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SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026



PENTECOST SUNDAY

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— JOHN 20:22 —



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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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 or friend who is unable to attend church due to age or infirmity, we will provide pastoral visits. To set-up visits, please call the rectory or email the Pastoral Associate at: pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org.

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Second Collection for The Education of our Seminarians

This weekend's second collection supports the formation and training of the seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for their future service as priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests.

Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey towards their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit vocationsboston.org



Saturday, May 23

4:00pm William Dolan and Richard Barter

Sunday, May 24

7:30am Rosemary S. Murray

10:30am Fred and Jo Mason

Mon., May 25 - Memorial Day Mass at Cemetery

9:00am Robert Laidley

Tuesday, May 26

7:00am Christopher McWade

Wednesday, May 27

7:00am Gerald McGann

Thursday, May 28

7:00am

Friday, May 29

7:00am Louis D'Orazio Jr.

Saturday, May 30

4:00pm Brian O'Friel

Sunday, May 31

7:30am Linda Padula, Martha Felber and Elaine Padula

10:30am Anthony and Lisette Caravaggio and Anne Caravaggio

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of May 24, 2026

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 or, for the Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 62) Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/ Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/ Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/ Mk 10:46-52

Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13/ Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-1



Last weekend, Crew Peter Gotschewski, Kayla Marie Lanagan, Caden Stephen Lanagan, Peyton Collins Neri, Eloise Claire Rayos and Dillon Jane Sullivan were Baptized by Fr. John. May God bless these children always.

Parish Council Elections



Parish Pastoral Council Selection Process Pentecost Sunday Weekend

This year, there will not be a Parish Pastoral Council election. Instead, members will be selected through a prayerful lottery process during Masses on Pentecost Sunday weekend, May 23–24.

All nominees' names will be placed in a basket, and through prayer, we will invite the Holy Spirit into the selection process. Five names will then be drawn from the basket. Please continue to pray for all nominees and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this important process.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

If you're asthmatic, you know the phrase "as natural as breathing" doesn't always make a lot of sense. Maybe that's because breathing isn't always natural. Sometimes, it's supernatural.

I come from a family of asthmatics. In my earliest childhood memories, my sister's nose and mouth are covered with a bulbous plastic mask connected by clear tubes to her transportable nebulizer. The machine whirs loudly as it vaporizes the medication that will open her lungs. In these memories, I watch my sister — her little eyes wide, her chest contracting and constricting with great difficulty — and wonder what it feels like.

Because I don't have asthma, and I don't think about breathing, unless I'm climbing a flight of stairs or chasing down one of my kids. It's such a utilitarian thing, breathing. It's unimpressive, unremarkable. Literally anyone can do it. Until they can't.

Dead men don't breathe. That's what I think as I read the words of John's Gospel: "He breathed on them." (John 20:22) So much of what Jesus does in his resurrected Body is extraordinary and superhuman, making it unmistakable that here is a Body no longer playing by the rules of the physical world. He's passing through locked doors. He's in two places at once. But today, he's just breathing.

So we have to ask ourselves: why? His Blood no longer requires oxygen. If he were asthmatic, neither bonfire nor damp night air could cause his lungs to constrict. His Flesh has been perfected. But here we see a reality that is as spiritual as it is physical: where there is breath, there is life.

In Genesis, God breathes into dust and creates man. In today's Gospel, He breathes His Spirit onto man, and creates a Church. ©LPI





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.



Knights of Columbus Memorial Day Mass

Monday, May 25, 2026 at 9:00am
St. Mary Cemetery

On Memorial Day, May 25th, the regular 7:00am Mass will be held at 9:00am at St. Mary's Cemetery to celebrate those who died in service to our country. Please bring lawn chairs for comfort. If it rains, the Mass will be held in the Chapel.

Zoom Rosary

Deacon Guy continues a Zoom Rosary every Monday night at 7:00pm. This is open to parishioners, family & friends from all communities. You are welcome to join, relax, pray and/or and just listen. *Link info* is on the Parish Web Site under Parish Life and Prayer. For more information contact Deacon Guy at: deaconguy@verizon.net.



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





Blood Drive!

Saturday, June 6, 2026
9am to 2pm

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Saturday, June 6 from 9am to 2pm** in the St. Mary School, Modular Building. To facilitate the process, it is best to pre-register for a blood donation time. You can sign-up at online at www.redcrossblood.org, and search by town and date.

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.
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Cost - \$100

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

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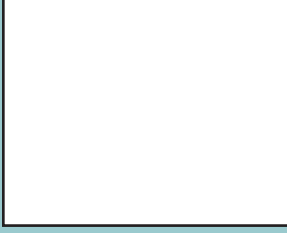
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