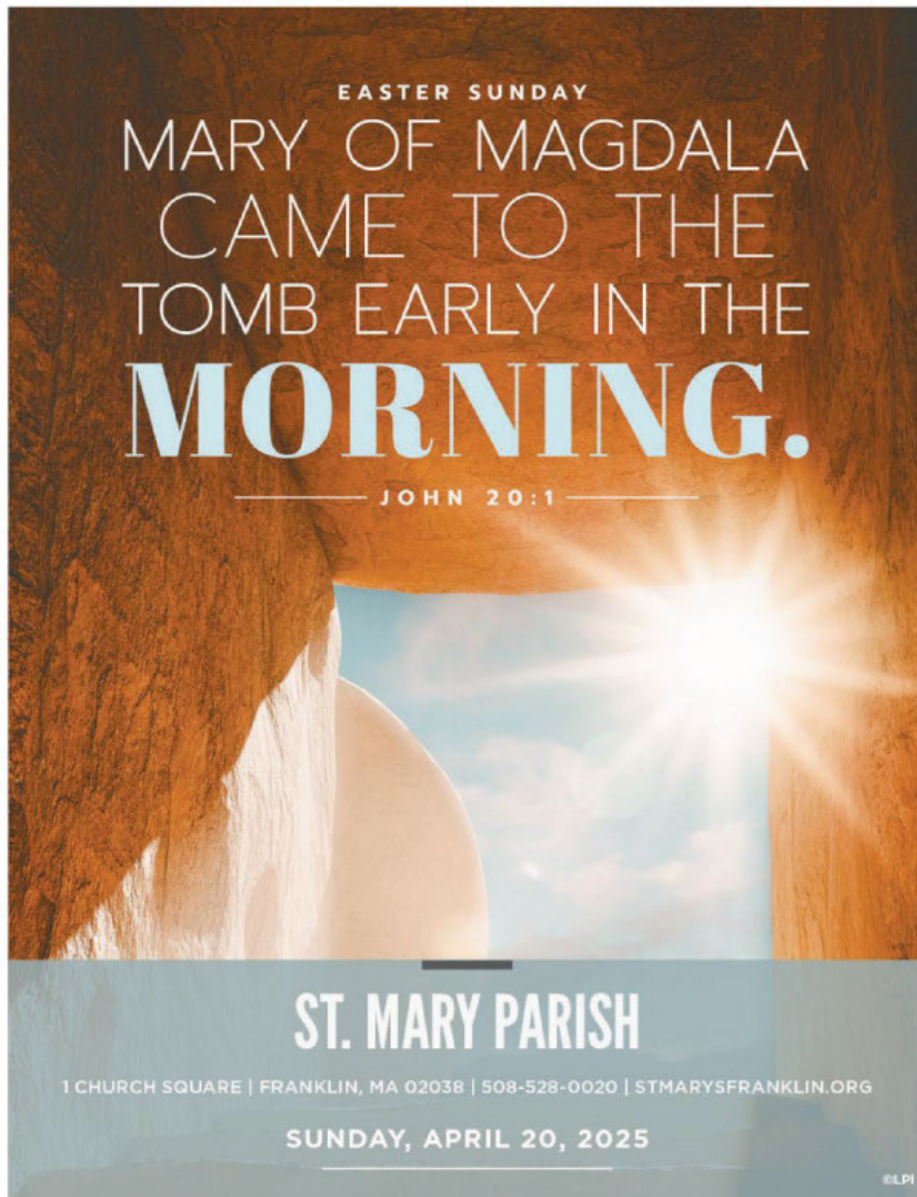


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Saturday

4:00 p.m.

Sunday

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

Daily Masses

Monday-Friday

7:00 a.m.

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Confession

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00a.m.

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, April 21

7:00am No Morning Mass/Church Cleaning

Tuesday, April 22

7:00am Antonio Pereira

Wednesday, April 23

7:00am Anthony Merullo Jr.

Thursday, April 24

7:00am Donna T. Baker

Friday, April 25

7:00 am Antonio Pereira

Saturday, April 26

4:00pm Raymond Padula

Sunday, April 27

7:30am Elizabeth & Peter McCauley

10:30am John & Carol Donaghy



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READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of April 20, 2025

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

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-3

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen!

