

# 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, June 18, 2016

4:00 PM Webb & Dantuono Families Memorial

### Sunday, June 19, 2016

7:00 AM Emmett Kiley Memorial

9:30 AM Sarah & Stanley Stearns Memorial

11:30 AM Alphonso & Mary Tricomi,  
Rosemarie Roche and  
Philip Walling, Sr. Memorial

### Monday, June 20, 2016

7:00 AM Philip John Morris Memorial

### Tuesday, June 21, 2016

7:00 AM James J. O'Halloran &  
James W. Leahy Memorial

### Wednesday, June 22, 2016

7:00 AM McDonagh, Grealish, Allen and  
Flaherty Families Memorial

### Thursday, June 23, 2016

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

### Friday, June 24, 2016

7:00 AM

### Saturday, June 25, 2016

4:00 PM Elizabeth & Richard Gately Memorial

### Sunday, June 26, 2016

7:00 AM Laurence Beauchesne Memorial

9:30 AM Domenica & Camillo Leonida Anniversary

11:30AM William P. Sweeney, II Anniversary

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:

Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—73%

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

## Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes \$ 4,797.00

Offertory/Loose \$ 2,274.00

EFT Weekly Average \$ 1,253.75

**Total Offertory \$ 8,324.75**

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

## A Father's Day Prayer

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the **God of compassion** walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

*Author unknown*



*From*

*The clergy and staff of  
St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi*



**"Who do the crowds say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, 'One of the ancient prophets has arisen.'" Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said in reply, "The Christ of God." - Lk 9:18b-20**



From the desk of the  
Pastoral Associate  
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Who do YOU say that I am?”

Lots going on this weekend and week—Father’s Day, approaching full moon (oh-oh) and Summer Solstice, last day of school for Braintree students, tend the garden, clean off the lawn furniture, gas up the grill, open the pool, plan the vacation! But even with all of the above and more, most of us manage to find more down time in summer than any other season of the year. Summer gives us more time—whether it’s vacation mode or simply more hours of daylight or mostly reruns on TV. Let’s make a conscious effort to set aside time and space to pray this summer. The question Jesus poses to his disciples is a good place to begin, a good one to take to prayer—more than once. So whether we’re falling asleep to the hum of the air conditioner or waking up to the songs of the birds or sitting by an outdoor fire or floating in the ocean, we can pray about just who IS Jesus for me? My Jesus is probably not your Jesus who is probably not your father’s Jesus. Jesus really wants to know the answer of each one of us to his question. Not the answer from the catechism or a long ago Sunday School class or a prayer that we memorized. Jesus wants the answer that is deep in our hearts and entrenched in our beings, and He is waiting for us to begin the conversation.



Happy  
FATHER’S  
DAY

to all of the dads and to everyone who fills this important role in the life of a child—whether that child is in kindergarten, high school or the work force. You truly have the opportunity to build a better future for our world in your role as teacher, coach, mentor, and friend. God bless you!

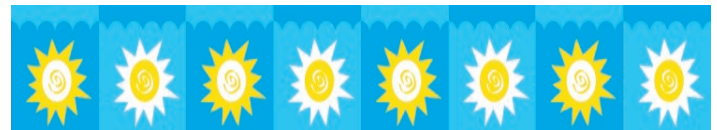


In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us that “whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.” **This week, know that you will bring hope to the poor by your generous gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Please use the blue envelopes that can be found throughout the church and place your donation in the collection basket or the rectory mail slot. Kindly write checks payable to St. Vincent DePaul with SFA on the memo line.**



FOOD COLLECTION  
SUNDAY IS THIS  
WEEKEND

The groceries you purchase for our food pantry also bring hope to the poor. If you are at the supermarket and feel overwhelmed by the choices in front of you, it helps to think in terms of mealtime. Perhaps you can begin by purchasing breakfast items: pancake mix, cereal, canned fruit or raisins, canned or bottled juice, coffee or tea or powdered milk. Lunch items with long shelf life include peanut butter and jelly, tuna fish, soup, crackers, canned pasta. Supper selections could be the same as lunch along with tomato sauce and pasta, canned or jarred vegetables, canned meat, rice and couscous, cooking oil and seasonings. Cake and brownie mixes are frequent sale items. Your donations of food items along with 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!**



**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](http://www.sjs.edu) or [www.theologicalinstitute.org](http://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.





From  
**Mr. Brian Cote**  
*Principal*

Summer has begun, the school bells have stopped ringing, and the hallways are quiet ... but not for long! Though the students have vacated the halls of Saint Francis of Assisi School for the summer months, our school will still remain a busy and active place.

**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](http://www.sfab.org)) or call 781-848-0842.

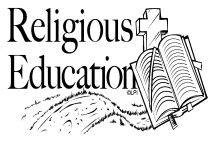
# Enroll Today

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](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.

# Parish Info and events of note...

- **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.





