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SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SHOWED

THEM HIS HANDS
AND HIS SIDE.

— JOHN 20:20 —



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:
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RECTORY HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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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

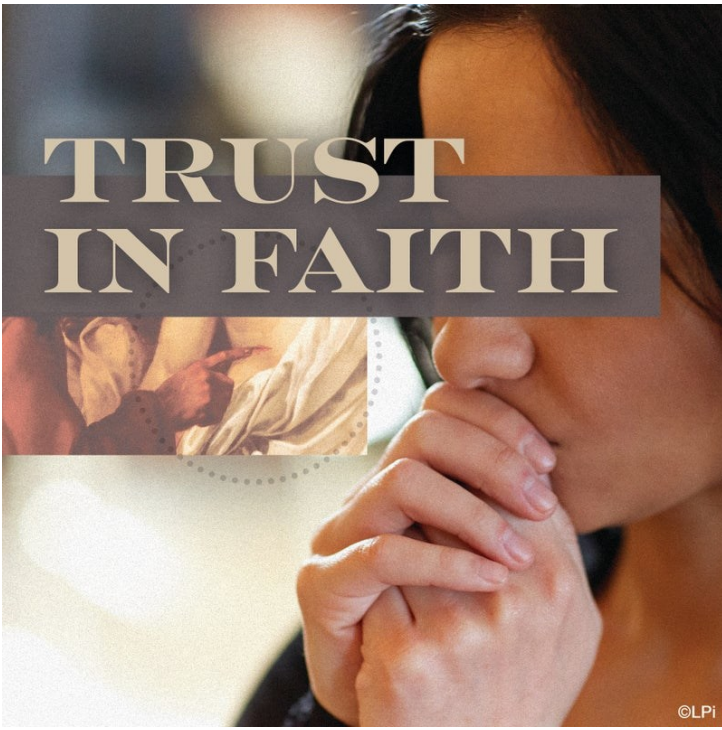
If you are interested in become a Catholic, please call the Rectory at 508-528-0020.

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.



Saturday, April 11

4:00pm Katelyn Mooney

Sunday, April 12

7:30am Biagino Taddeo

10:30am Paula Willinski Consigli

Monday, April 13

7:00am Jacqueline Finnucan

Tuesday, April 14

7:00am Joe and Meredith Mendes

Wednesday, April 15

7:00am

Thursday, April 16

7:00am

Friday, April 17

7:00am Dr. Paula M. Rooney

Saturday, April 18

4:00pm Louis Geer

Sunday, April 19

7:30am Jeanette Duly

10:30am William Walsh

Adoration Confession Prayers Services

Each week, St. Mary Parish will be holding Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession on **Thursdays mornings and evenings**. Morning Adoration and Confession will be following the **7am** Mass, and evening Adoration and Confession will take place at **7pm**, and will be followed by Evening Prayer.



Readings for the week of April 12, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

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.



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: There is a reason Christ showed his wounds as he said the words, “Peace be with you.” It was not just a means of identifying himself — it was a catechism lesson. Here, he was saying. Here is the peace you will not find anywhere else.

Within Thy Wounds

The prayer I love best in the world is the Anima Christi. This private, devotional litany of supplication, begins with the phrase “anima Christi, sanctifica me” (“soul of Christ, sanctify me”) and continues on to appeal individually to each aspect of Our Lord’s crucified flesh: “Body of Christ, save me; blood of Christ, inebriate me; water from Christ’s side, wash me; passion of Christ, strengthen me; Oh good Jesus, hear me.”

Then comes my favorite part: “within thy wounds hide me.”

The Anima Christi is a prayer traditionally said after receiving Holy Communion. The ancient Celts spoke of liminal places, where the veil separating this world from the next is particularly thin, and I believe the moments immediately following the reception of Holy Communion, when the Host is dissolving on my tongue, create a liminal place. When I am in that place, I am as intimately connected to God as I can be while my heart is still beating.

And when I am there, holding God within me, what are the words that I speak? It’s overwhelming to think about. What could possibly be right to say? There is no right or wrong answer, I suppose. But the best words I can think of are these: “Within thy wounds, Lord, hide me.”

There is a reason Christ showed his wounds as he said the words, “Peace be with you.” It was not just a means of identifying himself — it was a catechism lesson. Here, he was saying. Here is the peace you will not find anywhere else.



