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SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026



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— JOHN 14:16 —



**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 4:00pm      Sunday: 7:30am and 10:30am  
Monday - Friday 7:00am

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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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**Pastoral Associate:** Leo Racine  
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**508-528-0020**

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**Director:** Jim Flanagan  
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**Secretary:** Liz Bertoni  
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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 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.



Thursday, May 14 is the Ascension of the Lord. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be on:

Wednesday, May 13 at 4:00pm

Thursday, May 14 at 7:00am and 7:00pm

**May Procession to Celebrate the Month of Mary**

SUNDAY, MAY 10 After 10:30am Mass

The May Procession is a spiritual practice that encourages Catholics to grow in devotion, imitate Mary's virtues and seek her intercession.



We invite all of those who received their First Communion at the Easter Vigil or on May 2nd, to dress in their outfits and lead us in procession.

**READINGS THIS WEEK**

**Readings for the week of May 10, 2026**

**Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

**Fri:** Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

**Sat:** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

**Next Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-2



**Saturday, May 9**

4:00pm Mary Trippany

**Sunday, May 10**

7:30am Anthony Fandetti

10:30am Denise Bernier

**Monday, May 11**

7:00am Dianna L. H. Pezzella

**Tuesday, May 12**

7:00am Emily Millar

**Wednesday, May 13**

7:00am Kathleen Hill

4:00pm No Intention

**Thursday, May 14 - Ascension of the Lord**

7:00am No Intention

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**Friday, May 15**

7:00am David W. Girard

**Saturday, May 16**

4:00pm Claire Vaughan

**Sunday, May 17**

7:30am Bob, Leslie and Jill Rappa

10:30am Nicholas Gaspar



On May 3, 2026, Anne Siobhan Casey, Charlotte Marie Costello, Henry Richard McKinnon, Levi Stephen Stearns, and Lainey Grace Weber were Baptized by Fr. John. Emma Lacey Sullivan was Baptized by Fr. Wally. May God bless these children always.

## NOMINATION WEEKEND!

### Parish Pastoral Council Elections - 2026

This weekend, the St. Mary Parish, Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is asking Parishioners to *nominate individuals* to serve on the Council. Please complete the Nomination papers (in the pews), and place them in the baskets at the doors of the church. You can also mail the nominations by sending them 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**. Once contacted, nominees will need to 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

### **Protecting God's Children** Monday, May 18th from 6-9pm

*Protecting God's Children® for Adults* is a program designed to assist members of the Catholic community in creating safe environments for our children and vulnerable adults. It is our sincere belief that all people deserve to be treated with dignity as well as to live and learn in an environment that is free from abuse. The program consists of videos, group discussion and specific safety recommendations and helps us to put our beliefs into action. *Protecting God's Children® for Adults* is open to all St. Mary's parishioners and is mandatory for many of our parish ministers.



This program will be offered on Monday, May 18 from 6:00 to 9:00PM in the school (modular classrooms). Please call Leo Racine, Pastoral Associate, at (508-528-0020) or email him at [pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org](mailto:pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org) for more information; registration will be online.

### Mother's Day Roses

This weekend, Mother's Day weekend, after the Masses, the Knights of Columbus and 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!



## MOTHER'S DAY BLESSINGS



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- STAYING AT JP II RETREAT CENTER IN KEARNEY, NEW JERSEY
- TRAVELING BY VANS & CARS
- JIM FLANAGAN'S TOUR OF NEW YORK CITY ON THURSDAY
- INFORMATION MEETING ON ZOOM - MONDAY, APRIL 6TH AT 8:00 P.M.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: CONTACT JIM FLANAGAN AT [JFLANAGAN@STMARYSFRANKLIN.ORG](mailto:jflanagan@stmarysfranklin.org) OR 617-922-0024



## Blood Drive!



**Saturday, June 6, 2026**

**9am to 2pm**

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Saturday, June 6 from 9am to 2pm** in the St. Mary School, Modular Building. To facilitate the process, it is best to pre-register for a blood donation time. You can sign-up at online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), and search by town and date.

## Men's Faith Formation Meeting

**Saturday, May 16 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 Sat, May 16th 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](mailto:rschratz@comcast.net).



St. Mary's Parish invites all children in grades K to 5 to get ready for an amazing adventure at Catholic Kidz Camp! Join us for an unforgettable week of activities, games, and discovering God's love.

July 13<sup>th</sup> to July 17<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
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Please sign up by June 15<sup>th</sup> by using this link:  
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Questions?? Please contact Jim Flanagan at 508-528-1450



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