

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

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**Mass Schedule:** Saturday Evening – 4:00 PM  
Sunday – 7:00, 9:30 and 11:30 AM  
Weekday – Monday thru Friday 7:00 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday – 2:30 to 3:45 PM

**Sacrament of Marriage:** A minimum of ten months notice is required. Please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment prior to booking a hall.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** First and Third Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM.  
Please call the Parish Office to register.

**Sacrament of the Sick and Communion Calls:** Please notify the Parish Office if anyone is hospitalized or unable to attend Mass because of illness.

**Community Meetings:** School Hall Alcoholics Anonymous – Friday 8:00 PM

**Food Pantry:** Thursdays – please call the Parish Office one day in advance.

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, August 5, 2017

4:00PM Alexander Prall & Patrick McDonough Anniversariy

## Sunday, August 6, 2017

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

9:30 AM Kathleen Carr Anniversariy

11:30 AM Susan Reilly Anniversariy

## Monday, August 7, 2017

7:00 AM William Lucey Memorial

## Tuesday, August 8, 2017

7:00 AM Charles Beaulieu Memorial

## Wednesday, August 9, 2017

7:00 AM Jim & Barbara Daly Spec. Intention

## Thursday, August 10, 2017

7:00 AM Angela Kelly Memorial

## Friday, August 11, 2017

7:00 AM St. Clare

## Saturday, August 12, 2017

4:00PM Pamela Gorman Anniversariy

## Sunday, August 13, 2017

7:00 AM Charlotte Rose Kelly Memorial

9:30 AM Anna Rose Berardinelli Anniversariy

11:30AM Paul Rober, Jr. & Paul Rober, Sr. Anniversariy

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:  
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—74%

**If you are interested in the Online Giving option to simplify your weekly contributions, please contact the parish office.**

## Collection Report

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| Offertory Envelopes    | \$ 5,242.00        |
| Offertory/Loose        | \$ 2,225.00        |
| EFT Weekly Average     | \$ 1,057.60        |
| <b>Total Offertory</b> | <b>\$ 8,524.60</b> |

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



### **From Fr. Valery, SMA My Experience with Ebola**

My name is Fr. Valery Koami Delaedem Happy AGUH, SMA from Togo. I am a missionary working in Sierra Leone in West Africa since 2013. I am working on a team of 3 members: Fr. David Agbevanoo, SMA from Ghana (West Africa), Fr. Francis Patrickson, SMA from India, and myself. We live in a small village called Kwama which is about 45 km or 28 miles from Freetown, the capital city of Sierra Leone. Kwama, Christ the Good Shepherd Church, is outstation of Waterloo, Mary Immaculate Conception Parish. Our presence in Sierra Leone is to build a shrine of Our Lady of Healing, in honor of our Founder, Msgr. Melchior de Marion Bresillac. I strongly believe that our founder and his companions, who died in Freetown, are actively present with us in our mission. Their intercessions are real and effective. We pray every day a prayer for the Canonization of Bishop Melchior de Marion Bresillac.

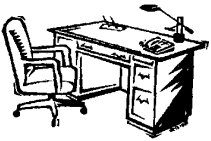
### **How was our engagement during outbreak of Ebola in Sierra Leone?**

On 6 April 2014, we had the Annual Lenten Pilgrimage. About 5,000 people walked about 5 kilometers, reflecting on the Stations of the Cross, led by the Archbishop. The pilgrimage ended with a Mass presided by the Archbishop. At the end of the Mass there was an announcement by the Ministry of Health about the threat of Ebola and the possibility of it reaching Sierra Leone. The message was encouraging, saying that the sickness has not entered our country. Do not believe the rumors, and don't eat bush meat. Though the government was telling there was nothing to fear about it, the people were spreading rumors that the sickness was in some parts of Sierra Leone.

By end of May and the beginning of June, there were cases of Ebola identified in the eastern part of the country. The country was not well-equipped to handle the situation. It was a new thing to all. The need for isolating the sick was known to the health workers, but we did not have the proper infra structures to face the situation. By July and August the sickness had spread fast into the southern and eastern parts of the country. Those days, there were a few cases in other parts, too, but the Isolation Center was available only in the east. The patients were taken to those centers by ambulance. During the transportation of the patients, a lot of chlorine was used in the ambulance. In many cases the patients reached the center in very bad condition or dead.

