

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

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Miss Patty Kinnally, Office Manager

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, June 11, 2016

4:00 PM	Anna & Joseph Dunlea and Paul O'Reilly	Anniversary Month's Mind
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Sunday, June 12, 2016

7:00 AM	Edward & Mary Connolly	Memorial
9:30 AM	Ann & Tom Glynn	Anniversary
11:30 AM	Deceased Members of Westwood Family	Memorial

Monday, June 13, 2016

7:00 AM	Marion Brown	Anniversary
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Tuesday, June 14, 2016

7:00 AM	Henry Pires	Memorial
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Wednesday, June 15, 2016

7:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi	
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Thursday, June 16, 2016

7:00 AM	Stephen Pollock	Memorial
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Friday, June 17, 2016

7:00 AM	Margaret Santosuosso	Anniversary
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Saturday, June 18, 2016

4:00 PM	Webb & Dantuono Families	Memorial
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Sunday, June 19, 2016

7:00 AM	Emmett Kiley	Memorial
9:30 AM	Sarah & Stanley Stearns	Memorial
11:30AM	Alphonso & Mary Tricomi, Rosemarie Roche and Philip Walling, Sr.	Memorial

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:

Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—74%

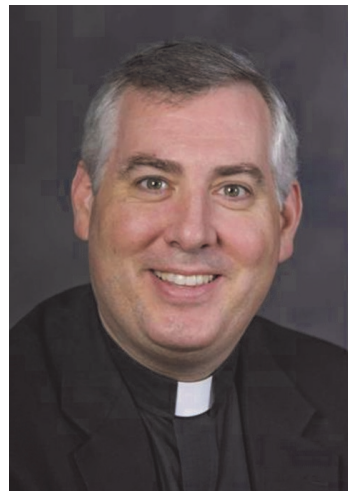
If you are interested in the Online Giving option to simplify your weekly contributions please contact the parish office.

Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 5,679.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,534.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,253.75
Total Offertory	\$ 9,466
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My brothers and sisters,



By now everyone has heard the news, I'm sure, and we want to send our heartiest congratulations to Bishop-elect Mark O'Connell (Titular Bishop of...) and Auxiliary Bishop of Boston. "Fr. Mark" lived here at St. Francis for 7 wonderful years and generously shared his heart and ministry with the parish community.

Please keep him in your prayers. We hope to offer some opportunity to attend the

Episcopal Ordination at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, on Wednesday, August 24.

I have also asked Bishop-elect O'Connell to come celebrate Mass here at SFA once he is ordained.

For now, those who wish to send him a congratulatory note or promise of prayers should do so c/o the Pastoral Center, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree, MA 02184.

In His service and yours,
Fr. Paul Clifford



He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The others at table said to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." - Lk 7:48-50



From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

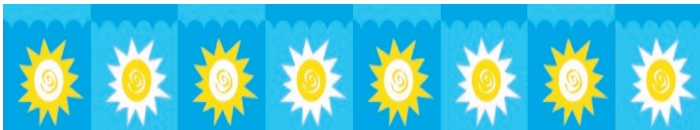
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Three of the four readings this weekend—the 2nd Book of Samuel, the Responsorial Psalm (32), and St. Luke’s Gospel all mention forgiveness. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we remember the words of Pope Francis: **“God never tires of forgiving; it is we who tire of asking forgiveness.”**



From the SVDP member page for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time: “As we hear the Gospel today, we realize that sometimes we are like Simon as it’s far easier to see what is wrong in another than it is to see what is wrong in ourselves. But Jesus, who accepts the poor woman without judging or blaming her, shows us what Christian love is all about. **Through your almsgiving, you are performing a good work; far greater than you think.**” The money placed in the blue St. Vincent DePaul envelopes brings Christ’s love and compassion to the poor.



Grow in Faith and in Knowledge This Summer... *June Biblical Seminar, The Quality of Mercy, led by Professor Celia Sirois*, will meet Monday evenings in June (6, 13, 20, and 27) from 7-9PM at the Theological Institute at St. John’s Seminary. This seminar is offered at no cost to participants. To register for this or the courses below, please visit www.sjs.edu or www.theologicalinstitute.org or call 617.779.4104, ext. 1.

The Theological Institute for the New Evangelization at St. John’s Seminary in Boston has 2 and 3 credit summer courses for laity, deacons and religious. Those who prefer to audit a course are also welcome. The offerings this summer include Apocalyptic Literature of the Old and New Testaments, Mastering the Art of Catechesis, Carmelite Spirituality, Beauty and the Bible in Balthasar, Basic Truths of the Catholic Faith, and The Changing Landscape of Grief Ministry: New Psychology and Spirituality.

FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEKEND

The groceries you purchase for our food pantry also bring Christ’s love and compassion to the poor. Your donations of non-perishable food items, paper goods, cleaning supplies, personal care products, and even supermarket gift cards allow our pantry clients some breathing room in their limited budgets—even the opportunity to cover an overdue bill. And—with school about to close for the summer, families who relied on breakfast and lunch programs now have additional meals to provide. **However you choose to help, please note that our St. Vincent DePaul Conference has no overhead.** Everything we receive from you directly assists someone else. Thank you for your continued generosity!



Would you like to see *Big Papi* play in his final season at Fenway Park?

How about the opportunity to stock up on groceries for your 4th of July celebration?



Would \$500 cash help with your summer vacation plans?

These are the prizes in the St. Francis/St. Clare of Assisi Collaborative Raffle. The entire profit from the raffle will be used to advance Catholic education at St. Francis of Assisi School. Raffle tickets were mailed to all registered households. If you did not receive this mailing but would like some tickets, please call the parish office. **Winning tickets will be drawn after the 4:00PM Mass at St. Francis on Saturday, June 18. [Please note the date on the letter and ticket are incorrect.]** You do not need to be present to win. Be sure to include your phone number on your ticket so that we can reach you if you win.





From
Mr. Brian Cote
Principal

With the end of the 2015 - 2016 academic school year coming to a close, I want to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations to our kindergarten students who will graduate on Tuesday morning, June 14th, as well as extend my best wishes to our students in our pre-kindergarten program who will end their school year on Monday, June 13th. Last but not least, to our students in grades one through seven who will begin their summer vacation on Friday, June 17th. May all of students and their families have a safe, healthy and wonderful summer.

A Summertime Blessing

Go now and know that Jesus will be watching over you as you begin the summer months ahead.

As you enjoy God's summer gifts of warm sun, cooling water and long days, I ask Him to bless you, guide you and keep you safe.

Please remember all that you have learned this school year and keep the gift of faith in everything that you do.

Offer kindness to all that you meet; offer care to those in need. Help others that they might see God's handiwork in all that they have around them.

May the brightness of the summer sun and the beauty of its light remind you daily of Jesus' love for you. Amen.

Enroll Today

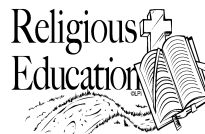
St. Francis of Assisi School is now accepting applications for all grade levels for the 2016-17 school year. For more information regarding our admissions procedure, simply visit our school's website (www.sfab.org) or contact us at (781) 848-0842. Are you interested in learning more about what SFA has 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. We look forward to possibly serving your family in the spiritual, academic, and social development of your child.

SFA Summer Program - Come join us for some summer fun at SFA's Summer Program, consisting of Arts and Crafts; Theme Days and Projects; Fun and Educational Field Trips; Gym Games and Outdoor Play; and Library and Playground Excursions. The camp is offered for seven-weeks (Mondays – Fridays from 7:45 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.) with flexible day/week options.

Listed below are the Themes and Trips of the Week:

June 27 – July 1	God Bless the USA (<i>Battleship Cove</i>)
July 5 – July 8	Catch a Wave – An Underwater Adventure (<i>AMC Movie Theater: Finding Dory Movie</i>)
July 11 – July 15	Under the Big Top (<i>Southwick Zoo</i>)
July 18 – July 22	Sweet Dreams (<i>Hebert Candy Mansion</i>)
July 25 – July 29	Walk the Plank (<i>Pirate Cruise</i>)
Aug. 1 – Aug. 5	2016 Summer Olympics (<i>Timberlanes</i>)
Aug. 8 – Aug. 12	We're All in this Together (<i>Canobie Lake Park</i>)

For more information, visit our Summer Program Link on our school's website (www.sfab.org) or call 781-848-0842.



Mrs. Diane Hopkins
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On Father's Day
9:30 Family Mass
June 19, 2016

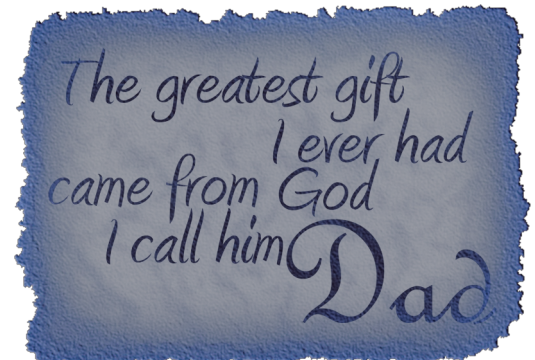
Let's fill the church with fatherly love for all kinds of fathers (mothers too!), folk music and after Mass, fellowship. Bring a friend.

First Communicants, wear your dressy whites one more time!

Kindly join us after Mass in the church hall for refreshments.

Baked goods welcome!

Families
Attend
The
Holy
Eucharist
Regularly



Registration forms for Religious Education year 2016-2017 will be available by June 12. We look forward to meeting in September but until then we hope to see you at the weekend Masses.

