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SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

THAT THE WORLD
MIGHT BE

SAVED.

— JOHN 3:17 —



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 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.



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 to St. Mary Parish. You can also access this feature by scanning the QR Code below.

NOTE: If you decide to give online, please call the Rectory to stop having envelopes mailed to your home. Thank you.



READINGS THIS WEEK

Readings for the week of May 24, 2026

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 or, for the Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 62) 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

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/ Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/ Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/ Mk 10:46-52

Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13/ Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-1



Saturday, May 30

4:00pm Brian O’Friel

Sunday, May 31

7:30am Linda Padula, Martha Felber and Elaine Padula

10:30am Anthony and Lisette Caravaggio and Anne Caravaggio

Monday, June 1

7:00am Laura and Dave Kennedy

Tuesday, June 2

7:00am

Wednesday, June 3

7:00am

Thursday, June 4

7:00am Officer Stephen LaPorta

Friday, June 5

7:00am Joseph Healey

Saturday, June 6

4:00pm Donald G. Ranieri Sr.

Sunday, June 7

7:30am Robert and Ethel Taranto

10:30am Antonio and Concetta Caravaggio



There were no Baptisms last weekend at St. Mary Parish.

GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Most Holy Trinity

John 3:16-18

I was 16 years old on a youth group retreat in the mountains. One night, I opened my heart to the message being proclaimed: that God so loved the world that He sent His Son for us. Later, I lay under the pine trees and looked up at the countless stars. They seemed different. No longer cold, distant balls of chemical reactions, they appeared as an expression of God's love, as if He were giving those stars directly to me. The truth of God sending His Son changed how I saw the whole universe.

That is what today's Gospel reveals: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." (John 3:16) The universe is not just a whirl of impersonal forces or empty space. At its heart is a gift: the Father eternally giving the Son, not to condemn, but to bring life.

This is not abstract doctrine but deeply personal. God gives His Son for you and me. Each human life is precious enough to be caught up in that eternal gift.

It is in the Mass where we encounter this most directly. In the Word proclaimed, in the assembly gathered, in the priest, and above all in the Eucharist, the Father once again gives His Son. What looks like bread and wine is the drama of the Trinity, laboring to love us here and now.

The Trinity is not a puzzle to solve but the blazing Truth at the center of everything: the Father gives the Son for you and me. Lord, help us to see this more clearly.

— Father John Muir

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VIRTUS - Protecting God's Children Training

Thursday, June 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Faith Formation Building

Facilitator: Jim Flanagan – Director of Family Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

Because St. Mary Parish hopes to offer several events and programs over the summer, we will need trained adult leaders in the VIRTUS program. All parish staff and volunteers over 17 years old are required to take this training.

To register – please go to www.virtusonline.org and select *First Time Registrant* on the left side in green rectangle and then follow the prompts. For any questions, please reach out to Jim Flanagan at 617-922-0024



ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON | CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2026 Catholic Appeal is ending this weekend. 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, St. Mary Parish will receive funds back for our own local programs and ministries. If you wish to donate, there are envelopes at the entrance to the church. To make an online gift, go to www.bostoncatholicappeal.org

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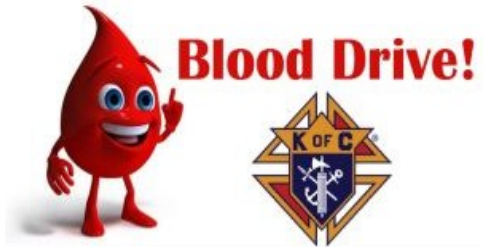
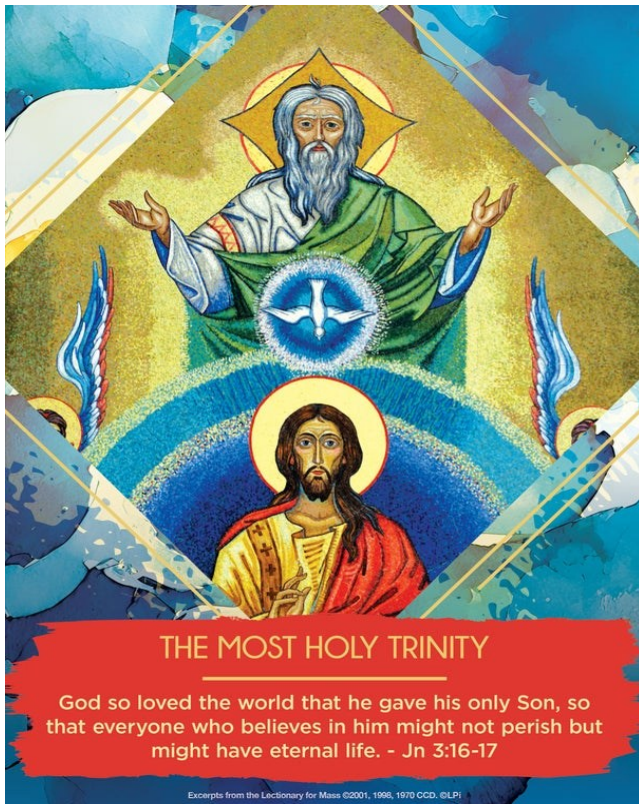
Deacon Guy continues a Zoom Rosary every Monday night at 7:00pm. This is open to parishioners, family & friends from all communities. You are welcome to join, relax, pray and/or and just listen. *Link info* is on the Parish Web Site under Parish Life and Prayer. For more information contact Deacon Guy at: deaconguy@verizon.net.



Trinity Prayer

O Divine Mystery, O Sacred Trinity!
Surround us with Your wisdom, love, power, and grace.
Draw us to Yourself. Help us to rest in Your goodness.
Amen.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



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.



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



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.

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