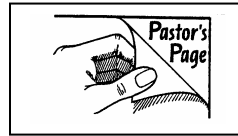




Mass Intentions



Fr. Kevin Sepe

The Lenten Journey

<u>Saturday, March 10, 2012</u>	
4:00 PM William Dillon	Memorial
<u>Sunday, March 11, 2012</u>	
7:30 AM Mass for the Unborn	Memorial
9:00 AM Pat Agapito	Memorial
10:30 AM Francis & John Conolly	Memorial
12:00 NN Domenic Finocchio	Anniversary
<u>Monday, March 12, 2012</u>	
7:00 AM Judy Stempleski	Anniversary
<u>Tuesday, March 13, 2012</u>	
7:00 AM	
<u>Wednesday, March 14, 2012</u>	
7:00 AM	
<u>Thursday, March 15, 2012</u>	
7:00 AM Arthur Zahn	Anniversary
<u>Friday, March 16, 2012</u>	
7:00 AM Sick, Deceased and Personal Intentions	
<u>Saturday, March 17, 2012</u>	
9:00AM	
4:00 PM Cecelia Grogan	Memorial
<u>Sunday, March 18, 2012</u>	
7:30 AM Barbara & David Harrington	Memorial
9:00 AM Tucker Critchley	Memorial
10:30 AM James Donahue	Anniversary
12:00 NN Joseph MacGillivray	Anniversary

The 2012 Lenten Mission "The Lenten Journey" is scheduled for Sunday, March 25, Monday, March 26 and Tuesday, March 27 at St. Clare Parish at 7:00PM. The Mission will include St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare, St. Thomas More and St. Francis Xavier, Weymouth. We hope the 2012 Lenten Mission will lead us in the Lenten Journey to God. Bishop John Dooher, regional Bishop of the South Shore, will conduct this Mission. In the harried, hurried and hectic pace of our times, it is good for us to journey to God by reflecting together about God. We hope that you make a special effort to attend the 2012 Lenten Mission and take delight in The Lenten Journey conducted by Bishop Dooher.



As Christians, we have the call to reflect the love of Christ in our own lives. Your support of the 2012 Catholic Appeal helps countless people through 50 ministries of the archdiocese of Boston. Thank you to all who pledged their support of the 2012 Catholic Appeal at Mass last Sunday. If you have not yet participated in the 2012 Appeal, you can make your pledge by completing one of the forms available at the back of the Church. You may also pledge to the parish campaign at www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org.



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU—this Wednesday and every Wednesday for the duration of Lent from 6:30-8:00PM in our church and all Catholic churches throughout the Archdiocese. In addition to confession, we invite you to spend some quiet time in adoration of the presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Forum on Homelessness and Housing – Please join other local citizens and leaders at All Souls Church, 196 Elm Street THIS Sunday, March 11 at 3:00PM for a forum on Housing and Homelessness. Local leaders including Dick Walsh who works with local homeless veterans from Braintree, Cheryl Opper, the director of Schools on Wheels, Caitlin Golden, Outreach Coordinator from the Mass Housing and Shelter Alliance and Nicole Fitzgerald, the COO from Fr. Bill's Place and Mainspring Services will be present. The forum itself is a mix of each guest panelist speaking and responding to questions from those who attend. Other community leaders, agencies and media will offer further information and participation.

Our Tithes & Offerings

Thank you for your offerings last weekend:

Offertory/Envelopes (257)	\$6,350.00
Offertory/Loose	\$2,810.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$1,562.75
Total Offertory	\$10,722.75

Percentage of Offertory Received by Envelope/EFT—74%

Tithe information will be available in a future bulletin.

If you are interested in the EFT option to simplify your weekly contributions please contact the parish office.

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH WHEN PLANNING YOUR ESTATE. Thank you!



Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

Readings for the Week of March 11, 2012	
Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21



From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

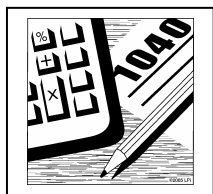
**Third week
of Lent**

This Sunday, because we have the privilege of a member of the elect (someone who will be baptized, confirmed and receive 1st Eucharist at the Easter Vigil) among us, we celebrate the 1st of the 3 Scrutinies; and so, at the 12NN Mass, the scripture readings will be taken from Year A rather than B, our current year. At the noon Mass, the Gospel will be from John 4, the story of the woman at the well. Here is something for all of us to consider this week: *Why did the Samaritan woman come to draw water at noon, the hottest time of the day? Did she want to avoid the times the other women in town came to the well? What are the places in my life where I am embarrassed, where I avoid interaction with others? What are the noon day wells of my life? Can I imagine Jesus approaching me there?* Taken from *Praying Lent* at Creighton University's *Online Ministries'* website: www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html. Used with Permission.



FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY is next weekend. Our shelves are fairly well-stocked except for the following items: peanut butter and jelly, pancake mix and syrup, and cereal. Our St. Vincent DePaul

Conference is very grateful for your generous support. Whether you donate non-perishable food or use the blue envelopes for a monetary contribution, you truly make a difference in the lives of individuals and families right here in Braintree. If you or someone you know—a shut-in or someone hesitant to ask for help—needs food or other assistance, please call the parish office to request a SVDP referral



If you are a registered parishioner who utilizes the parish envelope system or the EFT option and would like a copy of your total contributions for 2011 please call the parish office at 781-843-1332. In accordance with federal regulations, contribution

statements were mailed to any parishioner who has made a single contribution of \$250 or more. If you do not currently utilize the parish envelope or EFT system, but would like to; or if you have any questions regarding your statement, please contact Patty Kinnally in the parish office.

**Check
THIS OUT!**

FISH FRYDAYS during Lent... Grove Manor Estates invites parishioners to join members of their community for lunch on the Fridays of Lent. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED** as SEATING IS LIMITED. Please call 781.843.3700.



**St. Francis of Assisi
Parish Info**

- **RCIA for our elect and candidates** continues this Sunday at 1PM in the church hall. Please keep Leon, Lorraine, Elizabeth, Joseph, Timothy and Thomas in your prayers.
- **SFA BEREAVEMENT GROUP** meets THIS Tuesday, March 13 at 1:00PM in the church hall.
- **MAKING MUSIC PRAYING TWICE** meets THIS Wednesday, March 14 at 10:30AM in the church hall. Family materials cost an initial \$40; classes are \$5 per child, pay as you go.
- **BLESSED JOHN XXIII SEMINARIANS** will visit SFA next Sunday, March 18 for tours of our parish, religious education and school facilities. They will attend the 12NN Mass and hear a homily given by their classmate, Deacon Keith. Lunch will follow, along with presentations from members of our clergy and staff. Please keep these men in your prayers as they continue their studies and Deacon Keith as he prepares for ordination to the priesthood.
- **Bible Study with Fr. Gregory** will meet Tuesday, March 20, April 17, and April 24 at 7pm in the church hall.
- **PARISH PRAYER LINE**—To be placed on (or to participate in) the parish prayer line, please call 781.843.1332 and speak with Linda.
- **PRAYERS FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN**—Names and photos of everyone on active duty from or connected to SFA are displayed in the church as a constant reminder of prayers needed and prayers offered. If you would like to add someone, please call the parish office.



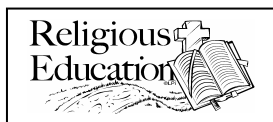
Court St. Francis Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be presenting an inspiring version of the Way of the Cross on Monday, March 19 at 7:15PM in the church. We invite all **men and women** to join us as we pray the Way of the

Cross. Refreshments will be served in the hall at the conclusion of the Stations.



Mark Your Calendar for Friday evening, March 30. In honor of the devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Mary and its commemoration on the Friday before Good Friday (as well as on September 15), the chaplet of the Seven Dolors will be prayed in the Church beginning at 7:00PM. Some members of the Confirmation class are also planning to attend.





from
Mrs. Lynne Jensen

Religious Education Classes will be meeting as scheduled:

Sunday, March 11	10:05.-11:05AM	Gr. K-6
	11:35AM.-12:35PM	Gr. 1-6
Monday, March 12	3:50 - 4:50PM	Gr. 1-6

Grades 7 & 8 Classes will be meeting this Tuesday, March 14 from 6:45-8:15. All students should report directly to the Church. Fr. Vozzo will be leading us in Adoration.

