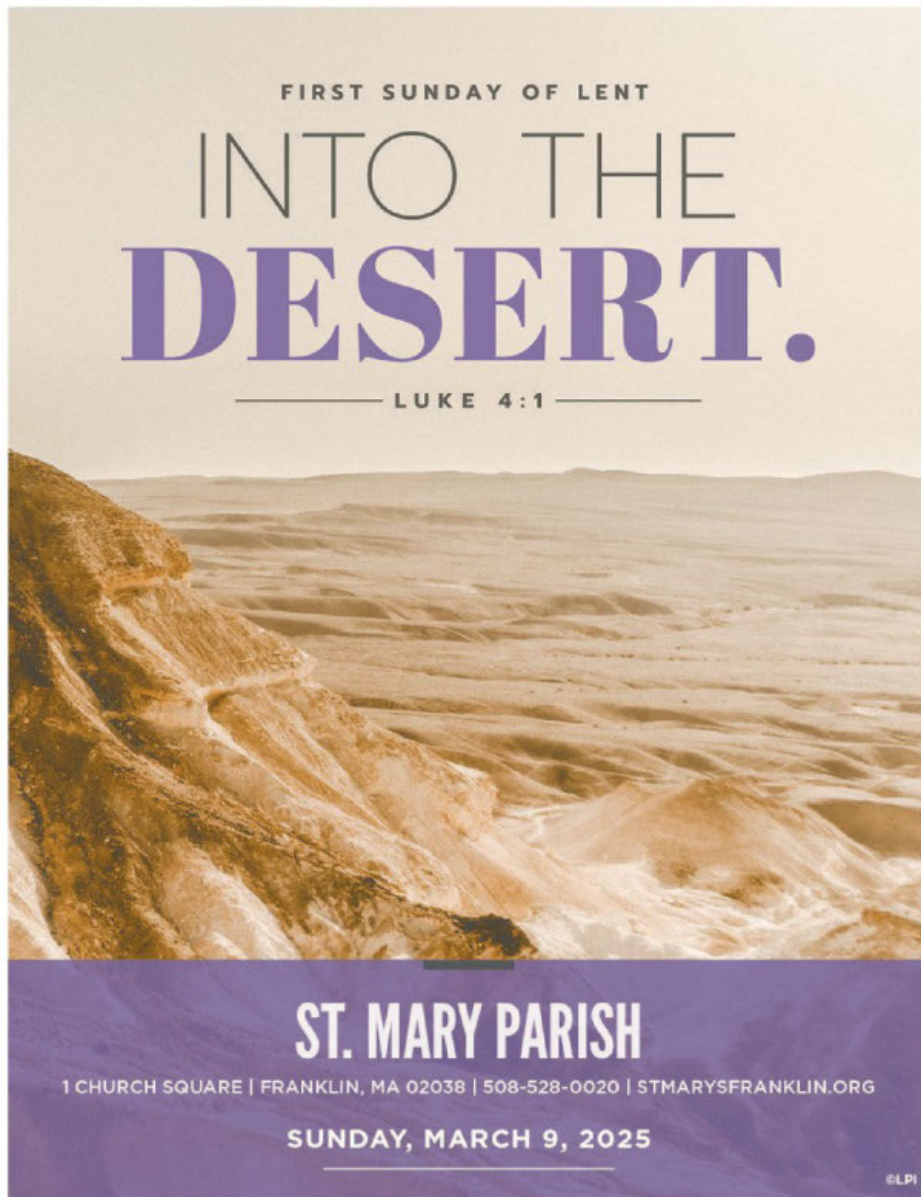


Saint Mary Parish



Mass Schedule In the Chapel

Saturday

4:00 p.m.

Sunday

7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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

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Rectory Hours

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 8

4:00pm Norbert and Doris Beaulieu

Sunday, March 9

7:30am Bob and Leslie Rappa

10:30am Andrew & Louise Decina and Donald and Lucille Swan

Monday, March 10

7:00am Jose and Maria Pereira

Tuesday, March 11

7:00am Calvin Harrison

Wednesday, March 12

7:00am Albert Peter Palumbo

Thursday, March 13

7:00am Jack Revellese

Friday, March 14

7:00 am Albert Kryzak

Saturday, March 15

4:00pm Beatrice Dolan

Sunday, March 16

7:30am The Daly, Driscoll, Rooney and O'Neill Families

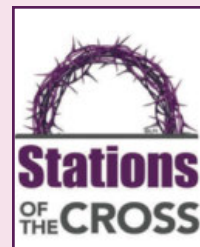
10:30am Michael Canty

BAPTISM



Madeleine Grace Fournier was Baptized by Fr. Bob on Saturday, March 1st, 2025. God Bless Madeleine and her family.

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday nights at 7pm in the Chapel. The first Stations begin on March 7, completing on Good Friday. Each week, a different Parish group will lead the Stations.