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

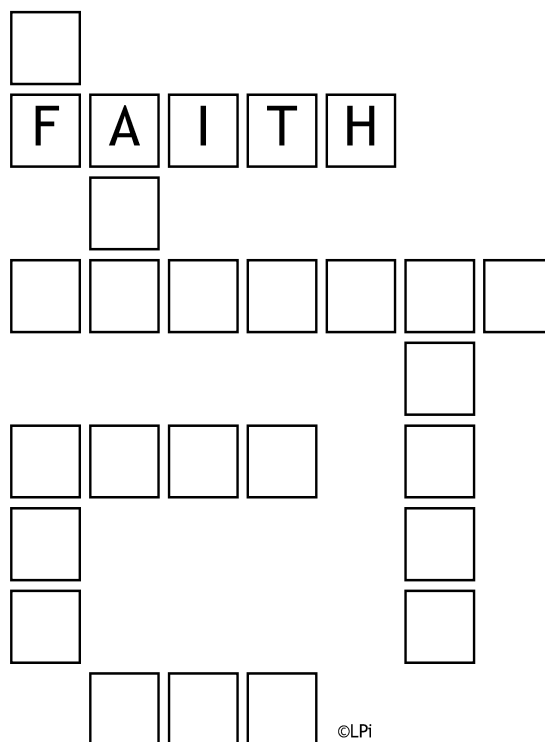
Stay Close,
Diane and Ronna



Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Because of your faith, you are now saved.



- **Prayer Shawls...** will resume again in September. Newcomers, novices and experts are always welcome!
- **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.
- **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. Do you hunger, do you thirst for something more? Do you want to learn about the food that endures for eternal life, to taste and see the goodness of the Lord? Maybe you have questions about our faith or your own circumstances. 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.
- **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.



Sharing the Gospel

The woman in today's Gospel was not well-liked in her town. She had made some pretty bad choices, and everybody knew it. In her heart she knew she had really messed up, and she was truly sorry. With a broken heart, she found Jesus. When Jesus saw the faith in her heart, he forgave her. He gave her the freedom to live a better life.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to be truly sorry for my sins.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself crying because you made a bad choice.

Mission for the Week

If there is someone in your class who is not well-liked, show God's love by being kind.



The Marge Crispin Center

Adult day care is available Monday thru Friday 8:30AM—2:30PM at the Marge Crispin Center, 74 Pond Street. We provide a light breakfast and full lunch prepared by a ServSafe certified employee. We also offer 2 snacks per day. Our day consists of morning coffee and socializing, light exercise therapy, arts and crafts and musical entertainment. Group activities include bingo, bean toss, trivia, etc. Limited transportation is available. For more information please call Ann Toland or Pat Conrad at 781-848-2124.

LIFT

Join LIFT Ministries on Tuesday, June 21st @ 7pm for an inspiring night of worship at St. William Church in Tewksbury with speaker Dave VanVickle. The night will include uplifting music, a relevant talk, confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and is FREE to attend and open to ALL AGES. A downloadable flyer, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on their website at www.liftedhigher.com. Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

Braintree Interfaith Prayer Service



Thursday, June 16th @ 7:00

Braintree Town Hall

1 John F. Kennedy Memorial Drive, Braintree

Join us in the Braintree Town Hall as various clergy from our town offer prayers for our community, and musicians offer inspiring selections.

Representation from our Town Government, Veterans, and Scout Troops.

Refreshments and Fellowship preceding at 6:30PM



From the Archdiocese of Boston

June 12 ~ Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Paul's letter to the Galatians continues this week with the beautiful phrase, "yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me;.... I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me." What does this mean to us, here, today? If Christ lives in me, if I live by faith, I am patient, kind, merciful, forgiving, and prayerful – and more. But when we fall short, as we all do, remember that God loves each of us unconditionally, and waits for us in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

EMPOWER—BOSTON (9/10/2016)

"Empower" is Youth Ministry training at its best! It will be held on Saturday, September 10th, 2016 at St. Francis Parish, Medford Catholic Collaborative. The day will include training for small group facilitation, relational ministry, and middle school ministry; as well as activities for high school ministry, team planning, Mass, lunch and the best praise & worship music. The goal of the day is to help parishes lead teens closer to Jesus Christ! This event is sponsored by the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation and Parish Support, and Life Teen. Registration opens May 1st with a discount for early registrations. All priests attend for free!



Readings for the Week of June 12, 2016

- Sunday: 2 Sm 12:7-10, 13/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11/
Gal 2:16, 19-21/Lk 7:36-8:3 or 7:36-50
- Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-7/Mt 5:38-42
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-6, 11, 16/
Mt 5:43-48
- Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20-21, 24/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-7/Mt 6:7-15
- Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11-14,
17-18/Mt 6:19-23
- Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-34/
Mt 6:24-34
- Next Sunday: Zec 12:10-11; 13:1/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/
Gal 3:26-29/Lk 9:18-24