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I AM THE GATE.

— JOHN 10:9 —



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SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

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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, 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.



To make a donation online, you can go to the St. Mary Parish Website at www.stmarysfranklin.org and choose "Online Giving" and set-up donations for Regular Sunday Offering, Mass Intentions, The Grand Annual, Catholic Appeal, Special Collections and general donation to St. Mary Parish. You can also access this feature by scanning the QR Code.



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

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 the new time of **6:30pm to 7:30pm**, and will be followed by Evening Prayer.



READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of April 26, 2026
Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/ Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/ Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/ Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/ Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12



Saturday, April 25

4:00pm Anna and Eckert Baillio

Sunday, April 26

7:30am Antonio and Mariantonio Carlucci

10:30am Jim Martin

Monday, April 27

7:00am

Tuesday, April 28

7:00am Faustino & Guadalupe Pineda & Hope Pineda

Wednesday, April 29

7:00am Joanne Reilly

Thursday, April 30

7:00am Sandy Christenbury

Friday, May 1

7:00am Maria & Michael Giorgio

Saturday, May 2

4:00pm

Sunday, May 3

7:30am John & Patricia Greenwood

10:30am Andrew & Louise Decina



On April 19, 2026, Aurelia James Demers, Kalia Reece Johnson, Lydia Marie Anderson, Weston Wayne Anderson and Bennett Charles Anderson were Baptized by Fr. John. May God bless these children always.

Parish Pastoral Council Elections - 2026

St. Mary Parish will be holding our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) elections the weekend of **June 13 and 14**.

Parishioners will be invited to nominate individuals during the weekend of **May 9 and 10**, by completing Nomination papers (in the pews), and then placing them in the baskets at the doors of the church or mailing nominations to: One Church Sq., Franklin, MA 02038.

Suggested candidates will be asked if they wish to accept the nomination and, if so, to commit by **Wednesday, May 20 at 12 noon**, and then send a digital photo and brief self-description/biography to the parish office. These introductions will be placed on display boards in the church and on the parish website. The election will be held on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, **June 13 and 14** in the church.

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council assist our Pastor in keeping our Parish Vision, as reflected by our Mission Statement. Members provide prayerful reflection and insight to the Pastor as he seeks to foster a growing and thriving community of faith.

To be eligible for election, a person must be:

- A registered and actively engaged member of our Parish
- Be able to pass an Annual CORI Review
- Sign and commit to a Code of Conduct for all Parish Volunteers
- Attend a Protecting God's Children Program once
- Attend approximately 5 meetings a year (in person)
- Be willing to prepare by praying, reading and reflecting for PPC meetings
- Be willing to listen without judgment or decision, to the words and ideas from all parishioners
- Be a positive advocate for the parish and parishioners



The Saint Vincent de Paul would like to thank all of the parishioners who have already donated Mother's Day Bags this year.

We would like to remind everyone that the last weekend we will be collecting bags is Saturday as well as the weekend of **May 2nd and 3rd**. All bags can be left in the SVdP collection boxes at the doors of the church.

Family Mass

Sunday, April 26, 2026

10:30am

Please join St. Mary Parish for our Family Mass on Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 10:30am. There will be light refreshments after Mass in Sacred Heart Hall.

The 4th Grade students are hosting a Bake Sale with proceeds going to Children's Hospital in Boston.



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 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*. Please do not include jewelry, candles, or candy. A Mother's Day card is also a nice touch.

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 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.



Mother's Day Roses

On Mother's Day weekend May 9th and 10th after the Masses, the Knights of Columbus along with the Respect Life Commission will be distributing roses to honor mothers, grandmothers and mother figures for their nurturing love, sacrifices and faith. Immediately following the masses members will be outside of the church doors to hand out these roses. Happy Mother's Day!

A Mother's Day Prayer

*Good and gracious God,
We thank you for all mothers - the women you have called to bring forth new life, and women who provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those entrusted to their care.
Give them the courage to raise Godly children through happy and difficult times and wisdom to guide their children on the path to eternal life.
Fortify them through your Word and Sacraments to endure the challenges and trials of motherhood.
Instill in them joy and delight as they accompany their children through the years.
Shower them with care and support from their family and friends. Comfort those mothers who have lost their children and those children who have lost their mothers.
In your charity, entrust all mothers to the tenderness of your own Mother, Mary.
We love our mothers, Lord.
We ask for your blessing upon them this day and always. Amen!*



May Meeting



Women's Faith Formation

All women are invited attend our Women's Faith Formation meeting on **May 16th from 9:00 - 10:00 am**. Mary will be our topic for the month of May.



The meeting will be held in the school building (accessible by the ramp near the parking lot). Light refreshments will be served. All women are welcome!"

**Knights of Columbus Franklin
Basketball Free Throw Massachusetts State Champions**

- 1st Place MA State Champion for 13 Year Old Boys - **Chris B. Naydenov**
- 2nd Place MA State Champion for 10 Year Old Boys - **Daylan Chu**
- 3rd Place MA State Champion for 11 year Old Boys - **Liam Sebastian Pierre-Canal**

Special Congratulations to these Boys Champions. They were terrific...Franklin Council, South District, South Regional Champs and now the ultimate: **KOC MA State FT BB Champions!** The Good News is that they will be back next year to compete. **Joey Paglia**, who won the Council, South District and South Regional Championships, could not attend the "States" due to 2 AAU practices commitment, but **Congrats to Joey!!!**

Thank you to the Parents ...Mr. Naydenov, Mr. and Mrs. Pierre-Canal, Mr. Dave Chu, Mrs. Hue Horowitz and Grand Father Joe Paglia. T hanks for all your support. Good Job!!!

St. Mary's Franklin Community and Neighboring Towns, please consider having your 9 -14 Year Old Boys and Girls, grandchildren and friends join us next year int eh 2027 Franklin Council Free Throw Basketball contest....It's a lot fun and exciting to watch our contestants shoot and compete! God Bless!!! See You All Next Year!!!



**Franklin Food Pantry - Stamp Out Hunger
Saturday, May 9, 2026**

Get ready for the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive to benefit the **Franklin Food Pantry**. Franklin Letter Carriers will collect bags of non-perishable donations from Franklin residents on Saturday, May 9, and bring them to the Franklin Food Pantry to help feed our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.

To participate, please place a bag of nonperishable donations by your mailbox prior to your normal mail delivery time. Your letter carrier will pick up your donation during their regular route time, or they may come back later in the day once their route is complete. This event takes place rain or shine. For more information, please visit the Franklin Food Pantry **website**.



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.

- Men's and Women's Razors
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Women's Deodorant
- Detergent
- Cereal
- Apple or Cranberry Juice

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

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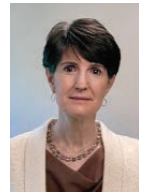
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