- March 14 – St. Mary's Men's Group
- March 21 – Knights of Columbus
- March 28 – St. Vincent de Paul Society
- April 4 – St. Mary's Religious Education
- April 11 – St. Mary's Woman's Group

Easter Flower Donations

Envelopes for Easter Flower Donations will be available at each entrance of the church. Envelopes can be returned in the collection boxes or dropped-off at the Rectory by April 11. You may also donate online via the parish website at: www.stmarysfranklin.org



READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of March 9, 2025

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

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

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

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

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

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

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



Baptism

Baptisms are held on Sunday afternoons. 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 12, 2025.

To schedule a Baptism, please call: 508-528-0020 or email: baptism@stmarysfranklin.org. You can reach Deacon Ron at gerwat@verizon.net

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.

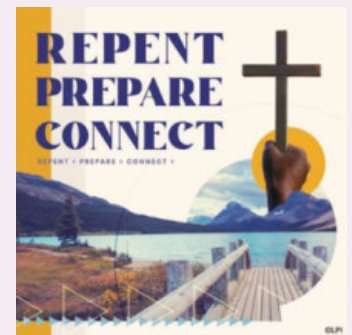
Become a Parishioner of St. Mary Parish

Register Online at stmarysfranklin.org or call the Rectory at 508-528-0020.

**Weekly Lenten Prayer Service
Wednesdays in During Lent**

During the six Wednesdays of Lent, our parish will celebrate Evening Prayer, along with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for individual confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation). The Prayer services are on Wednesday's from 7:00pm - 8:00pm, and will run from March 12 through April 16 in the Chapel. The Service will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00pm, followed by Evening Prayer.

Evening Prayer is one facet of the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church's official daily prayer. It consists of psalms and canticles, prayers, petitions, a reading and songs. Following this prayer, participants will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A simple Benediction just before 8:00pm will complete the service. Join us for some quiet, reflective time during this season of Lent.



**K of C Free Throw
District Competition Results**



Last week, the Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council sent their local winners of the Free Throw Event to the KofC Basketball Districts Competition. **Franklin had 3 winners**, and they are now eligible to go on to compete in the Regionals.

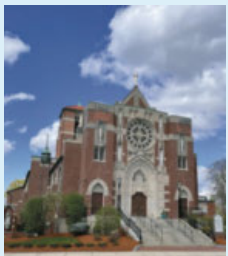
- Girls 9 Franklin Runner Up - Ellie McCormack
- Girls 10 Franklin Runner Up - Fiora Gubka
- Boys 9 Franklin Runner Up - Daylan Chu
- Boys 10 Franklin Champion - Aleksander Mazenkofski
- Boys 12 Franklin Runner Up - Sriham Tadopaneni
- Boys 13 Franklin Champion - Tommy Flynn
- Boys 14 Franklin Champion - Daniel Abdilmasih

Congratulations to All of our contestants. You were fantastic Shooters and have great families. I hope that you join us next year to shoot at our 2026 Franklin Basketball Free Throw Event. To the parents, thank you for all your support.

Catholic Women's Club Annual Brunch March 30, 2025

St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club will be hosting our annual brunch on Laetare Sunday, March 30th after the 10:30 Mass at Restaurant 3, 461 W. Central St. Franklin. The cost is \$30. All women members of the parish are invited to attend.

Please email Pat Tomasetti if you are planning to attend at ptoma2245@gmail.com. Make your check out to "St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club" and mail it to: Patricia Tomasetti, 3 Mackintosh Street, Franklin, MA 02038.



St. Mary Fire Damage Fund

Please consider supporting Saint Mary Parish during this very difficult time and contribute to the *Saint Mary Parish Fire Fund*. All proceeds will go directly towards the reconstruction and repair of our beautiful and sacred church.

You can donate by using the QR Code below, or by mailing checks to **St. Mary Parish, 1 Church Square, Franklin, MA 02038**, or donate online to the *St. Mary Fire Fund* at: <https://www.osvhub.com/stmarysfranklin/giving/funds>.



Knights of Columbus 2025 Scholarship



The Knights of Columbus is accepting applicants for its 2025 *Robert Simmler PGK, Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council #1847 Scholarship*.

Applicants must be a registered member of St. Mary's Parish in Franklin, graduating from High School in spring 2025 and progressing onto their first year of study at a 2 or 4 year college/university. **We are awarding 2 scholarships this year (\$3000 and \$1000).**

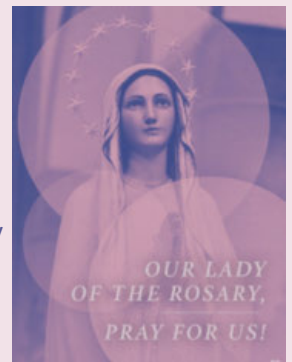
Please submit a completed scholarship application postmarked on or before the **application deadline of March 28, 2025**. The award will be given to the recipients upon completion of their 1st semester of studies and upon proof of enrollment in the 2nd semester.

