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SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 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.

### PASTORAL STAFF

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201 Main Street, Franklin, MA 02038

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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](mailto:baptism@stmarysfranklin.org) or call: 508-528-0020. To schedule a Baptism Zoom Class, contact Deacon Ron at: [gerwat@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto: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.



To make a donation online, you can go to the St. Mary Parish Website at [www.stmarysfranklin.org](http://www.stmarysfranklin.org) and choose "Online Giving" and set-up donations to St. Mary Parish. You can also access this feature by scanning the QR Code below.

**NOTE:** If you decide to give online, please call the Rectory to stop having envelopes mailed to your home. Thank you.



**Saturday, June 13**

4:00pm Stacey Bower

**Sunday, June 14**

7:30am Donna Oteri

10:30am Peter and Carol McDermott

**Monday, June 15**

7:00am Celeste Embree, Gale Shaughnessy and The Caruso Family

**Tuesday, June 16**

7:00am Grace and Domenic Ficco and Priscilla Ficco Lee

**Wednesday, June 17**

7:00am Agnes Carey

**Thursday, June 18**

7:00am Christopher Baia

**Friday, June 19**

7:00am Aedan Gleeson

**Saturday, June 20**

4:00pm Charles Trippany & Donald G. and Ranieri, Sr.

**Sunday, June 21**

7:30am Patrick Begley

10:30am Diane Crane

**READINGS THIS WEEK**

Readings for the week of June 14, 2026

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36-10:8

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/ Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14 and 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33



Last weekend, Brooks Robert Towne, Cora Catherine Feetham and Liam James King were Baptized by Fr. John. God Bless these children.

St. Mary Parish Welcomes our New Parish Pastoral Council Members



Rachel Ferullo



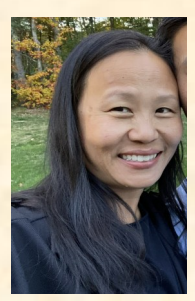
Helen Mullen



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**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

**ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

A few years ago, I met a woman in my parish who was a successful lawyer. Yet in her free time, she poured her energy into a nonprofit she founded to advocate for children with special needs. When I asked what inspired her, she spoke of her niece, who was born with disabilities. Her niece was both a glorious gift and a constant challenge. Out of that painful, beautiful experience, she felt called to create something lasting for other children and parents. The nonprofit thrived, not because she had mapped it all out, but because she was deeply moved to act.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is "moved with compassion" for the crowd, for they were "like sheep without a shepherd." (Matthew 9:36) So he calls his disciples, ordinary men with no special qualifications, and sends them to heal, preach, and cast out demons. Their mission flows not from their skills but from his authority and the Spirit's gifts.

The Second Vatican Council teaches that the Spirit continually pours out charisms, special graces for the good of the Church and the world (cf. Lumen Gentium 4 & 12). These often arise from the unfolding of our lives: from what breaks your heart, what fills you with hope, what suffering has shaped you. The Spirit works through those very experiences to equip us with gifts that build up others.

What is your charism? Well, what needs around you call you to loving action? This could be where Christ is sending you. Allow your heart to be moved like Christ's. Then get to work.

— Father John Muir

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**NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage**

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**Friday, June 26:**  
**Plymouth Memorial State Park**  
79 Water St., Plymouth  
6pm Adoration  
6:30pm Procession (.5 mi)  
7pm Mass at St. Peter

**Saturday, June 27:**  
**Freedom Trail\***  
139 Tremont St., Boston  
9:30am Boston Common Visitor's Ctr.  
10am Procession (2.5 mi)  
1pm Adoration Bunker Hill, Charlestown  
Vigil Mass @ **Cathedral of the Holy Cross**  
1400 Washington St., Boston  
3-4:15pm Confession & Adoration  
4:30pm Mass

**Sunday, June 28:**  
**St. Brigid**  
1995 Mass. Ave., Lexington  
4:30pm Confession  
5pm Adoration  
5:30pm Procession (.25 mi)  
6pm Mass on the Battle Green

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## Family Faith Formation Walk with Jesus Event Plymouth Memorial State Park, Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

- 6:00 p.m. Adoration
- 6:30 p.m. Procession (half a mile)
- 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Peter Parish in Plymouth

This event is open to the entire parish – middle school and high school young people are welcome without a parent, but we will need a permission form.

We will meet at St. Mary School Parking Lot at 4:00 p.m. Food will be available as participants arrive. Transportation will be based on our numbers (van or bus). On the way home, the bus will stop for Ice-cream (pay for your own).

Donation of \$20.00 per person is requested (cash or PayPal). Sign-up by June 20<sup>th</sup> by stopping by the Family Faith Formation Building or calling our office at 508-528-1450. For more information – please contact Jim Flanagan at: [jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org](mailto:jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org)

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Please sign up by June 15<sup>th</sup>  
by using this link:  
<https://www.stmarysfranklin.org/vbs>

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

**The Gospel of Life**

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world,  
Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the  
cause of life Look down,  
O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not  
allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are  
made difficult, of men and women who are  
victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the  
sick killed by indifference or out of misguided  
mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son may  
proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love  
to the people of our time.

Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel  
as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with  
gratitude throughout their lives and the courage  
to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build,  
together with all people of good will, the  
civilization of truth and love, to the praise and  
glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.

Taken from Pope John Paul II's 1995 encyclical;  
The Gospel of Life ([www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va))



**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.

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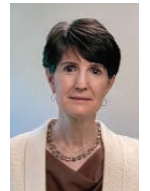
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