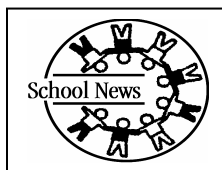
Confirmation Classes (Grades 9 & 10) Do Not Meet this Week. Students should be working on completing their Milestones/paperwork and scheduling their remaining service activities. The Service Summary paper should be submitted after your required service is completed. Information can be found at www.sfab.org - click-on the Rel Ed Icon; then, Activities Tab. It is also recommended that the candidates review the Confirmation Competency Packet of Q & A's that they were given in September in preparation for Confirmation Interviews. Candidates, please bring any questions that you may have to the next class which is Sunday, March 18.

A Lenten Prayer Activity has been scheduled for Grades 9 & 10 on Friday, March 30 from 6:00 to approximately 7:30PM. Those interested will meet in the Church hall for a light supper of rice and beans. You are asked to bring a donation of at least \$5.00 for the meal which will be donated to Operation Rice Bowl. There will be a short presentation on tools of Lent—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This will be followed by prayer together in the Church. Since this is the Friday before Good Friday, we will honor the devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Mary as we pray the chaplet of the Seven Dolours. Because students will be sacrificing, giving alms to the poor, and participating in prayer, those who fully participate can count it as a service activity.

The next Bingo/Ice Cream Social at Braintree Manor is taking place on Saturday, March 17. Permission slips can be downloaded from the website. You can also access the list of what to bring. At this time, all slots have been taken for this week and the remaining dates which are March 31 and April 14.

Students in Grade 6 (who are studying the Old Testament/Hebrew Scriptures), have the opportunity to take part in a Seder ritual meal on Sunday, March 25 12:00-1:00PM. It is hoped that all of the sixth graders will be able to attend and the event will be in place of their regular class time on Sunday, March 25 and Monday, March 26. An information/permission slip will be sent home with students this weekend to determine the number who will be attending in order to plan for the menu. Several students in the Confirmation program have volunteered to help with the preparations, serving, and clean-up. Please plan to report to the school @ 11:00M for preparation. Thank you!

The date for the Confirmation Leadership Team Appreciation Lunch has been **changed** from March 25 to March 18. It will take place in the school from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Please pass the word!



from
Mrs. Vittoria DeBenedictis



RED SOX FUNDRAISER - Our St. Francis of Assisi 8th grade students are heading to Washington, D.C. in May. This trip is designed to support their study of American History and to encourage learning outside the classroom. To help defray the cost of the trip, the students are currently sponsoring a Red Sox Raffle. Tickets are just \$5.00 each for a chance to win four (4) tickets to see the Red Sox take on the Texas Rangers on 4/18/12 at 7:10PM. These seats are valued at \$400 and are located in the loge section of Fenway Park, between home plate and 3rd base! Raffle tickets will be sold after each Mass the weekends of March 10/11 and 17/18. You can also purchase tickets by contacting the school at (781) 848-0842. The drawing will be held on April 3, 2012. Thank you for your support and good luck!



from
the Archdiocese

A Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating 100 years of Catholic Girl Scouting in Boston will be held at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, 1400 Washington Street, Boston on Sunday, March 18 at 2:00PM. The celebrant will be His Eminence Cardinal Seán O'Malley OFM Cap., Archbishop of Boston. The Catholic Committee on Scouting would like to invite all Girl Scouts, both past and present and their families to this special Mass of thanksgiving. Please wear your vest or uniform with your badges and pins. A commemorative patch will be available for the first 500 pre-registered participants after the Mass for \$2 each. Please register at GSEM100thMass@BostonCatholicScouting.org.

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreat – Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over past abortions/ Project Rachel is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church which offers hope and healing from the pain of abortion. Project Rachel will hold a “Come to the Waters of Healing” post-abortion retreat on March 17. Location is confidential. For more information and registration, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com. Trust in the tender mercy of God!

A Day of Prayer and Conversation for Men and Women Interested in Religious Life will be held on Saturday, March 31 from 10:30AM – 5:00POM at the Fatima Shrine, 101 Summer Street, Holliston, MA. For more information or to register please call or email Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ, at 617-746-5637 or Sr.Marian.Batho@rcab.org.



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