

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, BRAINTREE



Saturday, August 28, 2010

4:00 PM Jean Grant Anniversary

Sunday, August 29, 2010

7:30 AM Augustine Murphy Anniversary

9:00 AM Russell Barry Anniversary

10:30 AM Francis Walsh Anniversary

12:00NN James & Doris Cavanaugh Memorial

Monday, August 30, 2010

7:00 AM Shirley & Betty Kirkpatrick Anniversary

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

7:00 AM

Wednesday, September 1, 2010

7:00 AM

Thursday, September 2, 2010

7:00 AM

Friday, September 3, 2010

7:00 AM Sick, Deceased and Personal Intentions

Saturday, September 4, 2010

9:00 AM

4:00 PM Marjorie Broughton Anniversary

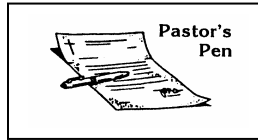
Sunday, September 5, 2010

7:30 AM Florence Picardi Anniversary

9:00 AM Gina Marie Umbro Anniversary

10:30 AM Lucille & Anthony Dettore Anniversary

12:00NN Tony & Lorraine Mavilia Memorial



*from
Fr. Kevin Sepe*

Fr. Gustave will be preaching his Mission Appeal for the SMA fathers at each of the Masses THIS weekend. There will be a second passing of the basket at each of these Masses to support his parish in Africa. Checks should be made payable to St. Francis of Assisi and placed in the Special Collection Envelope located in the pews. If you would like to give Fr. Gustave a personal gift – cash (given directly to Father) would be most appropriate.

I have asked a talented parishioner to fabricate a new Christmas Stable, since the current one is quite worn out. The plan is to make it larger and more visible. I hope to have it situated on the grass to the right of the church and facing the street. This new manger will also need new figures. My hope is to have them memorialized.

Diocesan updates:

The most recent data indicates that 40% of our parishes are unable to pay their monthly operating costs. The economy has had a constricting effect on all parish offertories.

The Office of Clergy Personnel reports that there are currently 330 PRIESTS serving full-time in the 277 parishes of the Archdiocese – a drop of 16 priests from a year ago. Please continue to pray for vocations.

A Priest Appreciation Dinner – A special night of appreciation for the Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston is scheduled for Thursday September 16, 2010 at the World Trade Center, South Boston. This is a fundraising event to help with the increasing health care costs of senior priests like Fr. Sheehy and Fr. Harrington. The \$500.00/plate dinner will: *Honor priests throughout the archdiocese for their committed service and generous gifts of their lives; and *Enhance the image of priests throughout the Archdiocese as we share stories written by parishioners, of the inspiration and heroism of our priests both current and retired. If you are interested in attending please contact Fr. Sepe.



New Parishioners

We want to know and serve you. If you are not registered, please contact the Parish Office for a registration form.

Our Tithes & Offerings

Thank you for your offerings last weekend:

Offertory/Envelopes (248)	\$6,187.00
Offertory/Loose	\$2,858.50
EFT Weekly Average	\$1,078.19
Total Offertory	\$10,123.69

Percentage of Offertory Received by Envelope/EFT—71%

In your name, in thanksgiving and trust in God, our weekly parish tithe of \$1,086 was added to the special collection for the Catholic Home Missions for a total of \$3,151.

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!**



"When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who

humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 14:10ab, 11

Readings for the Week of August 29, 2010

Sunday:	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/ Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/ Lk 14:25-33



*From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon*



ARISE Together in Christ... *Hermeneutics may not fill you with glee. Apologetics may not be your cup of tea. But in revealing what's true and what's not, ARISE succeeds in*

stirring the pot. If you haven't opted in up 'til now, take that leap of faith—God will show you how!

It is never too late to become part of **ARISE Together in Christ**. You may sign up for a group on the weekend of September 11/12 or call Linda Muldoon at the parish office—781.843.1332. Faith-sharing groups will begin the week of October 3.

ARISE Small Community Leaders... Training for Season 5, "We Are the Good News," will be held at the Pastoral Center here in Braintree on Monday, September 13 from 7-9PM, Friday, September 17 from 1-3PM, and Tuesday, September 21 from 7-9PM. **Please call the parish office to let us know which session you plan to attend. Thank you.**



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults... Do you know someone of another faith who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Are you or someone you know a baptized

Catholic who may not have had the opportunity to receive First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation? If so, please call the parish office—we would be happy to begin this important conversation with you!



Bereavement Support Group at SFA... Beginning on Tuesday, September 14 from 1:00-2:30PM in the church hall, our parish will offer a weekly, faith-based group for those who have lost a loved one. For more information,

please call Linda Muldoon at the parish office.



Parish Prayer Line Forming... Looking for a way to help others or to deepen your connection to our parish? We are looking for pray-ers—individuals willing to give some of their time to pray for specific needs expressed by members of our parish family. If you are willing to serve on

a prayer team (you would be notified of intentions by telephone) or would like to learn more, please call the parish office.

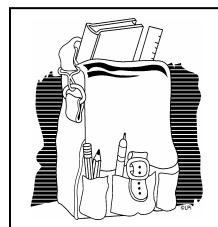
Friends of the Poor Walk... The St. Vincent DePaul Conferences from the Braintree parishes are working together to coordinate a walk on Sunday, September 26 at 9:00AM. Sponsors, walkers and volunteers are needed! Please mark your calendars and continue to watch the bulletin for more information.



