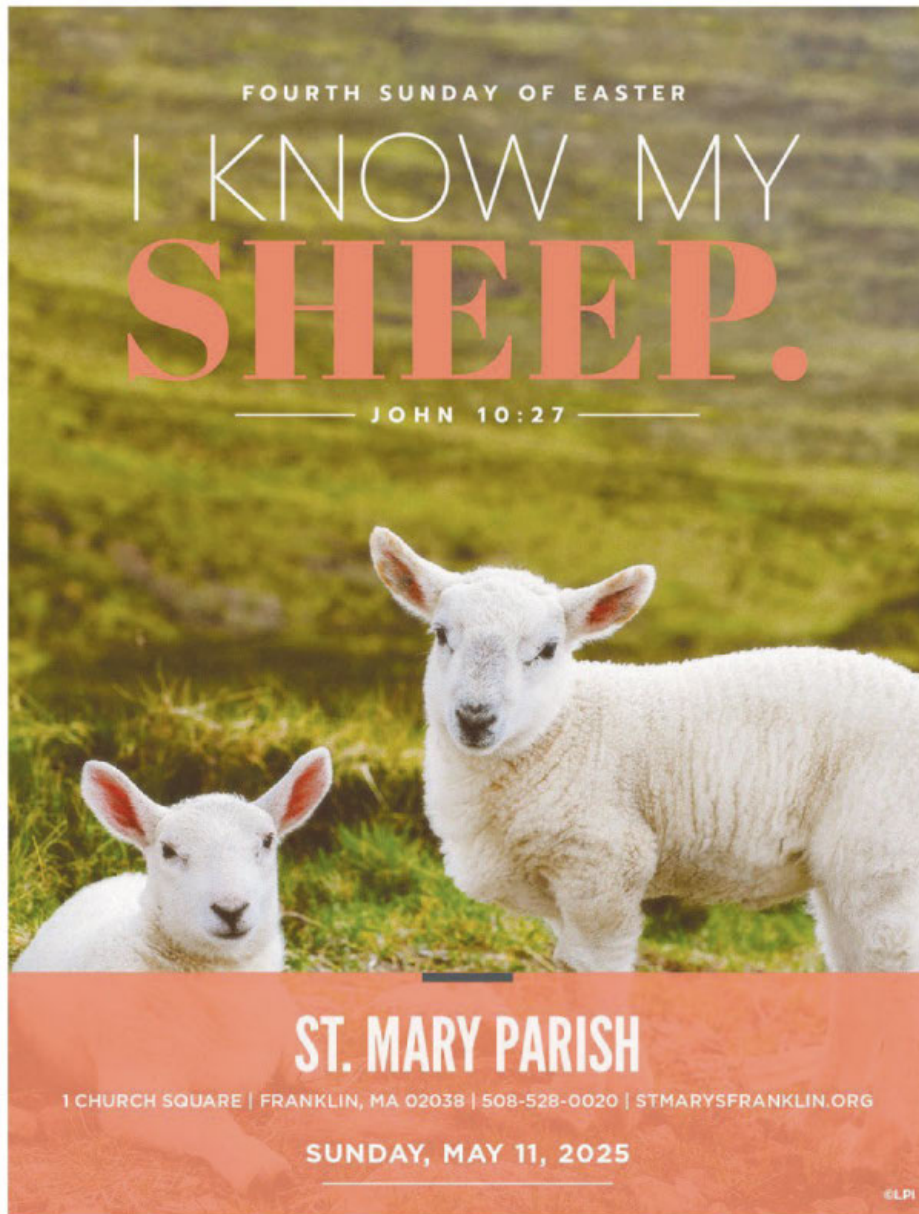


# Saint Mary Parish



## Mass Schedule

### Saturday

4:00 p.m.

### Sunday

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

### Daily Masses

Monday-Friday

7:00 a.m.

### 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, May 10**

4:00pm John & Elena Willinski, Paula Willinski Consigli, Walter & Catherine Cusson

**Sunday, May 11**

7:30am John & Patricia Greenwood  
10:30am Suzanne & John McElduff

**Monday, May 12**

7:00am Kathleen Hill

**Tuesday, May 13**

7:00am Mason Finnan

**Wednesday, May 14**

7:00am Albert Peter Palumbo

**Thursday, May 15**

7:00am David W. Girard

**Friday, May 16**

7:00 am Jack Revelles

**Saturday, May 17**

4:00pm Louis and Anthony Marano

**Sunday, May 18**

7:30am George Rebello  
10:30am Nicholas Gaspar



On Sunday, May 4, 2025, Kade Stephen Blickman, Casey Joel Doherty, Madelyn Rose Casey, Mason Gerard McShane, Brynn Louise Szczebak and Luca Francis Di'Trioa were Baptized by Deacon Ron. God Bless these precious children.



