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SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I AM

THE RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE.

— JOHN 11:25 —



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00pm Sunday: 7:30am and 10:30am
Monday - Friday 7:00am

Wi-Fi: **StMarysChurchMesh** Password: **STMarysGuest**

Weekend Masses are Live Streamed at:
stmarysfranklin.org

RECTORY HOURS

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

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Very Rev. Robert A. Poitras V.F.
pastor@stmarysfranklin.org

Temporary Admin. Pastor: Rev. Wally Keymont

Parochial Vicar: Rev. John Tanyi
parochialvicar@stmarysfranklin.org

Deacon: Deacon Ron Gerwatowski
gerwat@verizon.net

Pastoral Associate: Leo Racine
pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org

RECTORY STAFF

508-528-0020

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secretary@stmarysfranklin.org

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krishan.oberoi@gmail.com

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ASSISTANCE

St. Vincent De Paul: 508-918-2291

PARISH REGISTRATION

Online at www.stmarysfranklin.org or call the office.



Baptism

Baptisms are held on Sunday at 12:30pm. First time parents need to attend a Baptism Class held by Deacon Ron. Classes are held one evening each month via Zoom. To schedule a Baptism email: baptism@stmarysfranklin.org or call: 508-528-0020. To schedule a Baptism Zoom Class, contact Deacon Ron at: gerwat@verizon.net

Penance

Penance/Reconciliation 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 arrange a meeting with the priest in preparation for marriage and schedule a date.

OCIA - Order 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

If you have a family member, friend, or neighbor who is unable to attend church due to age or infirmity, please call the rectory or email the Pastoral Associate (pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org). 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 and select Emergency Anointing of the Sick. Please do not leave messages on this line.



ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON | CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2026 Catholic Appeal has 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 a parish, 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 \$86,000.00 our parish will receive funds back for our local programs and ministries. To make an online gift, go to: www.bostoncatholicappeal.org.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of March 22, 2026

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/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 8:1-11

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

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

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/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54



Saturday, March 21

4:00pm Paul & Lucille Balzarini

Sunday, March 22

7:30am Jerald Shontag

10:30am Elizabeth Prendergast & Dorothy Arnold

Monday, March 23

7:00am

Tuesday, March 24

7:00am

Wednesday, March 25

7:00am

Thursday, March 26

7:00am Susan Rittenhouse

Friday, March 27

7:00am Esther Pisani

Saturday, March 28

4:00pm John & Claire Moran

Sunday, March 29

7:30am Frank & Claire Rofino

10:30am Michael Canty, John & Carol Donaghy



Last weekend, Ella Jane Hardy, Lyla Mae Pisani and Benjamin August Wilson were Baptized by Deacon Ron. May God Bless them always.

Easter Flower Donation

Envelopes for Easter Flower Donations are available at each entrance of the church. Envelopes can be returned in the collection boxes or mailed/dropped off to the Rectory by this Monday, March 23rd. You can also donate online via the parish website:
www.stmarysfranklin.org.



Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday - March 28 & 29

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

Holy Thursday - April 2

- 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 3

- 8:00am Morning Prayer in Chapel
- 12:00pm Outdoor Stations of the Cross w/ Youth Ministry (weather permitting)
- 3pm Stations of the Cross
- 7:00pm Solemn Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord, Main Church

Holy Saturday - April 4

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

Easter Sunday - April 5

- 7:30am Mass in the Main Church
- 9:00am Mass in the Main Church
- 11:00am Mass in the Main Church

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Easter Collection For the Clergy Trust