By September, the sickness spread to all the other parts of the country, including Freetown. When an individual in a family is proved to be Ebola positive, the whole family and all those who were in touch with that individual were quarantined. These quarantined people would not be allowed to go mix with the other people in the village. Sometimes the whole village could be quarantined. At those times, the people from this village could not go to other villages for any purpose. At those times, the government, through World Food Program (WFP), should provide enough food for them. Normally it does not happen. These houses are guarded by Army and Police. It was brought to our notice that many of the quarantined houses were not given food or water. It was like caging someone without food. Having my motto: "Ever ready to respond to the needs of the times," I could not resist my desire to do something for the situation.

More next week—stay tuned!



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

**August 6—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** In the Gospel, Jesus says: "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves," and taking the five loaves and two fish, he blest them and gave them to the disciples to feed the crowd. **Know that your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help those living in poverty touches many lives just like the loaves and fishes.**



**Protecting God's Children...** This one-time workshop, required by the Archdiocese of Boston for all clergy, staff, and volunteers, will be held at St. Mary's in Randolph on Saturdays, August 26 and September 16 from 9-11:30AM and on Tuesday, October 17 from 6:30-9PM. For more information and to register, please call 781.961.5009. You need attend just one of the sessions, and please sure to ask for a certificate of attendance to bring to your home parish.

## Parish Info and events of note...

- **St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry...** We are open Thursdays from 10AM-12NN and 2-4PM. If you need groceries, please call on Wednesday so that we can be prepared for your visit. Referrals and limited financial assistance are available for parishioners in need. Please call the parish office for more information.
- **Prayer Shawls...** On hiatus for the summer months. See you in the Fall!
- **Our Bereavement Group ...** meets August 8 please see further information elsewhere in the bulletin. Thank you.
- **Visits to the Sick and Homebound...** If you or someone you know cannot attend Mass due to surgery, illness or infirmity, you can request a Communion visit. Our staff and trained home visitors are available and willing to come to you. Please call the parish office for more information.
- **Parish Prayer Line...** To be placed (or to pray) on the parish prayer line, please call the parish office.
- **Military Service...** If someone you know is newly deployed and you would like their info to appear on the board, please call or email the parish office. Thank you.
- **RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.** It begins with a time to ask your questions and discern whether God is calling you to something more. Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Maybe you were baptized but missed the opportunity to receive your first holy communion or be confirmed. Maybe you have questions about our faith. You can reach out to a member of our staff at any time by contacting the parish office or join us for an inquiry session, soon to be scheduled. If the words above do not resonate with you, please pass them along to someone you know who may be interested. God works through us, especially when we pay attention.

### **Bereavement Support Group...**

Our final meeting for the summer will be a luncheon THIS Tuesday, August 8, at **12NN** (note time change) in the church hall. Current and former members are welcome to attend. RSVP (so we can order enough food for everyone) by **Monday** at 10AM by calling 781-843-1332. For more information, call the parish office or email [lmuldoon@sfab.org](mailto:lmuldoon@sfab.org).

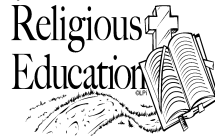


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## It Takes a Parish to Reach Out to and Care for Its People

There are other service organizations that operate within our collaborative. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas and the Braintree Catholic Women's Club invite women of all ages to join them for meetings and events that are religious, social, educational, and service-oriented. For men, the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society offer similar opportunities. For contact information, please call the parish office at either St. Clare (781.848.7480) or St. Francis of Assisi (781.843.1332).



Mrs. Diane Hopkins  
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli  
Phone 781.848.3238

We lost two of our beloved long-time Catechists this year: Kay Bickford and Mary Sullivan. We were so lucky to have known and worked with these amazing faith-filled women.

Kay was, as she phrased it, Diane's "Birthday Buddy". They discovered while talking one Sunday morning before class that they shared the same birthday thirty years apart. This made them feel like kindred spirits. Diane held her in high respect and often asked her opinion on many subjects. With age comes wisdom and lots of spunk.

They tried to get together for lunch as close to their birthday, April 5, as they could. The last three years they did spend their birthdays together – two of them enjoying lunch and catching up on what was happening in their lives and the last one remembering all that Diane cherished about Kay during her funeral mass. It was divine providence that they spent their last birthday in the church that brought them together.

The church and her faith meant a lot to Kay. She loved sharing that faith with as big a class as we could provide; according to her, the bigger the better. We are sure any child who had Mrs. Bickford as a teacher will **never forget** the true meaning of a "covenant".

