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SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

IN MY FATHER'S
HOUSE THERE ARE
MANY DWELLING PLACES.

— JOHN 14:2 —



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.
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Pastoral Associate: Leo Racine
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508-528-0020**

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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.

Protecting God's Children

Monday, May 18th from 6-9pm



Protecting God's Children® for Adults is a program designed to assist members of the Catholic community in creating safe environments for our children and vulnerable adults. It is our sincere belief that all people deserve to be treated with dignity as well as to live and learn in an environment that is free from abuse.

This program consists of videos, group discussion and specific safety recommendations and helps us to put our beliefs into action. *Protecting God's Children® for Adults* is open to all St. Mary's parishioners and is mandatory for many of our parish ministers.

This program will be offered on Monday, May 18 from 6:00 to 9:00PM in the school (modular classrooms). Please call Leo Racine, Pastoral Associate, at (508-528-0020) or email him at pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org for more information; registration will be online.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of May 3, 2026

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Sat: Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-2



Saturday, May 2

4:00pm Parishioners of St. Mary Parish

Sunday, May 3

7:30am John & Patricia Greenwood

10:30am Andrew & Louise Decina

Monday, May 4

7:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, May 5

7:00am Paula Rooney

Wednesday, May 6

7:00am Diane Dufour Brumley

Thursday, May 7

7:00am

Friday, May 8

7:00am Nancy Revellese

Saturday, May 9

4:00pm Mary Trippany

Sunday, May 10

7:30am Anthony Fandetti

10:30am Denise Bernier



On April 26, 2026, Camille Elizabeth Acton, Bennett Stephen Garvey and Declan Justin Garvey were Baptized by Deacon Ron. Timothy William Kampersal and Dylan Heaton Kampersal were Baptized by Fr. Wally. May God bless these children always.

Parish Pastoral Council Elections - 2026

St. Mary Parish will be holding our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) elections the weekend of **June 13 and 14**.

Parishioners will be invited to nominate individuals during the weekend of **May 9 and 10**, by completing Nomination papers (in the pews), and then placing them in the baskets at the doors of the church or mailing nominations to: One Church Sq., Franklin, MA 02038.

Suggested candidates will be asked if they wish to accept the nomination and, if so, to commit by **Wednesday, May 20 at 12 noon**, and then send a digital photo and brief self-description/biography to the parish office. These introductions will be placed on display boards in the church and on the parish website. The election will be held on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, **June 13 and 14** in the church.

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council assist our Pastor in keeping our Parish Vision, as reflected by our Mission Statement. Members provide prayerful reflection and insight to the Pastor as he seeks to foster a growing and thriving community of faith.

To be eligible for election, a person must be:

- A registered and actively engaged member of our Parish
- Be able to pass an Annual CORI Review
- Sign and commit to a Code of Conduct for all Parish Volunteers
- Attend a Protecting God's Children Program once
- Attend approximately 5 meetings a year (in person)
- Be willing to prepare by praying, reading and reflecting for PPC meetings
- Be willing to listen without judgment or decision, to the words and ideas from all parishioners
- Be a positive advocate for the parish and parishioners

May Meeting



Women's Faith Formation

All women are invited attend our Women's Faith Formation meeting on **May 16th from 9:00 - 10:00 am**. Mary will be our topic for the month of May.



The meeting will be held in the school building (accessible by the ramp near the parking lot). Light refreshments will be served. All women are welcome!"



The Saint Vincent de Paul would like to thank all of the parishioners who already donated lovely Mother's Day Bags this year.

We would like to remind everyone that this is the last weekend to drop-off bags . All bags can be left in the SVdP collection boxes at the doors of the church. Many Thanks!



First Communion

St. Mary Parish would like to congratulate all the boys and girls who made their first Holy Communion this weekend. May God Bless them and their families!

MOTHER'S DAY OUTREACH Last Weekend

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.

This is the last weekend for collection of the bags. Please drop-off the gift 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.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



Mother's Day Roses

On Mother's Day weekend, May 9th and 10th after the Masses, the Knights of Columbus along with the Respect Life Commission will be distributing

roses to honor mothers, grandmothers and mother figures for their nurturing love, sacrifices and faith.

Immediately following the masses members will be outside of the church doors to hand out these roses. Happy Mother's Day!

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MAY 31 - JUNE 4

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COST - \$425

DEPOSIT OF \$200 DUE BY MAY 1ST



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
- INFORMATION MEETING ON ZOOM - MONDAY, APRIL 6TH AT 8:00 P.M.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: CONTACT JIM FLANAGAN AT [JFLANAGAN@STMARYSFRANKLIN.ORG](mailto:jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org) OR 617-922-0024

Knights of Columbus Franklin

Basketball Free Throw Massachusetts State Champions

1st Place MA State Champion for 13 Year Old Boys - **Chris B. Naydenov**

2nd Place MA State Champion for 10 Year Old Boys - **Daylan Chu**

3rd Place MA State Champion for 11 year Old Boys - **Liam Sebastian Pierre-Canal**

Special Congratulations to these Boys Champions. They were terrific...Franklin Council, South District, South Regional Champs and now the ultimate: **KOC MA State FT BB Champions!** The Good News is that they will be back next year to compete. **Joey Paglia**, who won the Council, South District and South Regional Championships, could not attend the "States" due to 2 AAU practices commitment, but **Congrats to Joey!!!**

St. Mary's Franklin Community and Neighboring Towns, please consider having your 9 -14 Year Old Boys and Girls, grandchildren and friends join us next year in the 2027 Franklin Council Free Throw Basketball contest....It's a lot fun and exciting to watch our contestants shoot and compete! God Bless!!! See You All Next Year!!!



St. Mary's Parish invites all children in grades K to 5 to get ready for an amazing adventure at Catholic Kidz Camp! Join us for an unforgettable week of activities, games, and discovering God's love.

July 13th to July 17th
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Hall
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Please sign up by June 15th
by using this link:
<https://www.stmarysfranklin.org/vbs>

Questions?? Please contact
Jim Flanagan at 508-528-1450



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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.

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