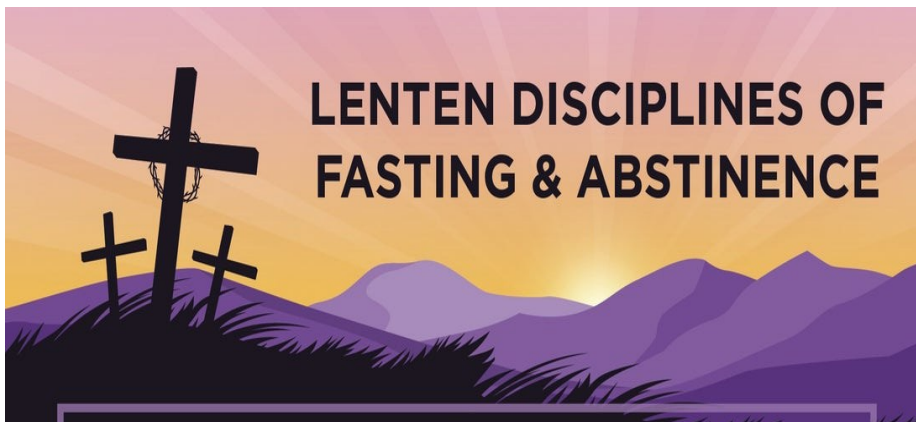
Our Easter collection benefits the Clergy Trust which cares for the health, well-being, and retirement needs of all active and senior diocesan priests in good standing. These parish collections are crucial for them to continue their mission, so any gift you're able to give is appreciated. Information to make your gift online is in the bulletin or on the collection envelopes. Thank you so much for your generosity!

You may also use the QU Code to donate to the Clergy Trust.



Adoration & Confession Prayers Services

St. Mary Parish will be holding Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession, on **Thursdays mornings and evenings during Lent**. The last Lenten Adoration/Confession dates is this Thursday from **7:30am to 8:30am** (after 7am Mass) in the Lower Church. Evening Adoration and Confession will take place at **7pm**, followed by Evening Prayer. Weekly Adoration will continue on Thursday mornings and evenings after Lent.



LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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St. Vincent de Paul Easter Meal Program

This year the St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul Society will be assisting about 90 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.



Knights of Columbus Easter Gift Card Drive March 28th & 29th



The Knights of Columbus - Sacred Heart Council #1847 is holding our annual **Easter Fundraiser** for those in Franklin who are "in need" during the Easter season. **ALL** proceeds from the event will **benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society**. The Knights will have a table set up outside the church **after each Mass on Palm Sunday weekend, March 28th & 29th**. We will be selling Stop & Shop gift cards (5% of sale benefits St. Vincent DePaul).

In recognition of significant need, there you can also donate *one or more of the gift cards you purchased*. *100% of donated cards, cash & checks will benefit St. Vincent...Simply drop a purchased gift card or other donation into the Donation Box. You can also use the QR code below.*

We thank you in advance for your continued support and charitable donations this Easter Season!



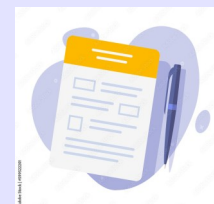
CORI Form

Sunday, March 22

After 7:30 & 10:30am Masses

This Sunday, Leo Racine will be collecting signed CORI release forms from any parish volunteer who has not yet submitted one. Leo will be in the St. Rocco's Plaza elevator lobby after both the 7:30 and 10:30am Masses.

If you'd like to get a head start, you can download this year's CORI release form on the parish website: **www.stmarysfranklin.org**. Click on Parish Life and then on Child Abuse Prevention.





Knights of Columbus 2026 Scholarship



The Knights of Columbus is accepting applicants for its 2026 college scholarship award program - *The Robert Simmler PGK, Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council #1847 Scholarship*. Applicants must be a registered member of St Mary's Parish, Franklin and graduating from High School in the spring 2026 and progressing to their first year of study at a 2 or 4 year college/university. **We are awarding 2 scholarships this year: \$3000 and \$1500**

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 submit the completed application by **March 27, 2026** 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: 508-404-4792



St. Vincent DePaul Society 508-918-2291

The St. Vincent DePaul Society would like to thank all the parishioners who have so generously donated to the SVdP Food Pantry. The St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry is looking for the following items to help our Franklin neighbors in need.

- ◆ Apple/Cranberry Juice
- ◆ Tuna
- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Shampoo and Conditioner
- ◆ Toilet Paper & Paper Towels

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



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Confessions are held weekly at St. Mary, Franklin on Saturday mornings at 8am in the Chapel.

Get Well Cards for Fr. Bob

Thank you for praying for Fr. Bob. He appreciates each and every prayer said and is very grateful. Many Parishioners have asked where they can send cards to Fr. Bob. Cards can be dropped-off or mailed to the Rectory at 1 Church Square, Franklin or placed in the basket located on the table across from the Prayer Wall.

Thank you again for keeping Fr. Bob in your prayers!



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