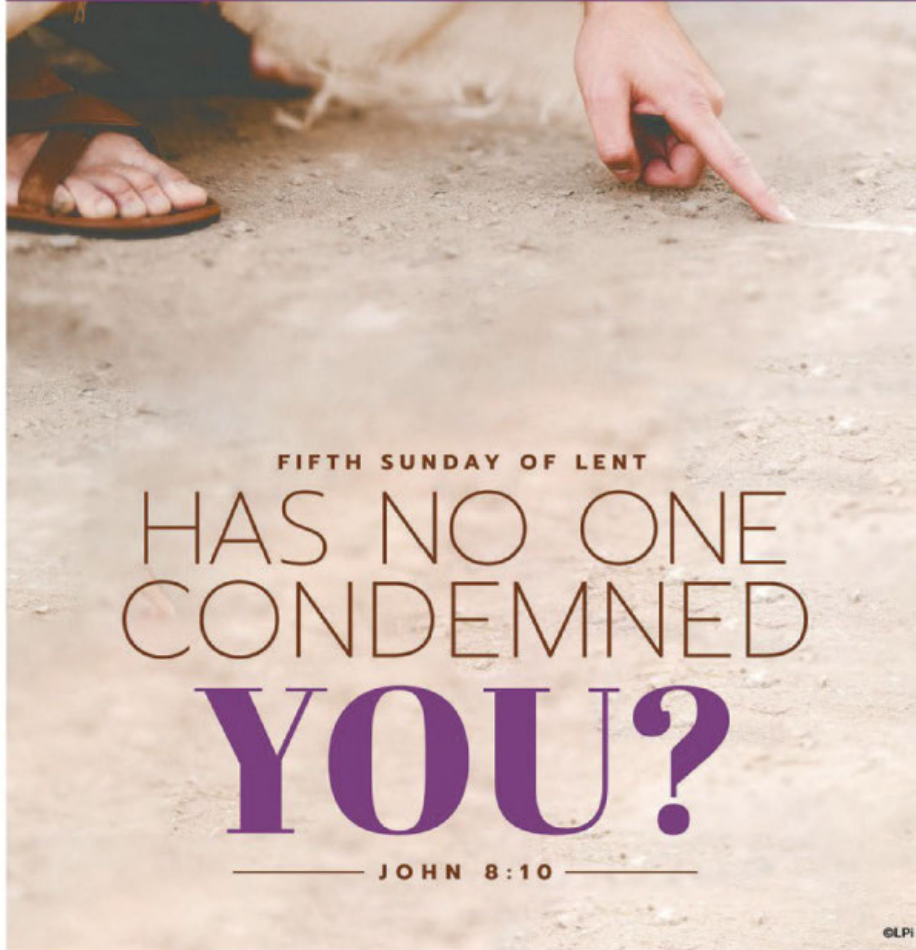


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SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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

508-528-0020, #4

Rectory Hours

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 5

4:00pm Mark & Patricia O’Friel

Sunday, April 6

7:30am Mark & Patricia O’Friel

10:30am Gregory Kurtz

Monday, April 7

7:00am Frank Colley

Tuesday, April 8

7:00am Kenneth G. Girard

Wednesday, April 9

7:00am Tom Cirino

Thursday, April 10

7:00am Claudio Leonessa

Friday, April 11

7:00 am Martin & Mary Gill

Saturday, April 12

4:00pm Louis Geer

Sunday, April 13

7:30am Eleanor Healey

10:30am William Walsh



On Sunday, March 30, 2025, Timothy George Leonard, Colby Aiden Matthew Dwyer, Julian Arthur Panico and Michael Todaro, III were Baptized by Fr. John. St. Mary Parish welcomes them into the loving, church of God.



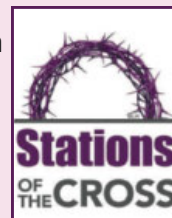
Easter Flower Donations

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

The Lenten Stations of the Cross are in held in the Chapel on:

Friday, April 11 at 7pm

St. Mary’s Woman’s Group



Good Friday - April 18 at 3pm and 7pm

3pm Passion of the Lord Service w/Stations

7pm Passion for the Lord Service w/Stations

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of April 6, 2025

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/

Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/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

- SACRAMENTS -



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, April 9, 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.

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday - April 12 & 13

4pm Mass with Blessing of Palms
 7:30am Mass with Palms
 10:30am Mass with Palms

Wednesday - April 16

7:00 pm Adoration, Prayer & Confession

Holy Thursday - April 17

7:00am Morning Prayer in Chapel
 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Last Supper with Washing of the Feet in Main Church

Good Friday - April 18

7:00am Morning Prayer in Chapel
 3:00pm The Passion of the Lord Service with Stations of the Cross to Follow in the Main Church
 7:00pm The Passion of the Lord Service in the Main Church

Holy Saturday - April 19*

7:00am Morning Prayer in the Chapel
 8:00-9:00am Confession in the Chapel
 7:00pm Easter Vigil in the Main Church

Easter Sunday - April 20*

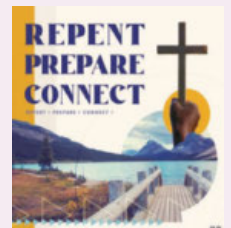
7:00am Mass in the Main Church
 9:00am Mass in the Main Church
 11:00am Mass in the Main Church

*** NOTE: *Special Mass times ONLY for Easter. On April 26 * & 27, Masses will go back to the regular schedule: Sat. 4pm and Sun. 7:30, 10:30.***

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

During Lent, our parish will celebrate Evening Prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Prayer services are in the Chapel, on Wednesday's from 7:00pm - 8:00pm, and will run through April 16th.