Another woman full of wisdom was Mary Sullivan, who came and took her rightful place in the rocking chair next to the first graders. Mary, like Kay, was dedicated to sharing the faith with the children of St. Francis of Assisi. She always told the children that God, *her friend*, was calling her home to be with him. She would pray for them to be called too... "but not for a long, long, time!" She shared with the little ones a comfort level that only comes with faith. The energy in the room brought youth back to Mary. In return, when Mary was homebound, this little class took a field trip to her home to pray with her. Oh, the glow!

Children have the gift of youth, but these two ladies were blessed with gift of wisdom and the courage to share.

Registration forms have been sent out. If you have not received one, please contact us immediately. Please return your registration as soon as possible. A class you choose now is not engraved in stone. It can be changed quickly, but processing all the information on registration forms into our Parish Soft Database and our Connect Ed. System takes a lot of time. It is so helpful to have all the information entered and to know the number of books and teachers needed by the end of August. We would appreciate your help in achieving this goal.



**Our Lady of Fatima...** Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady of Fatima which you may gain on **Sunday, August 13th!** **To obtain the plenary indulgence**, the faithful must visit with devotion a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration in any church on the 13th of each month from May through October this year. There they shall devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary, recite the Creed, pray an Our Father, and invoke Our Lady of Fatima. Those unable to travel to a church due to age, illness, or other serious cause may pray before a statue of Our Lady of Fatima in their homes. **The ordinary conditions for a plenary indulgence** must also be fulfilled: be in a state of grace, receive Holy Communion, sacramentally confess sins (within 20 days), be completely detached from all sin, and pray for the intentions of Pope Francis (suggested: an Our Father and a Hail Mary.) JOIN US after all the Masses on Sunday, August 13th, on the right side of the church where our statue of Our Lady of Fatima is displayed, as we offer our prayers to God and honor Mary. **To help you obtain the indulgence, additional confessions will be heard at St. Francis after the 7 and 11:30AM Masses on August 13 and from 3:30 – 4:45PM on August 14.**

As you plan your summer vacation or have the opportunity to sneak away for the weekend, here is something to pack in your suitcase along with your sunscreen, or in your smart phone! **To find the Mass closest to your location, visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).** When you make your reservations, please remember to reserve some time for the Lord!



**Pink Registration Forms for Confirmation Program (Grades 9 & 10) : and Blue Registration Forms for Grades 1-8**

If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education office at 781-848-3232. Summer hours are Monday-Thursday 10:30-2:30. If we are unable to answer your call, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

*The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.*

Stay Close,  
Diane and Ronna



*From  
Mr. Brian Cote  
Principal*

**ENROLL TODAY**

St. Francis of Assisi School is now accepting applications for all grade levels for the 2017-18 school year. For more information regarding our admissions procedure, simply visit our school's website ([www.sfab.org](http://www.sfab.org)) or contact us at (781) 848-0842. Are you interested in learning more about what SFA has to offer for your child, its curriculum and extracurricular activities? Arrange your personalized visit/tour with our principal by contacting Brian Cote at (781) 848-0842 x12 or emailing [bcote@sfab.org](mailto:bcote@sfab.org). We look forward to possibly serving your family in the spiritual, academic, and social development of your child.



**Readings for the Week of August 6, 2017**

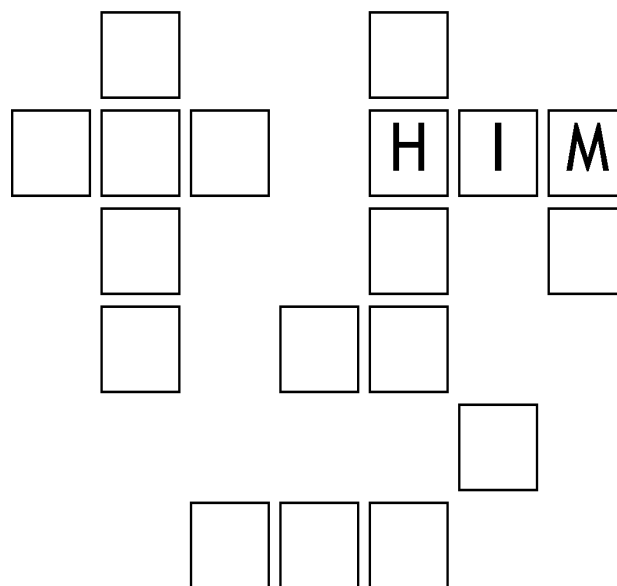
- Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/  
2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
- Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-17/Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-7, 12-13/  
Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/  
Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23/  
Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/  
Jn 12:24-26
- Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-16, 21/  
Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/  
Mt 17:14-20
- Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9-14/  
Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



 **Empty Squares**

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

This is my Son, and I love him.



