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SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

A WOMAN OF  
SAMARIA CAME TO  
**DRAW WATER.**

JOHN 4:7



### 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.  
pastor@stmarysfranklin.org

**Temporary Admin. Pastor:** Rev. Wally Keymont

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**Deacon:** Deacon Ron Gerwatowski  
gerwat@verizon.net

**Pastoral Associate:** Leo Racine  
pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org

### RECTORY STAFF

**508-528-0020**

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**Music Director:** Krishan Oberoi  
krishan.oberoi@gmail.com

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508-498-8271

### FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

**508-528-1450**

201 Main Street, Franklin, MA 02038

#### Director:

Jim Flanagan - jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org

#### Secretary:

Liz Bertoni - reled.secretary@stmarysfranklin.org

### 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 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.



This weekend a parish representative will speak during all Masses to inform us about the 2026 Catholic Appeal.

By participating in the annual Catholic Appeal, you help our Church ensure that the presence and hope of Christ can be felt throughout the 144 communities of the Archdiocese of Boston. Our ministries help foster vibrant parishes so they can create programs and initiatives uniquely suited to their priorities and the needs of the communities they serve.

Our parishes not only serve the faithful within the Church, but they also serve the needs of our communities.



**Saturday, March 7**

4:00pm Christopher O'Neil

**Sunday, March 8**

7:30am Roland DeMerchant

10:30am Sally Duker

**Monday, March 9**

7:00am

**Tuesday, March 10**

7:00am Calvin Harrison

**Wednesday, March 11**

7:00am

**Thursday, March 12**

7:00am

**Friday, March 13**

7:00am Marie Jo Michel (Birthday)

**Saturday, March 14**

4:00pm Officer Stephen LaPorta

**Sunday, March 15**

7:30am All Deceased Members of the O'Dea Family

10:30am St. Mary Parish Catholic Women's Club

**READINGS THIS WEEK**

**Readings for the week of March 8, 2026**

**Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

**Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



There were no Baptisms last weekend.

**Easter Flower Donation**

Envelopes for Easter Flower Donations are available at each entrance of the church. Envelopes can be returned in the collection boxes or mailed/dropped off to the Rectory by March 23rd. You can also donate online via the parish website at [www.stmarysfranklin.org](http://www.stmarysfranklin.org).



**Holy Week Schedule**



**Palm Sunday - March 28 & 29**

- 4pm Mass with Blessing of Palms
- 7:30am Mass with Palms
- 10:30am Mass with Palms

**Holy Thursday - April 2**

- 7:00am Morning Prayer in Chapel
- 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Last Supper with Washing of the Feet in Main Church

**Good Friday - April 3**

- 8:00am Morning Prayer in Chapel
- 12:00pm Stations of the Cross w/ Faith Formation & Rel. Education
- 7:00pm Solemn Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord, Main Church

**Holy Saturday - April 4**

- 8:00am Morning Prayer & Confession in the Chapel
- 7:00pm Easter Vigil in the Main Church

**Easter Sunday - April 5**

- 7:30am Mass in the Main Church
- 9:00am Mass in the Main Church
- 11:00am Mass in the Main Church



**Adoration & Confession Prayers Services**

**Thursdays During Lent**

St. Mary Parish will be holding Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the opportunity of Confession, on **Thursdays mornings and evenings during Lent**. The Lenten Adoration/Confession dates are Thursday, March 12, 19 and 26, from **7:30am to 8:30am** (after 7am Mass) in the Lower Church. Evening Adoration and Confession will take place at **7pm**, followed by Evening Prayer.

OPEN TO MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES

**PRAYING THE ROSARY IN LENT**

SUNDAYS STARTING AT 7:30 P.M. SACRED HEART HALL OR ON ZOOM JOIN ZOOM MEETING

[HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/J/81123680370? PWD=OYIHfIT66IT0KFUATRHHpYBRfOG7M0.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81123680370?pwd=OYIHfIT66IT0KFUATRHHpYBRfOG7M0.1)



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Friday Eve-

**Friday Evenings at 7pm**  
*Sacred Heart Chapel*

- Mar. 13 – St. Vincent de Paul
- Mar. 20 – Family Faith Formation
- Mar 27 – Woman's Faith Formation



### Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council



St. Patrick's Day

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 15 from 11am - 12:30pm

after the 10:30am Mass  
Sacred Heart Hall



\$5 donation per adult;  
children under 12 are free

Pancakes, Sausage, Juice,  
Coffee & Water

### Catholic Women's Club Annual Brunch

The St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club Breakfast will be held at "3" Restaurant on **March 15<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 Mass**. Our guest speaker will be Jim Flanagan, our Family Faith Director. The cost will be \$30/pp.

Please send your check to  
Patricia Tomasetti, 3 Mackintosh  
St, Franklin.



### Women's Faith Formation Meeting March 14th at 9am

All women are invited and encouraged to attend our **Women's Faith Formation meeting**, scheduled for **March 14th 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!"



### 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.



### Knights of Columbus 2026 Scholarship



The Knights of Columbus is accepting applicants for its 2026 college scholarship award program - **The Robert Simmler PGK, Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council #1847 Scholarship**. Applicants must be a registered member of St Mary's Parish, Franklin and graduating from High School in the spring 2026 and progressing to their first year of study at a 2 or 4 year college/university. **We are awarding 2 scholarships this year: \$3000 and \$1500**

The application form is available from the banner on the parish website or on the Knights of Columbus website <https://www.kofc1847.org/>. Please fill in ALL information accurately and clearly, and submit the completed application by **March 27, 2026** to: **The Robert Simmler PGK Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council 1847 Scholarship Committee, St. Mary's Parish c/o Michael Swan 38 Madison Ave, Franklin MA 02038**

The award will be given to the recipients upon completion of their 1<sup>st</sup> semester of studies and upon proof of enrollment for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. For more information, please contact Michael Swan: 508-404-4792

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**20 MAR 2026**

7:00 P.M.

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### 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](mailto:deaconguy@verizon.net).

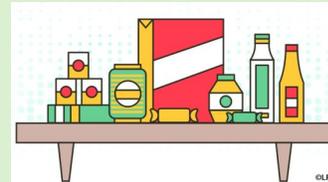



### St. Vincent DePaul Society 508-918-2291

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.

- ◆ Jelly - Strawberry or Grape
- ◆ Peanut Butter
- ◆ Juice - Cranberry or Apple
- ◆ Shampoo and Conditioner
- ◆ Shaving Cream

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



### POLAR PLUNGE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Sunday, March 15th  
Milford High School  
Registration starts at 11:00 a.m.  
Plunge starts at 12:00 p.m.

To join our team or to support Special Olympics:  
<https://fundraise.specialolympicsma.org/teams/9413>

Join us at the 10:30 a.m. Mass for a special blessing and send-off. We will then head to Milford



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