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. Join us for some quiet, reflective time during this season of Lent.





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. We are so grateful to all of you who have helped launch a successful 2025 Catholic Appeal campaign here at St. Mary Parish. We are continuing to raise money from our generous parishioners. If you have not had a chance to do so, please consider making your gift to the Appeal today by picking up an envelope at the back of the church or make an on-line donation at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Participation from every household in the parish is important and every gift makes a meaningful difference to support the parishes, schools, and communities within our Archdiocese. Thank you.



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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: 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.

St. Vincent de Paul MOTHER'S DAY OUTREACH

The St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul Society will once again be sponsoring a **Mother's Day Gift Bag Drive**. The SVdP Society will be reaching out to make Mother's Day a special day for some mothers who presently are having a difficult time. Parishioners are invited to put together **Mother's Day gift bags** containing three cheerful items.

Suggested inexpensive items to place in the bag include decorative kitchen towels, a magnetic "to do" list with pen, a hand towel and washcloth, lip balm, hand cream, socks, and adult coloring books and colored pencils. A Mother's Day card is a nice touch, too. Please do not include jewelry, candles, or candy. It is always fun to see the creative items that our donors place in the bags.

Members of the Society will distribute the gift bags to mothers in town. The gift bags may be dropped off at **the weekend masses on April 26th & 27 and May 3rd & 4th**. Because the church is now only open for masses, we are asking parishioners to place the Mothers' Day bags in the food bins at the doors of the church during mass times. Please do not drop the gift bags off at the rectory.

Thank you very much for your generosity and for continually helping us to reach out to our neighbors in need.





Due to the amazing amount of donations we received for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry we now have well stocked shelves in our pantry. We are extremely grateful for all the parishioners' contributions and generosity.

At this time paper products and laundry detergents, which are often requested from our Food Pantry, would be appreciated.

- Tissues
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Detergent

Thank you for your help in supporting those most in need in our community. God bless our neighbors.



Women's Faith Formation Meeting

Saturday, April 12th
9am-10am

Please join us for our April Women's Faith Formation meeting on Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Deacon Guy St. Sauveur who will speak on the topic of "The Jubilee Year of Hope."

We will be meeting in the St. Mary school building (accessible by the ramp from the parking lot). Light refreshments will be served. All women are welcome to attend!



St. Vincent DePaul Easter Meal Program

This year the St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul Society will be assisting about 72 of our neighbors in need with a Shaw's gift card to purchase a meal. Thanks to the generosity of the St. Mary's parishioners throughout the year, this Easter initiative will be funded by previous donations.

The SVdP would like to thank all the generous donors who enable us to help our neighbors most in need.

"He who is generous will be blessed, for he gives some of his food to the poor."
Proverbs 22:9



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Protecting God's Children sessions are provided multiple times most weeks throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. They are open to everyone. To find a session that works for you, talk to your parish or school staff, go to www.VIRTUSonline.org, or contact us.

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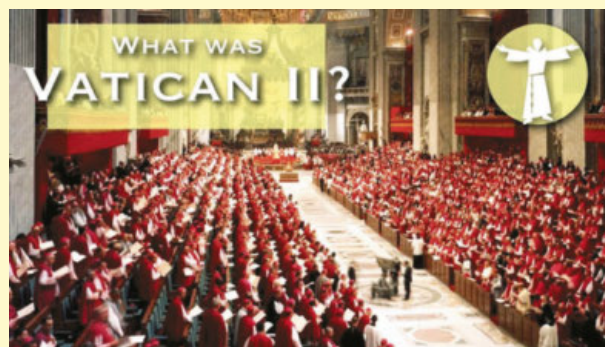
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The Vatican II document to be presented in our series is *Gaudium et Spes, The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*. From its opening paragraph, *Gaudium et Spes* seeks to join with the world: “The joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well” (#1).

The document, which was released in December 1965, is divided into two parts, Part One focusing on what it means to be human and Christian, and Part Two addressing five urgent problems of the time. In both hopeful and realistic language, the world’s bishops describe what the Church can bring to and learn from the world. We are also told that, while engagement and dialogue with the community of nations is important, the Church’s central message of salvation and the coming of the Kingdom of God, is not to be lost or compromised.

Members of the Church, and the Church itself, are called to participate in the workings of the world and to tell all peoples of God’s love...and show it; caring for the poor and marginalized is often mentioned as a specific Christian, and indeed, universal, duty. You can read *Gaudium et Spes* at <https://bit.ly/Gaudiumetspes>.

Franklin Food Pantry
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Great news! Registered clients can shop inside The Pantry during Walk-in Shopping, on Tuesday from 2pm to 3:30pm. No appointment is necessary for Walk-in Shopping; the visit is considered a client’s once per week opportunity to receive assistance from The Pantry.

Walk-in Shopping offers the flexibility and convenience, and the healthy proteins, dairy, fruits and vegetables, pantry staples, and personal care and cleaning items that clients depend on. To become a client, or for more information, please visit our website at www.franklinfoodpantry.org, or contact Laura Du, Client Services Manager, at Ldu@franklinfoodpantry.org, or 508-528-3115.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

A seven week, faith-based **Bereavement Support Group** will begin on Thursday, April 24 at St. Jude’s Church in Norfolk. This group is open to anyone who has experienced a recent loss. To register or to find out more information, please contact Nan Rafter at 774-571-0092. There is no charge for this program.

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