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**Sharing the Gospel**

Previews give us a quick peek at a movie, in hopes that we will want to see more. In today's Gospel, we celebrate Jesus' Transfiguration. That's when God gave Peter, James and John a preview of the risen Jesus, the Jesus they would see again one day. Jesus glowed brightly. Moses and Elijah came to talk with Jesus. Then a great cloud covered everyone, and God said Jesus was his Son. Jesus was the Savior that God's people had been waiting for.

**Prayer**

Dear God, thank you for showing us through your Word that Jesus is our Savior. Amen.

**Something to Draw**

Draw a picture of Jesus glowing on top of the mountain.

**Mission for the Week**

Read today's Gospel with your family. What would have surprised you most about seeing Jesus like that on top of the mountain?



## From the Archdiocese of Boston

### August 6 ~ Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Summertime often affords us the opportunity to take a break from busy schedules and spend time in favorite spots at the seashore, or at a campground or maybe even in a special spot in the city. Those special times and places may well be moments when we witness the majesty of God. The disciples in today's gospel have gone to one of Jesus' favorite places and something extraordinary happens – they see Jesus transfigured and hear God's voice, "This is my beloved Son...listen to him." Recall a time when you felt God's presence. What might God want you to remember from that experience?

### PROJECT RACHEL POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREATS

*God's forgiveness knows no bounds* – Pope Francis. The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a *Come to the Waters of Healing* one-day retreat. Fall dates are September 16, October 14 and November 11. Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).

### BETHANY HEALTH CARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE ANNUAL AWARD DINNER

Sister Jacquelyn McCarthy, CSJ is pleased to announce the Massachusetts State Council of Knights of Columbus as Bethany Health Care Center's 2017 "Making a Difference" honorees. Exemplifying the criteria for the award in their demonstrated commitment to Bethany's mission and as being instruments for change in reaching out to the needy and helping to improve lives, Bethany is privileged to recognize the Massachusetts State Council Knights of Columbus. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at the Seaport Hotel, Boston, MA. A reception will be held at 6PM and dinner and program at 7PM.



### PARISH REGISTRATION FORMS

**Thank you** to all who have returned your parish registration form. If you haven't yet returned your form please do so at your earliest convenience. **Please return this form even if you have been a parishioner for many years.** It can be mailed, dropped off at the parish office, or placed in the collection basket on Sunday. If you did not receive a form but are interested in joining our parish we welcome you. Gold-colored registration forms are available at the church entrances. **ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.** If you or someone you know has received a letter for someone who no longer resides at your address, please notify the parish office so we can update our records. Thank you for your cooperation. **To date less than 25% of the Registration Forms have been returned.**



## Upcoming Events

**Early Bird Special**—Boston & South Shore Men's Prayer Gathering will be held on **Saturday, August 19 from 7:00-8:30 AM.** This event includes: Prayer; Coffee and refreshments; Presentation and discussion. The topic is **The Communion of Saints by Fr. Robert Barron (now Bishop) Catholicism Series** Men, Bishop Barron's widely acclaimed Catholicism series does a great job of exploring 4 saints that you may want to learn about and pray to for help in everyday life. St. Mary of the Hills Lower Church, 29 St. Mary's Road (off Brook Road), Milton. Call 617-696-3170 for more information.

### LIFT Ministries' 11 Year Anniversary Celebration

Join LIFT Ministries as they celebrate 11 years of ministry with a special event on Saturday, August 19th at LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro, MA. This outdoor event (weather permitting) will include Mass at 4pm followed by a BBQ and then LIFT at 7pm. This event is FREE to attend and open to ALL AGES. For more information or to order tickets for the BBQ, go to [www.liftedhigher.com](http://www.liftedhigher.com). Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area ALL AGES. For more information or to order tickets for the BBQ, go to [www.liftedhigher.com](http://www.liftedhigher.com). Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!



"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Improve your listening skills by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Sep 16-17, 2017 in Medway, MA and Oct 21-22, 2017 in Contocook, NH.

For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at <https://wwwmema.org/>.