**READINGS THIS WEEK**

**Readings for the week of May 11, 2025**

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

**- 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, May 14, 2025.

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

**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.

**A Mother's Day Prayer  
For All Mothers**

O Lord, On this Mother's Day, we thank you for the gift of Our Lady, Your loving mother, the Mother of Mercy.

You gave her to us to be a model of true love and hope in You.

We ask your blessings on all mothers, mothers-to-be and all who take on the role of mother in our parish and everywhere.

May they be inspired by Mary's confidence and trust in You. Let us become more fully aware that a mother's love is a reflection of Your love.

We ask for Your special blessings to all mothers!

*Amen*

**Happy Mother's Day  
From St. Mary's Respect Life Commission**

After all Masses this weekend, Our Knights of Columbus will be at the door of the church with Mother's Day roses to honor the mothers of our parish.



GOSPEL MEDITATION  
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 11, 2025  
4th Sunday of Easter  
John 10:27-30

A few years back, I felt as if I couldn't hear God's voice the way I used to. The words in the Bible seemed like cold ink on a page. Prayer felt like sitting anxiously in a lonely room. I was worried — how could I, a priest, preach or help others if I couldn't hear God's voice? It went on for months.

Then a friend encouraged me to go on a retreat and spend as much time as possible in silence. After a day or two of quiet prayer, I noticed gentle but clear thoughts of repentance in two specific areas of my life. I asked God for the grace to change, and I went to confession. Suddenly, the divine silence that haunted me was filled with a sense of God's closeness and goodness. I realized, gratefully, that God had been speaking to me in the quiet voice of my conscience.

This week we hear Jesus say, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me" (John 10:27). Jesus links the hearing of his voice to following him. He speaks to us in our conscience in an intimate, personal way, when we most need to hear him. When you feel deaf to God's voice, perhaps it is time to listen in silence for His voice in your conscience calling you to hear and follow the Good Shepherd of your soul.



— Father John Muir

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Once again, the response to this year's **Mother's Day Outreach** was wonderful. Members of the SVdP would like to thank all our parishioners and the St. Mary's CCD 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who donated to this initiative. There are many mothers in our community who struggle daily to care for their families, to keep a roof over their heads and to put food on the table. As result of your tremendous generosity the SVdP was able to deliver gift bags to these mothers. The Mother's Day bags included many small gifts, an activity sheet, a Mother's Day prayer card and a gift card to a local establishment. Although just a small gesture, the gift bags really made a big impression on these moms. With this outreach our parish community is working together to bring hope to those in need. Thank you so much for your continued kindness and generosity.

*Works of love directed to one's neighbor are the most perfect external manifestation of the interior grace of the Spirit....* Pope Francis



# ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

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**Question? Contact: [greendayrecyclingMA@gmail.com](mailto:greendayrecyclingMA@gmail.com)**

## Men's Faith Formation May Meeting

This next meeting of the St. Mary's Parish Men's Faith formation group is on **Saturday, May 17** at **8am** in the Sacred Heart Hall. All men, wherever you are on your faith journey are welcome. We meet on the third Saturday of each month at 8:00 am.

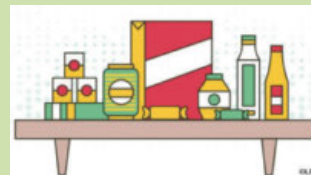
The program is a great way for men to connect. In addition to faith formation, we build in plenty of time to socialize over coffee and bagels. This is the last session before we break for summer. If you have additional questions, please reach out to Regis Schratz at: [rschratz@comcast.net](mailto:rschratz@comcast.net).



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## Catholic Women's Club Annual Banquet Thursday May 15th

Attention women of St. Mary Parish: The annual Catholic Women's Club Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 15th at Restaurant 45 in Milford. Cocktail hour will begin at 6:00pm and a buffet dinner will be served at 7:00pm. The cost of tickets is \$40.00 per person.

Please RSVP to Lisa Oxford at [liserina60@aol.com](mailto:liserina60@aol.com) by May 8th. Checks can be mailed to : Lisa Oxford, 18 Lincoln Street, Franklin, MA 020238



## Prayer to the Good Shepherd

Beloved Shepherd,  
You guide in a way often beyond my understanding. You lead to paths yet undiscovered.

Keep me in Your care, as together we seek green pastures and still waters.

Amen.



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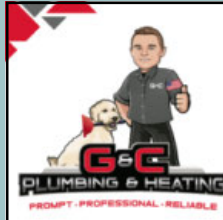
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