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SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I WAS BLIND
AND NOW
ISEE.

— JOHN 9:25 —



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

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Parochial Vicar: Rev. John Tanyi
parochialvicar@stmarysfranklin.org

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gerwat@verizon.net

Pastoral Associate: Leo Racine
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RECTORY STAFF

508-528-0020

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secretary@stmarysfranklin.org

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

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508-528-1450

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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.



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.



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

Monday, March 16

7:00am Michael Giorgio

Tuesday, March 17

7:00am Adrew Dallamora & Christina Capasso

Wednesday, March 18

7:00am Samuel Melton (healing)

Thursday, March 19

7:00am Donna Antonuccio

Friday, March 20

7:00am Edith Flaherty

Saturday, March 21

4:00pm Paul & Lucille Balzarini

Sunday, March 22

7:30am Jerald Shontag

10:30am Elizabeth Prendergast & Dorothy Arnold

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of March 15, 2026

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

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/ Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Get Well Cards for Fr. Bob

Thank you for praying for Fr. Bob. He appreciates each and every prayer said and is very grateful. Many Parishioners have asked where they can send cards to Fr. Bob. Cards can be dropped-off or mailed to the Rectory at 1 Church Square, Franklin or placed in the basket located on the table across from the Prayer Wall.

Thank you again for keeping Fr. Bob in your prayers!

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.



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 Outdoor Stations of the Cross w/ Youth Ministry (weather permitting)
- 3pm Stations of the Cross
- 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

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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 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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Friday Eve- ©LPI

Friday Evenings at 7pm
Sacred Heart Chapel

- 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

CORI Form - Last Chance

Next Sunday, March 22, Leo Racine will be collecting signed CORI release forms from any parish volunteer who has not yet submitted one. Leo will be in the St. Rocco's Plaza elevator lobby after both the 7:30 and 10:30am Masses.

If you'd like to get a head start, you can download this year's CORI release form on the parish website: www.stmarysfranklin.org. Click on Parish Life and then on Child Abuse Prevention.



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 1st semester of studies and upon proof of enrollment for the 2nd semester. For more information, please contact Michael Swan: 508-404-4792



K of C Easter Gift Card Drive March 28th & 29th



The Knights of Columbus - Sacred Heart Council #1847 is holding our annual **Easter Fundraiser** for those in Franklin and surrounding communities who are "in need" during the Easter season. **ALL** proceeds from the event will **benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society**. The Knights will have a table set up outside the church **after each Mass on Palm Sunday weekend of March 28th & 29th**. We will be selling Stop & Shop gift cards (5% of sale benefits St. Vincent DePaul Society).

In recognition of significant need, we are also suggesting a second way you can share your generosity: by donating *one or more of the gift cards you purchased and 100% of donated cards, cash & checks will benefit St. Vincent...Simply drop a purchased gift card or other donation into the Donation Box.*

We thank you in advance for your continued support and charitable donations this Easter Season!



ST. MARY'S PARISH

COME AND JOIN US FOR

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & A LENTEN MEAL

We invite you to reflect on the final moments of Jesus' earthly life through these youth friendly Stations of the Cross.

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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.



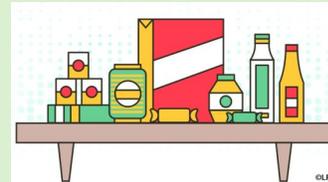

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The St. Vincent DePaul Society would like to thank all the parishioners who have so generously donated to the SVdP Food Pantry. The St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry is looking for the following items to help our Franklin neighbors in need.

- ◆ 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 22nd
Lake Massapoag in Sharon
Registration starts at 9:00 a.m.
Plunge starts at 10:00 a.m.

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

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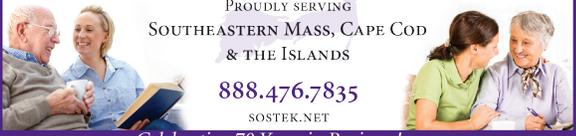


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