

# ST. MARY PARISH

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SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD  
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**THE ROAD.**

— MATTHEW 21:8 —



### MASS SCHEDULE

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

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### RECTORY HOURS

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

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### ASSISTANCE

**St. Vincent De Paul:** 508-918-2291

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Online at [www.stmarysfranklin.org](http://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.



Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. It is a day to remember Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, as the onlookers shout "Hosanna to the Son of David..." and knowing that Christ's passion, death and resurrection will follow. With the reading of the gospel story recounting Christ's entry into the holy city and the proclamation of the Passion, our hearts are primed for the celebration of the Paschal Triduum.

The sacred Triduum begins on Holy Thursday with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, and ends on Easter Sunday evening. Thus we have three full days which we remember and celebrate the essential truths of our Catholic Christian faith. This year, at our Easter Vigil Mass, our parish will welcome ten individuals into the fullness of this faith. See the schedule for Triduum services and be part of the celebration!



Last weekend, Jack Robert Blickman, Cillian John Fiore and Octavia Luzia St. Peter were Baptized by Deacon Ron. May God Bless them always.



**Saturday, March 28**

4:00pm John & Claire Moran

**Sunday, March 29**

7:30am Frank & Claire Rofino

10:30am Michael Canty, John & Carol Donaghy

**Monday, March 30**

7:00am

**Tuesday, March 31**

7:00am Virginia "Cookie" Gomes

**Wednesday, April 1**

7:00am Loretta Seery

**Thursday, April 2**

Holy Thursday - No Intentions

**Friday, April 3**

Good Friday - No Intentions

**Saturday, April 4**

Easter Vigil - No Intentions

**Sunday, April 5**

Easter Sunday - No Intentions

**Readings for the week of March 29, 2026**

**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

**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:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and 25/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 (30) 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 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

**Next Sunday: Easter:** 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 Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35



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### 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



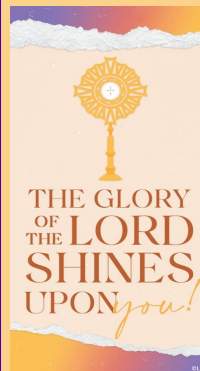
### Easter Collection For the Clergy Trust

Our parish collections are crucial to ensuring the current and future health, wellness, and retirement needs of our priests. **Your support and help to promote them is priceless to us and we are so grateful.** We know how much you are asked to do so we truly appreciate your support. The next Clergy Trust collection is Easter Sunday.

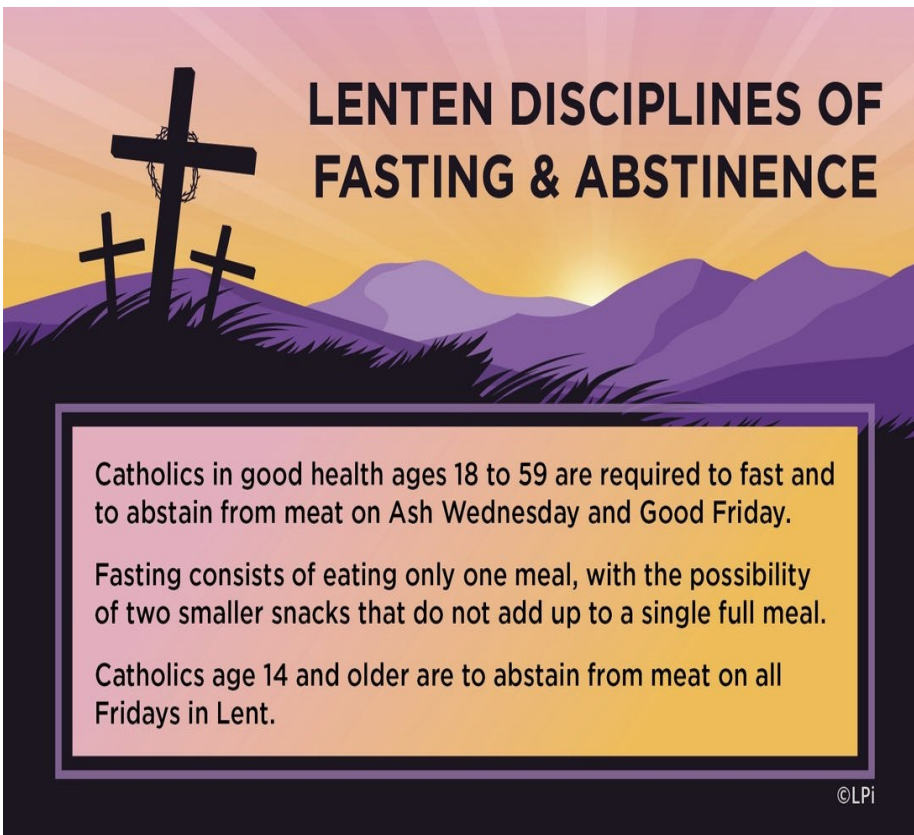
You may also use the QR Code to donate to the Clergy Trust.



### Adoration & Confession Prayers Services



Continuing weekly, after Easter, St. Mary Parish will be holding Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession on **Thursdays mornings and evenings**. Evening Adoration and Confession will take place at **7pm**, followed by Evening Prayer.



## 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 This Weekend!




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!





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](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org).



### Congratulations!

On Sunday, March 15, five of our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) candidates, along with their spouses, received the graces of the sacrament of matrimony as they had their marriages convalidated. Fr. John presided over this sacramental gathering. Each of the couples voiced their consent to be married in the church, proclaimed their vows and exchanged rings, all in the presence of the two witnesses they chose, their families and friends. Congratulations to all the couples!

### Grieving Support Group

Grieving the loss of a loved one can feel overwhelming and isolating. Many people find comfort and understanding through the shared experience of a support group while navigating their grief journey. The Willows at Medway, a SALMON Health and Retirement community, is offering a Bereavement Support Group for individuals seeking support, connection, and a safe space to share and heal.



Meets the Second Tuesday of each month  
2:00 – 3:30 pm in the 3rd floor Conference Room  
44 Willow Pond Circle, Medway MA 02053  
Registration is required.  
Contact Janet Dwyer, (508) 422-1893.



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



### 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.



### 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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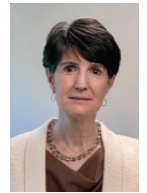
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