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SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY

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MATTHEW 28:6



**MASS SCHEDULE**

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

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

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**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.



### 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.



#### Saturday, April 4

Easter Vigil - No Intentions

#### Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday - No Intentions

#### Monday, April 6

7:00am No Mass - Church Closed for Cleaning

#### Tuesday, April 7

7:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### Wednesday, April 8

7:00am Melissa Fernandes

#### Thursday, April 9

7:00am Jacqueline Moore

#### Friday, April 10

7:00am The Rooney, Daly, Driscoll & O'Neil Families

#### Saturday, April 11

4:00pm Katelyn Mooney

#### Sunday, April 12

7:30am Biagino Taddeo

10:30am Paula Willinski Consigli



Last weekend, Rotschyll St. Sauveur was Baptized by Fr. John. May God Bless him always.

#### Readings for the week of April 5, 2026

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

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 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-3



*Easter 2026*

The month of March and the first few weeks of April is a time of mixture: crocuses and snowflakes, new buds and dry leaves. Crosswinds blow both cold and warm. In early spring, we are heartened by the coming of spring and the disheartening trek to H&R Block to submit taxes! March and early April is that in-between time when we are not quite sure. We are caught in the middle of seasons...do I put away the snow shovels or bring out the deck furniture? This time of year resembles our lives – a mixture of both sorrow and hope. And like our lives, March and April tempts us to hedge our bets, but it also invites us to stretch our faith.

The stories of the first Easter people are stories of people who were at first, hedgers. We see Mary Magdalene, who is so tough, standing at the foot of the cross, but she is also hesitant as she sits outside the empty tomb and cries, “The Lord has been taken from the tomb! We don’t know where they have put him!” We also see Peter the Rock, who once told Jesus, “I’ll lay down my life for you.” But now he sits in the high priest’s courtyard, just a few feet away from his master’ torture. He is a man caught in the middle. When put to the test, he hedges, “I do not know this man.” Even in today’s Easter Gospel, we note the hesitancy of the Beloved John. Even though he beats Peter to the entrance of the tomb, John hedges. “He did not enter, but bent down to peer in.”

My friends, we too are called to believe in the power and presence of God, despite the hedging that still goes on in our lives and in our world. We are called to choose life, even when we smell death. We believe, not in spite of, but in forgiveness. We reject the Prince of Darkness and all those agents of death who refuse to believe in the possibility of new life. We are called to hug the powerless and welcome back to life those who were lost.

Even though it is early April, even though we are tempted to hedge, and even though our lives are full of ambiguity...let’s rise with Jesus to new life and choose as our song, a brand new Alleluia! And, finally, let us all wish Fr. Bob a Happy Easter and a speedy recovery.

Happy Easter, Fr. Wally



**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 a *decorative kitchen towel, spring scarf, adult coloring books and colored pencils, mug, hand towel, socks and \$10 gift cards to Dollar Tree or Dunkin Donuts*. 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 18th & 19th, April 25th & 26th and May 2nd & 3rd**. 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.



**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**. Morning Adoration and Confession will be following the **7am** Mass and evening Adoration and Confession will take place at **7pm**, followed by Evening Prayer.



**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.



**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.

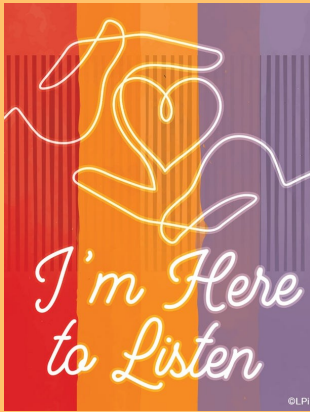


### Grieving Support Group

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 – 3:30pm in the 3rd floor Conference Room  
 44 Willow Pond Circle, Medway MA 02053

Registration is required. Contact Janet Dwyer (508) 422-1893



# ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11th, 2026**  
**9:00 AM — 2:00 PM**

**St. Marys Church • School Parking Lot**  
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#### Women's Faith Formation

April 11, 2026

9-10am

Happy Easter! All women are invited and encouraged to attend our Women's Faith Formation meeting, scheduled for April 11th from 9:00 - 10:00 am. We will be watching a video from Fr. Dave Pivonka's series "My father's Father". There will be time for discussion following the video and light refreshments will be served.

The meeting will be held in the school building (accessible by the ramp from the parking lot). The videos in this series can be viewed independently, so it will not be a problem at any point if you missed a previous session. All women are welcome!!

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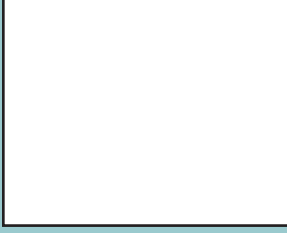
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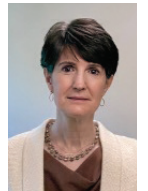
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