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*

For more information, please contact Michael Swan at 508-404-4792

Zoom Rosary

Deacon Guy continues a Zoom Rosary every Monday night at 7:00pm. This is open to parishioners, family & friends from all communities. You are welcome to join, relax, pray and/or and just listen. *Link info* is on the Parish Web Site under Parish Life and Prayer. For information contact Deacon Guy at: deaconguy@verizon.net.





Moving Forward in Faith... Together

One of the most meaningful ways that we deepen the impact of our Archdiocese’s schools, parishes, and ministries is by supporting the Catholic Appeal. Your partnership and participation carry Christ’s love into our communities and spread hope. Many of you may have received a letter from Archbishop Richard Henning requesting your support of the 2025 Catholic Appeal. We hope that you will respond to his invitation with a generous gift, knowing that each contribution makes a difference. To make an on-line donation or to learn more about the impact your donation will have, visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Your early support will help launch our parish campaign in a positive way.

The Appeal is a primary means by which we enfold our brothers and sisters into Christ’s circle of care. On behalf of Archbishop Henning and all who benefit from your generosity, Thank you.

Forward in Faith

Once a year, Catholics in the Archdiocese are asked to join together to support their parish and the greater Church by contributing to the Catholic Appeal. Many of you have received a letter from our new archbishop, Richard G. Henning, inviting you to join him in offering early support to the 2025 Appeal. We hope you will respond to his invitation with a generous gift, knowing that each contribution has a significant impact on the lives of thousands across the Archdiocese of Boston. You can make a gift by returning your pledge card or by making an online donation at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. For those who have already made a gift, thank you! Your generosity moves us all forward in faith.

Next weekend, the 2025 Catholic Appeal will officially launch here at St. Mary Parish and across our Archdiocese. As your pastor, I hope and encourage you to join me in making a gift to this year’s Catholic Appeal. As we celebrate the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, our participation in the Catholic Appeal signifies an important way that we can share Christ’s promise, care, and love with others. For those who have already made a gift, please know that I am deeply grateful. We are hoping to have 100% participation from our parish! When we reach our Appeal goal of \$90,800.00, our parish will receive funds back for our local programs and ministries. To make an online gift, please visit: www.bostoncatholicappeal.org.

Thank you for moving us “Forward in Faith!”





**Catholic Women's Club
Scholarship
Applications Being Accepted**

Our Catholic Women's Club Scholarship is given to a graduating senior, who is a registered member of St. Mary's Parish Franklin planning on attending a 2 or 4 year college, trade school or certification program. Preference is given to those candidates who have a relative in the Catholic Women's Club. You can access the application at: <https://www.stmarysfranklin.org/catholic-womens-club>. The deadline is Monday, April 25, 2025. For more information, please email **Paula Dwyer at: dennisport12@aol.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. The date of the dinner is Thursday May 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm. It will be held at The Restaurant 45, 45 Milford St, Medway, MA 02053.

Many Thanks!!!

On behalf of the Respect Life Commission we wish to express our sincere appreciation for the overwhelming generosity of our parishioners for all the donations we received for our Warmth and Comfort Collection. The Conference Room was filled with bags of items to donate. We distributed the collections to many organizations who serve the poor and homeless.

We are very grateful for the help and support we received from the CCD Students and teachers, CYO Students and coaches, Knights of Columbus, the priest and staff of St. Mary's Church.

"A little bit of dignity... a little bit of love... is all some need to heal." Dr. Jim O'Connell, founder of the Boston Health Care for the Homeless



**SVDP Food Pantry
Crucial Donations Needed!**

It's exciting that St Mary Church will be opening on March 1 after our parish suffered significant financial and spiritual challenges due to the fire.

Unfortunately, although we did not sustain damage, our food pantry suffered as donations significantly decreased. **Our pantry shelves are sparse or empty.** This makes it difficult to assist our Neighbors in Need and provide the roughly 750 bags of food, paper goods, laundry detergent and hygiene goods to them annually.

We are a *Supplemental* pantry and encourage Neighbors to utilize the Franklin Food Pantry with whom we have a very close relationship. Our pantry assists families who may have transportation or medical issues, access issues or need to supplement what they can get. Almost all our pantry items are delivered to neighbors' homes.

In the past, during the weeks of Lent, we have asked parishioners to donate a little more to the SVDP pantry as part of sacrifice during this holy season. We are asking again to **help fill our depleted shelves.** We are requesting that parishioners donate the following items based on the beginning letter of your last name and leave them in the boxes at the entrances to the church.

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Items</u>
A-G	toilet tissue, spaghetti sauce, pasta
H-L	paper towels, cereal, large apple and cranberry juice bottles
M-R	tissues, Progressive chicken noodle soup, peanut butter, and strawberry and grape jelly
S-Z	laundry detergent including 'free and Clear,' Kraft macaroni and cheese

We always tell our Neighbors in Need that they are receiving items due to the generosity of St Mary's Parishioners. **Thank you for your donations.**



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