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SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

RAISED HIS EYES TO
HEAVEN.

— JOHN 17:1 —



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:
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RECTORY HOURS

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

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508-528-0020

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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 or friend who is unable to attend church due to age or infirmity, we will provide pastoral visits. To set-up visits, please call the rectory or email the Pastoral Associate at: pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org.

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.



**Knights of Columbus
Memorial Day Mass**

**Monday, May 25, 2026 at 9:00am
St. Mary Cemetery**

On Memorial Day, May 25th, the regular 7:00am Mass will be held at 9:00am at St. Mary's Cemetery to celebrate those who died in service to our country. Please bring lawn chairs for comfort. If it rains, the Mass will be held in the Chapel.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of May 17, 2026

Sun: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/
Mt 28:16-20

Mon: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn
16:29-33

Tu: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wed: Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-
36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thu: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-
10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Fri: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn
21:15-19

Sat: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20
-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b
or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-
28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and
34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23



Saturday, May 16

4:00pm Claire Vaughan

Sunday, May 17

7:30am Bob, Leslie and Jill Rappa

10:30am Nicholas Gaspar

Monday, May 18

7:00am Kristen Pack

Tuesday, May 19

7:00am Sherrill Duggan

Wednesday, May 20

7:00am Antonio Pereira

Thursday, May 21

7:00am Albert and Mary Colonna

Friday, May 22

7:00am Anthony and Louis Marano

Saturday, May 23

4:00pm William Dolan and Richard Barter

Sunday, May 24

7:30am Rosemary S. Murray

10:30am Fred and Jo Mason



Last weekend, Etta Christine Sherlock, Josephine Annette DeFarias, Sydney Marie Sullivan and James William Turner were Baptized by Fr. Bob. May God bless these children always.

Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

This month, we will highlight the Catholic Social Teaching theme of the Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers. Pope Leo XIII's encyclical, *Rerum Novarum*, was written to address the condition of the working class. Pope St. John Paul II, in his 1981 encyclical, *Laborem Exercens*, writes that the roots of our understanding of work as "a fundamental dimension of human existence on earth," are in the Old Testament book of Genesis. He adds that the Church has always believed that "work is a good thing for man."

Acknowledging the importance of a person's inherent dignity as one created in God's image, the US Bishops tell us that: "the economy must serve people, not the other way around. " They add that "work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation." Subsequently, Catholics are called to support just wages, affordable housing, and safe working conditions and the like. You can watch the US Bishops' video on this Catholic Social theme at <https://bit.ly/VideoWorkers>.

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. 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 for more information; registration will be online.



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, and search by town and date.

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.





Women's HEALTH EXPO

Join us for a dynamic health event designed to educate, empower, and support women in taking control of their health! Local vendors and healthcare partners will provide information and resources on preventive care, nutrition, fitness, and more!

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MAY 20TH 2026

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If you are due for your breast cancer screening, please join us on Dana-Farber's Mammography Van!



Wednesday, May 20, 2026
7am to 3:15pm

New England Chapel
300 E. Central St, Franklin, MA

The mammography van offers digital screenings. The entire process is around 20 minutes. Pre-Registration is required. To schedule a screening please call: **617-632-1974** or email: mammo_van@dfci.harvard.edu.

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OTHER IMPORTANT DETAILS:

- 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 OR 617-922-0024

Catholic Women's Club

Annual Banquet & Scholarship Awards

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6pm

Women of the Parish, please join the Catholic Women's Club for their Annual Banquet on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6pm at the Coachmen's Lodge in Bellingham. All women are welcome. The cost is \$40.00 per person.

Please RSVP to Elaine Noonan at 10 Flintlocke Road, Franklin, MA 02038 or noonama@verizon.net

This is the 104th and final year of the St. Mary Catholic Women's Club. We encourage all interested women of the parish to join the Women's Faith Formation, which meets on the second Saturday of each month at 9am at the St. Mary School. For more information on the Women's Faith Formation, please reach-out to Denise D'Amico at womensfaithformation@gmail.com



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 13th to July 17th
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Hall
Cost - \$100

Please sign up by June 15th
by using this link:
<https://www.stmarysfranklin.org/vbs>

Questions?? Please contact
Jim Flanagan at 508-528-1450



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