

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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NEAR AND WALKED
WITH THEM.

— LUKE 24:15 —



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SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026



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.

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Pastor: Very Rev. Robert A. Poitras V.F.
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508-528-0020

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ASSISTANCE

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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.



To make a donation online, you can go to the St. Mary Parish Website at www.stmarysfranklin.org and choose "Online Giving" and set-up donations for Regular Sunday Offering, Mass Intentions, The Grand Annual, Catholic Appeal, Special Collections and general donation to St. Mary Parish. You can also access this feature by scanning the QR Code.

NOTE: If you decide to give online, please call the Rectory to stop mailing envelopes to your home.



Adoration Confession Prayers Services

Each week, 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 the new time of **6:30pm**, and will be followed by Evening Prayer.



READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of April 19, 2026
 Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
 Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10



Saturday, April 18

4:00pm Louis Geer

Sunday, April 19

7:30am Jeanette Duly

10:30am William Walsh

Monday, April 20

7:00am Walter and Mary Foley

Tuesday, April 21

7:00am Domenic Narducci

Wednesday, April 22

7:00am

Thursday, April 23

7:00am Greg Sousa

Friday, April 24

7:00am

Saturday, April 25

4:00pm Anna and Eckert Baillio

Sunday, April 26

7:30am Antonio and Mariantonio Carlucci

10:30am Jim Martin



On April 12, 2026, Jack Francis Millett, Vincenzo James Sebio and Sophie Charlotte Turnbull were Baptized by Deacon Ron. May God bless these children always.

Gospel Mediation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

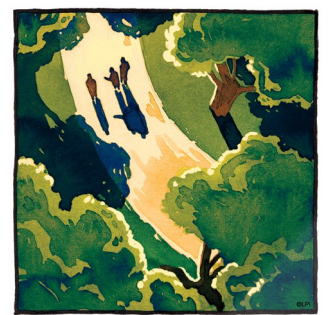
When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Distinguished as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but "their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened - and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways - in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

Fr. John Muir LPI



WELCOME St. Mary OCIA Candidates

At our recent Easter Vigil Mass, our parish received six individuals into our Catholic Church: Susan Daddario, Connor DeVarney, Samuel Merten, Andrea and Brett Olmstead and Kevin Sanderson. Four additional Catholics completed the Initiation: Timothy Evans, Matthew Fricker, Daniel Jaramillo and Albert Marchionda.

These ten people participated in our parish *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* (OCIA) program this year. The program "ran" for several months, featuring faith-filled and information presentations by a number of parish members. Our parish OCIA Catechetical or teaching team were Rob Browne, Jean Clark, Janet Donovan, Faith Flaherty, Ann Gilberti, Lina Mateus, Jennifer Moccia, Elaine Noonan and Judith Webb. The program was led by our parochial Vicar, Fr. John Tanyi and assisted by our Pastoral Associate, Leo Racine. We congratulate our new and fully initiated Catholics and thank our catechetical team for its thoughtful ministry!

Family Mass

Sunday, April 26th
10:30 a.m.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS IN SACRED HEART HALL

GRADE 4 STUDENTS ARE HOSTING A BAKE SALE WITH PROCEEDS GOING TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN BOSTON

St. Mary's Parish in Franklin



Earth Day
EVERY DAY

April 22, 2026 is Earth Day. The first Earth Day was held in 1970 and about 20 million Americans (10% of US population), participated in events across the country (www.earthday.org/history). It marked the dawn of the modern environmental movement. This year's Earth Day theme is "*Out Power, Our Planet.*"

The Boston Interfaith Climate Allies will sponsor a march on Sunday, April 19th at 1:30pm on the Boston Common from the Embrace statue to the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul. (www.earthdayboston.org). You can also participate in the Framingham Earth Day Festival on Saturday April 25, 2026 at 11am to 3pm on the Framingham Center Common.

MOTHER'S DAY OUTREACH

The St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul Society sponsoring a **Mother's Day Gift Bag Drive**. We are reaching out to make Mother's Day a special day for some mothers who 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.

Members of the Society will distribute the gift bags to mothers in town. Please drop-off the gift bags 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.



See Christ in Others

A Gathering for those with Disabilities/All Abilities

St. Mary Dedham offers a monthly gathering for those with Disabilities/All Abilities on the 2nd Saturday of each month. The next gathering will be on Saturday, May 9. You are invited to attend the Vigil Mass at 4pm in the Church and/or our gathering of the Rosary, Pizza and Snacks at 5pm in the Rectory.

All are welcome! For more info, contact Nancy at nlmccormick4@gmail.com



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.

- Crackers and Snacks
- Juice (apple or cranberry)
- Canned vegetables
- Toilet Paper
- Shampoo and Conditioner

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

Faith Based Bereavement Group

A seven week, faith-based bereavement support group will begin on **Thursday, April 23 at 1:30PM at St Jude's Church in Norfolk**. This peer support group is open to anyone who has experienced a recent loss. There is no charge for this group, however *registration is required*. To register or for additional information, please contact Nan Rafter at 774-571-0092.



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Archdiocese of Boston is committed to **keeping our children safe.**
You can help!



Together we can:

- Create safe spaces
- Monitor activities
- Identify and reduce risks
- Recognize predatory behavior in adults
- Recognize possible signs of abuse
- Reduce vulnerability from digital interactions
- Communicate concerns

If you have a child, love a child, work with a child, know a child, or are around a child, we want you to be part of our child abuse prevention efforts. Everyone who knows about prevention is one more person who is helping to keep all our kids safe.

Protecting God's Children sessions are provided multiple times most weeks throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. They are open to everyone. To find a session that works for you, talk to your parish or school staff, go to www.VIRTUSonline.org, or contact us.

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OTHER IMPORTANT DETAILS:

- STAYING AT JP II RETREAT CENTER IN KEARNEY, NEW JERSEY
- TRAVELING BY VANS & CARS
- JIM FLANAGAN'S TOUR OF NEW YORK CITY ON THURSDAY

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