Dear Friends in Christ, we have completed our 40 day journey and we find ourselves looking joyfully into an empty tomb. We began our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday and find its fulfillment here on, Easter! Throughout our journey we challenged ourselves to search and find all the brokenness and weakness of our lives, all that would distract us from being true disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. We were led this past week, Holy Week, to carry all our troubles, weakness and brokenness to the tomb with our Lord and now we rejoice in the fact that through His death and Resurrection he has saved us, restored us, and made us whole again. Alleluia!

Our Easter celebration began in a dark church and shortly thereafter the darkness that covered our church was shattered by the one flame of the Paschal Candle as we sang, "Christ our Light, Thanks be to God." Christ, through His Resurrection, has brought the light of hope and dispelled the darkness of doubt and despair from our lives. Alleluia! I hope this Easter has found you full of joy knowing that God loves you so much that he gives us His only begotten Son as a sacrifice for our sins, destroying death and offering new hope, new and eternal life. For that reason we yell out Alleluia!

A special welcome to all those who are visiting us for the first time this Easter or have returned to our parish for the first time in a while. It is truly a joy and a blessing to have you here, as together we experience the great celebration of our salvation. As I look out into the congregation and see so many families filling our church I am filled with joy that this local parish is celebrating as one family united by Easter joy. I hope you find your time with us warm and welcoming and I pray that you are able to call this place of prayer and worship, home.

Easter is a time of great rejoicing. We have so much to be grateful to God for in our lives. Easter reminds us that God did not only create us, but more so, He mercifully, and lovingly, supports and sustains us by the sharing of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and through the working of the Holy Spirit. Let us rejoice then in God's gift of salvation by being a people of love, mercy, hope and forgiveness in our homes, and in our communities. Let us make this Easter truly joyful for our good and the good of all those around us. May we carry the light of Christ's Resurrection through our words and actions and illuminate all the dark areas of life. May our song be, Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen!

Many Blessings and Happy Easter,

Fr. Bob





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.

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



St. Vincent de Paul MOTHER'S DAY Gift Bag Drive

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.



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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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

Tuesday, April 22, is **Earth Day**. This annual day of action and education was initiated in 1970. This year's theme is *Our Power, Our Planet*, and everyone around the globe is invited "to unite behind renewable energy, and to triple the global generation of clean electricity by 2030." The town of Franklin is celebrating Earth Day on Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 to 1:00 at the DelCorte Conservation Area on Pleasant Street. See <https://bit.ly/DelCorte2025> for more information about this local event.



You can find information about the history of Earth Day and its current focus at <https://bit.ly/2025Earth>.

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.



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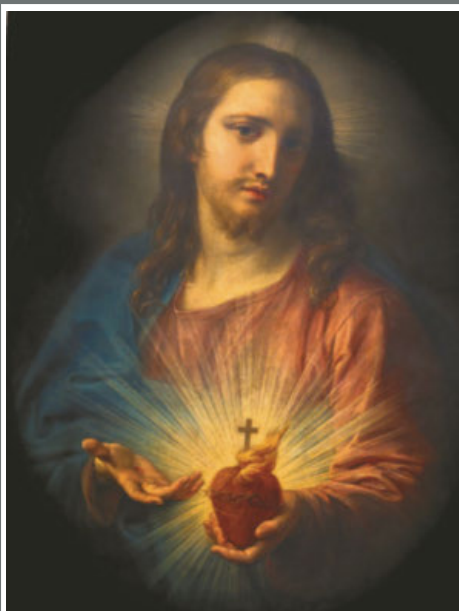
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We are so grateful to all of you who have helped launch a successful 2025 Catholic Appeal campaign here at St. Mary Parish. We are continuing to raise money from our generous parishioners. If you

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.



Spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and pray for Our Lord to make his heart our own, so that we may see and love in others what he sees and loves in us.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon is the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. The reproduction bears the blessing of Pope Francis, through the Papal Almoner, and is one of more than 300 icons traveling across the world, from council to council, for veneration and use in prayer services.



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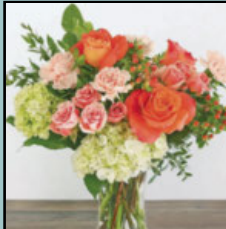
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