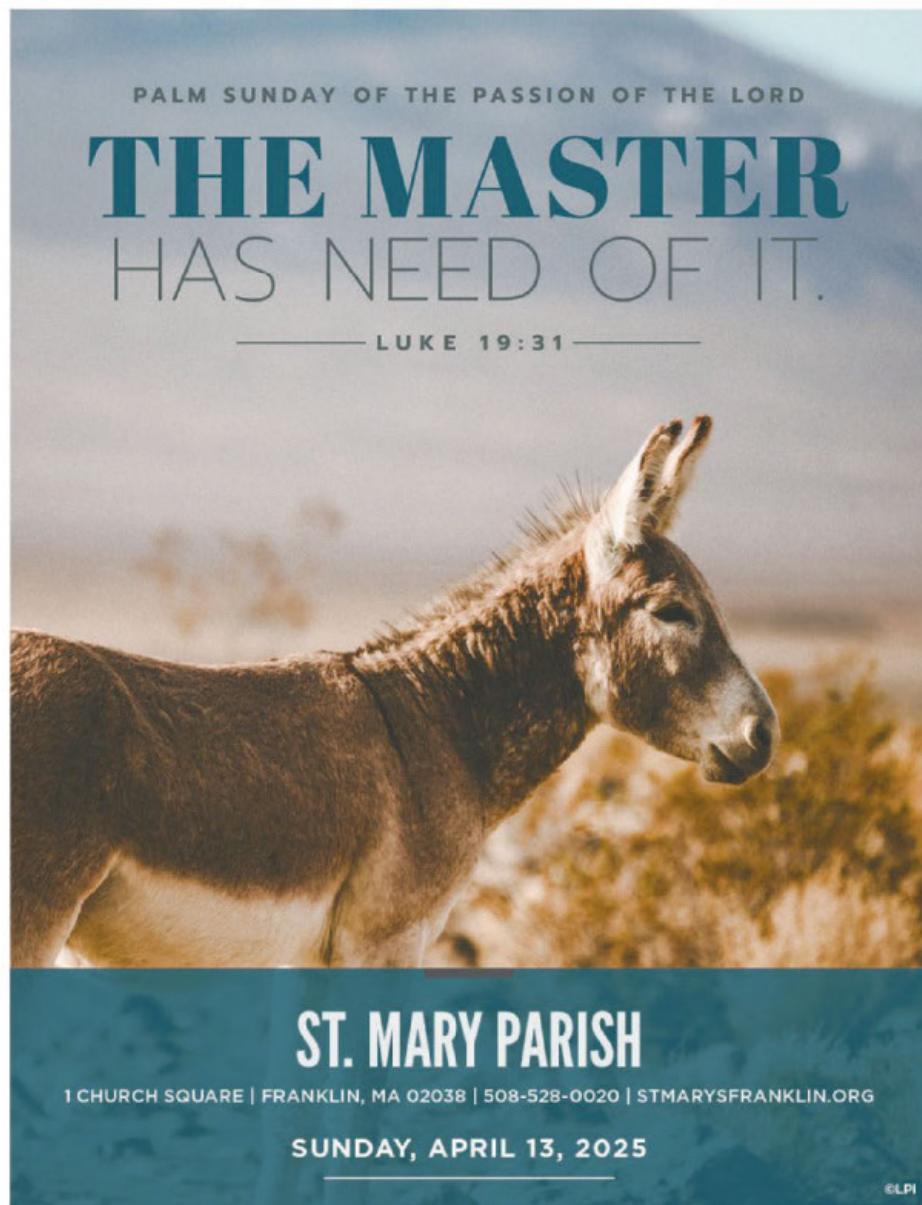


Saint Mary Parish



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:

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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, April 12

4:00pm Louis Geer

Sunday, April 13

7:30am Eleanor Healey

10:30am William Walsh

Monday, April 14

7:00am Albert Peter Palumbo

Tuesday, April 15

7:00am Ann Kelleher

Wednesday, April 16

7:00am Ann Regan - Birthday

Thursday, April 17

7:00am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Friday, April 18

7:00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Saturday, April 19

7:00pm Easter Vigil - No Intentions

Sunday, April 20

7:00am Easter Mass - No Intentions

9:00am Easter Mass - No Intentions

11:00am Easter Mass - No Intentions



On Saturday, April 5, Everett Michael Comoletti was Baptized by Fr. Bernard Disco. On Sunday, April 6, Guiliana Grace DeLucia, Chloe Colette DeRemer, Grace Claire Drapeau, Daisy June Michaels and were Baptized by Fr. Bob. St. Mary Parish welcomes them into the loving, church of God.

You are invited to a

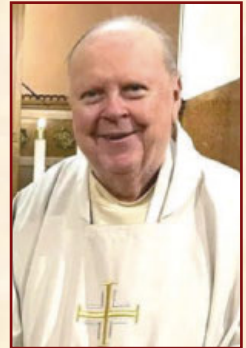
Memorial Mass

for Fr. Jack Sullivan

Saturday, May 10th 2025

11am

in the Main Church



Good Friday's Collection supports the sacred places and the educational, charitable and peace-seeking ministries of the Church in the Holy Land as well as the welfare of their Christian brethren and their local communities.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of April 13, 2025

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

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

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

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

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/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 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: 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: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 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 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

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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, May 14, 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*

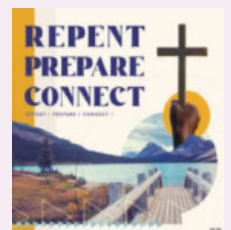
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*** NOTE: *Special Mass times ONLY for Easter. On April 26 * & 27, Masses will go back to the regular schedule: Sat. 4pm and Sun. 7:30, 10:30.***

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

This week is the final Lenten Prayer Service before Easter. Evening Prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on Wednesday, April 16th from 7:00pm - 8:00pm in the Chapel.

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.





Catholic Women's Club Bake Sale

Weekend of April 26 & 27

After all Masses

Sacred Heart Hall

All proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund.



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.



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.

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.



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Questions? Contact Chairperson Mary O'Neill at 508-440-1265

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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 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



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.

Bible Study

The next St. Mary parish Bible Study will focus on this New Testament book which is the biblical story of the early Church. The study group begins on Monday, April 28 at 11:00 in the third-floor chapel at Magnolia Heights, 485 East Central Street, Franklin. The group meetings last about one hour and will remain on Mondays for the duration of the study. Call our pastoral associate, Leo Racine, at 508-528-0020, ext. 106 for more information and to register.

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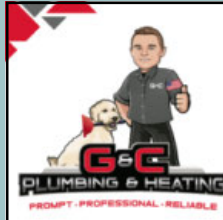
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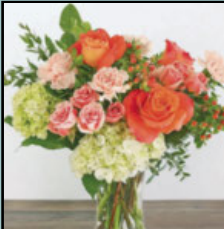
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