Protecting God's Children is the child abuse prevention program which is **required** by the Archdiocese of Boston **for all clergy, paid staff and volunteers**. Your participation involves attendance at 1 workshop and the reading of monthly on-line training bulletins. If you are new to parish ministry—SFA religious education or school, choir, usher, etc, then we ask you to please choose one of the following workshop times and call the parish office to reserve your place: Sunday, September 19 at 1:15PM, Thursday, September 23 at 7:15PM, Saturday, October 2 at 10:00AM or Tuesday, October 19 at 7:15PM. As adults, we are ALL responsible for the protection of children, and so we invite all interested parishioners to attend as well. We ask that you also call the parish office if you plan to attend so that we have enough materials for everyone. Thank you.



St. Francis of Assisi Parish News



St. Francis of Assisi Christian Service Commission Thanks everyone for their contributions to the School Supply Drive. Thanks to your generous donation to this Drive and the bottle and can collections we were able to provide backpacks full of supplies to 50 children served by the

Braintree Food Pantry and 40 children served by the DeVanna Center. Both organizations were thrilled with your generosity.



Braintree Catholic Collaborative Blood Drive
Wednesday, September 15 at
St. Clare Parish Hall
2:00-7:00PM

There is still no substitute for blood. – The demand is great and the supply only comes from voluntary donors. You are invited to be a Braintree Catholic Collaborative donor; a successful blood drive will help a lot of people. Please call 1-800-448-3543 (1-800-GIVE-LIFE) for an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Something new - We have replaced our "poor boxes" with an envelope display box. In light of the recent rash of thefts in some churches in the area, we have decided on a new approach for donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. If you normally drop your donation in these boxes, we ask that you now take one of the envelopes provided and either place it in the collection basket, or drop it in the rectory mail slot. (Please do not leave your donation in these boxes as they are not secure.) Thank you for your continued generosity to the needy of our community.

 **Wedding Banns**
Leo Hart & Stacie Chang

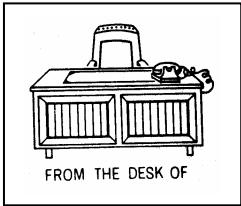


from
Fr. Gustave Kotubetey

The Lord is good all the time – I want to thank God for giving me the opportunity to visit the United States. I would like also to thank Fr. Sepe for hosting me here in Braintree. I have had a wonderful experience here and I am looking forward to coming back.

During my stay here many people, in fact everybody contributed to my joy and happiness. Among all, I want to express my deep gratitude to Fr. Mark, Fr. Gregory and Fr. Joe Arsenault. To Patty, Linda, Rick, all the Sacristans, and to Deacon Joe and the cantors, I pay my homage. You have enriched my life in so many ways. And to all, I say thanks. May God bless you! Indeed, the Lord is good all the time.

Fr. Gustave, SMA



*Our Principal
Mrs. Vittoria
DeBenedictis*

Welcome Back!

Classes resume for grades 1-8 on Tuesday, September 7. The first four days, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday will be early dismissals at 12:00 noon.

Starting on Monday, September 13, school will be in full session for grades pre-k to 8.

Pre-k & Kindergarten:

On Sunday, September 12 from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, we will hold a pre-k /kindergarten "Open House." First, it is an opportunity for the children to meet their teachers and classmates before the actual starting date. Second, parents will become acquainted with the classroom and informed of classroom/school procedures and the curriculum. Most importantly, it will make this educational milestone a family experience. Additional information will follow from the homeroom teacher. I encourage you and your family to attend the Children's Liturgy at 9:00 A.M. at Saint Francis of Assisi Church before coming to the school.

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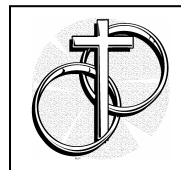
Registration for fall classes is ongoing. Your early return will guarantee your class time, as well as give us time to plan for the fall. The Religious Education Office is open Mondays and Thursdays from 10:00AM – 2:00PM. The Religious Education Office telephone number is 781-848-3238.

Catechists will be needed for all grade levels – please consider sharing your faith with our young people.



Adult Confirmation Class – A five week course will be offered in the fall at St. Ann Parish, 757 Hancock Street, Quincy for adults who have been baptized but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Classes will be held on five Sunday afternoons from 1:00-2:30PM on October 17, 24, 31, November 7 and 14. If you have been asked to be a godparent for a child to be baptized; or you are getting married within the coming year; or you are over 18 years of age but you were never confirmed, you may want to participate in this adult Confirmation course. If you would like more information or would like to register for this class, please contact Sr. Pat Boyle at 617-479-5400. Upon completion of the five classes, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on Sunday, December 5, 2010 at 3:00PM at St. Thomas More Parish, Braintree.

Help is needed to bring the Rosary to the residents at Grove Manor. If you can give a half hour of your time once a month, please contact either Marge Varraso at 781-843-8817 or Therese English at 781-848-2824. The Rosary is recorded so all it takes is a push of a button to bring it to an appreciative audience.



Sacred Heart Marriage Preparation Course is scheduled to take place on Sunday, September 12 and Sunday, September 26. This is a 2-part course. If you are planning a wedding after that time, and before the end of August, 2011 please contact Deacon Hank at 781-337-6333 or email deaconhank@comcast.net.



from
the Archdiocese

The Master of Arts in Ministry Program for Laity at St. John's Seminary offers graduate level courses for those desiring a deepening knowledge of the faith. Classes begin the week of September 7 at 149 Washington Street in Brighton at the former St. Gabriel Parish School location. Classes meet for two hours once a week until the week of December 6. Scholarships are available. For more information visit www.sjs.edu or call 617-779-4104. Courses offered include: The History, Theology & Spirituality of the Liturgical Year, Catholic Health Care Ethics, Prophecy of Isaiah and much more.

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow over past abortions? Project Rachel is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion. Project Rachel will offer three "Come to the Waters" post abortion healing retreats this fall: Saturday, September 11, Saturday, October 30 and Saturday, December 4. For more information and registration for the date of your choice, contact Project Rachel at 1-508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

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