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Faith Based Bereavement Group



A seven week, faith-based bereavement support group will begin on **Thursday, April 23 at 1:30PM** at **St Jude’s Church in Norfolk**. This peer support group is open to anyone who has experienced a recent loss. There is no charge for this group, however *registration is required*. To register or for additional information, please contact Nan Rafter at 774-571-0092.

**Catholic Women's Club Meeting
Thursday, April 16 at 7pm**

The next Catholic Women's Club meeting is Thursday, April 16 at 7pm in Sacred Heart Hall. We will be enjoying some dancing with Steve Cavanaugh of **L & S Dance!** All women are welcome.



**St. Vincent de Paul
MOTHER'S DAY OUTREACH**

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 presently having a difficult time. Parishioners are invited to put together **Mother's Day gift bags** containing three cheerful items.

Suggested inexpensive items to place in the bag include a *decorative kitchen towel, spring scarf, adult coloring books and colored pencils, mug, hand towel, socks and \$10 gift cards to Dollar Tree or Dunkin Donuts*. A Mother's Day card is a nice touch, too. Please do not include jewelry, candles, or candy. It is always fun to see the creative items that our donors place in the bags.

Members of the Society will distribute the gift bags to mothers in town. Please drop-off the gift bags at the weekend Masses on **April 18th & 19th, April 25th & 26th and May 2nd & 3rd**. Because the church is now only open for masses, we are asking parishioners to place the Mothers' Day 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.



See Christ in Others

A Gathering for Those with Disabilities/All Abilities

St. Mary's Dedham offers a monthly gathering for those with Disabilities/All Abilities on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

The next gathering will be on Saturday, May 9th. You're invited to attend the Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM in the Church and/or our gathering of the Rosary, Pizza and Snacks at 5:00 PM in the Rectory. All are welcome! For more information, contact Nancy at nlmccormick4@gmail.com.



**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.

- Snacks
- Cereal
- Canned vegetables
- Detergent
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels

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



Middle School Lenten
Christian Service Project

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COLLECTING GIFT BAGS FOR
DOCTORS AND NURSES FROM
DANA FARBER IN MILFORD

Gift Bag Suggestions:

- + Bottle of Water with Gatorade/Propel packet
 - + Energy Drink
 - + Granola Bar
 - + Coffee Pods
 - + Tea Bags
 - + Deck of cards
 - + Advil
 - + Protein Bars
 - + Gum and Mints
 - + Your favorite candy
 - + Thank you card
 - + Be Creative
- + They are due by April 15

This project came about from a group of 8th graders that wanted to support doctors and nurses that work with cancer patients. These gift bags will let them know we are thinking and praying for them. These bags will be given out at their breaks or meal time.



Caring for the Environment

This month we are highlighting the Catholic Social Teaching theme: *“Care for the Environment.”* The US Bishops chose this theme to teach us to “show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation” (bit.ly/USCCBSeven). Stewardship involves both “tilling” and “keeping,” using and caring. And care means fairness and equity, along with an acknowledgment that all our actions affect others, especially the poor, vulnerable and marginalized.

In his 2025 message for the [World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation](#), Pope Leo XIV wrote that “environmental justice...is an urgent need that involves much more than just simply protecting the environment. For it is a matter of justice—social, economic and human...since the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created and redeemed.”

This theme of “Care for the Environment” is indeed a challenging one, for it goes beyond the sometimes difficult “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” prescription. It reminds us to consider the “other” in all our actions, even in ones to help our common home, because all of creation bears the image of Christ.

Men’s Faith Formation Meeting Saturday, April 18 at 8am

All men, wherever you are on your faith journey are welcome. We meet on the first Saturday of each month at 8:00am in Sacred Heart Hall for an hour. The next session is Saturday, April 18 at 8am.

The program has no cost and is a great way for men to connect. In addition to faith formation, we build in plenty of time to socialize over coffee and bagels.

If you have additional questions, please reach out to Regis Schratz at rschratz@comcast.net.



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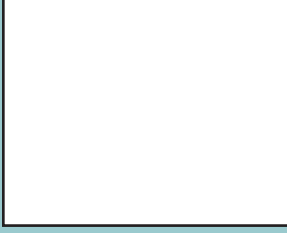
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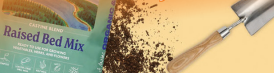
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