form is available from the banner on the parish website or on the Knights of Columbus website <https://www.kofc1847.org/>. Please fill in ALL information accurately and clearly, and then submit the completed application to: ***The Robert Simmler PGK Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council 1847 Scholarship Committee, St. Mary's Parish c/o Michael Swan 38 Madison Ave Franklin MA 02038***

The award will be given to the recipients upon completion of their 1<sup>st</sup> semester of studies and upon proof of enrollment in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. Please contact Michael Swan if needed for more information: 508-404-4792

# ASH WEDNESDAY

## LENT BEGINS

### WHAT IS LENT?

The 40-day period from Ash Wednesday and before Easter Sunday. It is marked by praying, fasting, abstinence, and other acts of penance.

PRAYING FASTING ABSTINENCE

### WHAT IS FASTING?

One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal

### WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?

Abstinence is refraining from eating meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.

### DAYS OF FAST?

Ash Wednesday Good Friday

### DAYS OF ABSTINENCE?

Ash Wednesday All Fridays of Lent Good Friday

### WHO ARE REQUIRED?

Catholics from age < 18 to 59 >

The sick are excused from fasting

### WHO ARE REQUIRED?

Mandatory for everyone older than 14 years old

Source: Code of Canon Law

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### Zoom Rosary Every Monday Night at 7:00PM

Deacon Guy continues a Zoom Rosary every Monday night at 7:00pm. This is open to parishioners, family & friends from all communities. The Zoom Rosary takes about 30 minutes and has a different Mystery each week.

There is no expectation of attendance or level of participation. 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).

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. "We're ready, God!" our hearts cry out. "Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!"

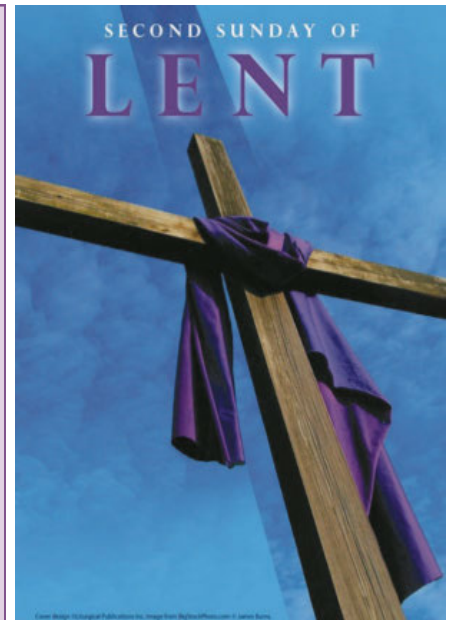
But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It's not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It's the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there's that nagging voice in our minds saying: go ahead, God doesn't really mind.

It's a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn't you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried "Ready!" when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



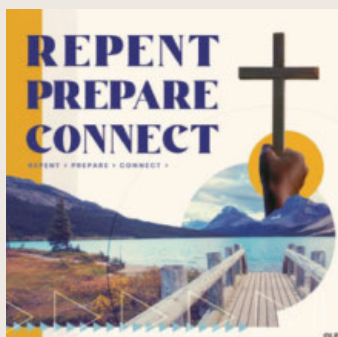
The March Meeting of the Book Club is on Thursday, March 7th at 6pm in the Olive Branch conference Room.

For more information, please contact Joan Maguire at: 508-528-3789

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Prayer is one of the three traditional Catholic disciplines of Lent. Perhaps you might experience prayer in a different way this Lent by attending the *Evening of Prayer* services on the Wednesdays of Lent.

The first service begins this Wednesday, **February 28th** from **7:00 to 8:00pm in the Chapel**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, along with the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will accompany Evening Prayer. Join us for some quiet, reflective time during this season of Lent.



## Catholic Women's Club Communion Breakfast

St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club will hold their annual Communion Breakfast on Laetere Sunday, March 10, 2024 following the 10:30am Mass. Breakfast will be held at the "3" Restaurant, West Central Street, Franklin, MA.

Our guest speaker will be St. Mary's pastor, Rev. Robert Poitras. If you plan to attend, the cost is \$30/pp. Please make out your check to "**St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club**" and mail it to: Patricia Tomasetti, 3 Mackintosh Street, Franklin, MA 02038.



## MEN'S Ministry

### Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Men

St. Mary's Parish is relaunching our men's faith formation group (COR- Communication Resources) . All men, wherever you are on your faith journey are welcome. We meet on the first Saturday of each month at 8:00 am in St. Mary's Hall for an hour. The next session is March 2nd.

The program has no cost and 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).



**Abundant Hope**  
PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER



### Fill a bottle - Save a Life!

Once again, our St. Mary's **Knights of Columbus** and **Respect Life Commission** are helping the Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center bring hope to expectant mothers and families in great need. During Lent we are holding a Baby Bottle Drive to collect much needed funds for services. Bottles will be available in baby baskets at the church doors on the weekend of March 2 & 3.

Please join us by taking a bottle to fill with your thoughtful gift of change, cash or check, and return to the baskets by weekends of **March 10** and **March 17**. This is a great way to get your whole family involved in sharing God's love, especially during Lent. Religious Education Students can receive service hours for making a sacrificial gift!

**'Do small things with great love'** - St. Teresa of Calcutta



### Icon of St. Joseph

The weekend of March 16 and 17th, the **Knights of Columbus** will be sponsoring the **ICON of St. Joseph** at each Mass. Every few years the Knights select an ICON of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring to the Knights and the communities they serve.

We pray to Saint Joseph for his intercession in preserving, cultivating and passing on the Catholic faith to future generations. Please join us this week to ask St Joseph for his guidance.



### St. Vincent De Paul Current Food Pantry Requests 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:

**Cereal**  
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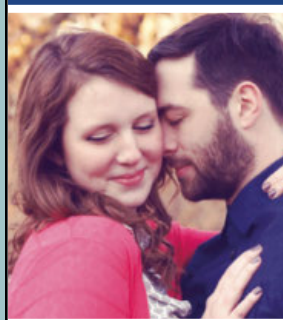
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