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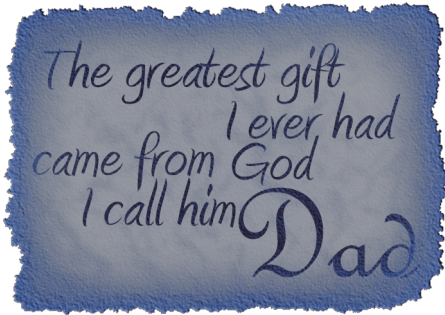
On Father's Day  
9:30 Family Mass  
June 19, 2016

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.

Families  
Attend  
The  
Holy  
Eucharist  
Regularly



**Confirmation:**

We send warm wishes out to all fathers and those who fill the role of a father in the life of a child. Today's children face many challenges and strong fathers are a guiding force in navigating a well directed life. Look to the inspiring example of St. Joseph, patron saint of fathers, hard workers, and the universal Church, for his obedience, humility, selflessness, courage and the love he showed to Mary and Jesus. If you can emulate St. Joseph *even a little* each day, you will be that much closer to becoming the men and fathers you are called to be. Bless you for carrying the light for the rest of us to follow you to Heaven.

Soon we will be reaching out to all the current 8<sup>th</sup> graders to welcome you into the process of preparing for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Watch for an invitation to enroll. Also, we encourage anyone who knows of a high school freshman or sophomore who would like to prepare for Confirmation to contact us directly at 781-848-3238 or by email: [dhopkins@sfab.org](mailto:dhopkins@sfab.org) or [rpetrilli@sfab.org](mailto:rpetrilli@sfab.org)

***My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.***

Gently,  
Ronna Petrilli and Diane Hopkins



 **Puzzle**

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

John	Elijah	cross
save	follow	Messiah
rise	prophet	kill

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**Sharing the Gospel**

"Would you like to trade with me?" You might hear that a lot in the school cafeteria or at snack time. Kids may want to exchange one kind of food for one they like better. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the same question. "Would you like to trade with me?" Give Jesus the toys and activities that take your mind off God. Those things don't last. Jesus will trade you for something better. He will give you lasting life and happiness with God.

**Prayer**

Jesus, help me to love you more than anything else.

**Something to Draw**

Draw a picture of a cross. At the bottom of the cross, draw your favorite toys and activities.

**Mission for the Week**

Be very honest with yourself. Are any of your toys or activities more important to you than Jesus? If they are, ask God to change your heart, so you can love him the most.



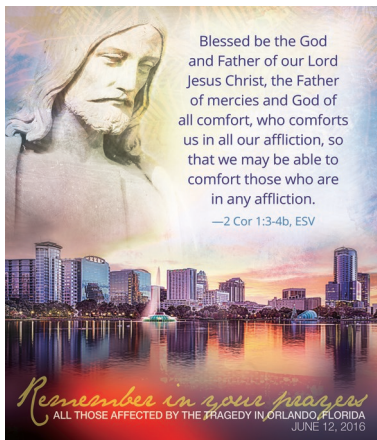
### The Marge Crispin Center

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, full lunch and 2 snacks per day prepared by a ServSafe certified employee. 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.

“The Friends of Braintree Military” invite Braintree families who have a family member currently serving our country to apply for a newly designed Braintree flag honoring their service. A Braintree family may send a written request for a flag to the Veterans Agent, Richard Walsh, c/o Council on Aging, Cleveland Avenue, Braintree, MA 02184. Include the person’s name, military ID number, branch of the service and the family address. Once the flags are available, they will be delivered to the family who can forward it to their loved one. The family will also be given a flag from the townspeople of Braintree. The “Friends” are honored to express gratitude to the family and their loved ones serving our country in these challenging times. Volunteers are currently raising \$2,500 to finance the project, contributions are welcome. For more information contact Jean Healey at 781-843-1189 or healeybjean@gmail.com.

### 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](http://www.liftedhigher.com). Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!



## From the Archdiocese of Boston

### June 19 ~ Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“...when Jesus was praying by himself, and the disciples were with him, he asked them...., ‘But who do you say that I am?’” Peter responded, “The Christ of God.” How we answer this questions determines everything. To be a disciple means that we follow Jesus, conform our will to the will of the Father, keep connected through sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation and daily prayer. It means that we have the courage to tell His Story - share the Good News. It doesn’t have to be on a soapbox on a street corner. It can be at the soccer field or water cooler or over the back fence: Who do YOU say that He is?

### EMPOWER—BOSTON (9/10/2016)

“Empower” is Youth Ministry training at its best! It will be held on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> with a discount for early registrations. All priests attend for free!



### Readings for the Week of June 19, 2016

- Sunday: Zec 12:10-11; 13:1/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/  
Gal 3:26-29/Lk 9:18-24
- Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3-5,  
12-13/Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/  
Ps 48:2-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/  
Ps 119:33-37, 40/Mt 7:15-20
- Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1-5, 8-9/  
Mt 7:21-29
- Friday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-6, 15-17/1 Pt 1:8-12/  
Lk 1:5-17
- Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/  
Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
- Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1-7,  
20-21/Mt 8:5-17
- Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/  
Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62