

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

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Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM



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Parish Office: Mr. Rick Timmerman, Business Manager
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, July 2, 2016

4:00 PM

Sunday, July 3, 2016

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

9:30 AM Marie Reis Anniversary

11:30 AM Deceased Members of Hannigan Family Memorial

Monday, July 4, 2016

7:00 AM God Bless America

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

7:00 AM

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

7:00 AM

Thursday, July 7, 2016

7:00 AM Thomas F. Conner Memorial

Friday, July 8, 2016

7:00 AM Helen Callaghan Month's Mind

Saturday, July 9, 2016

4:00 PM Paul Cowley Anniversary

Sunday, July 10, 2016

7:00 AM Mary T. Sullivan Anniversary

9:30 AM Ruth & Lucius Manganello Memorial

11:30AM Rinaldo & Anna Ventresca Anniversary



Prayer for Independence Day

Dear God,
 as we celebrate today with fireworks and festivals,
 help us never to forget the reason for our joy.
 Help us remember that our rights to life, liberty
 and the pursuit of happiness
 were signed into our heritage
 with the willing blood of American patriots.
 Most of all, help us remember
 that the rights of all people
 are more than words on a document,
 and that all people have rights
 because you have given us the dignity of human life.
 Grant freedom to all,
 and give us the strength to protect the rights of others.
 Amen.



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. When you make your reservations, please remember to reserve some time for the Lord!

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:
 Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—67%

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

Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 4,895.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 3,137.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,253.75
Total Offertory	\$ 9,285.75

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



"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" - Lk 10:8-9



From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Creighton University's Online Ministries Daily Reflection for today is a somewhat lengthy one, written by Fr. Larry Gillick, SJ. He begins with the image of that familiar road trip query, "Are we there yet?" Later in the piece, he wonders, "Where is the 'there'?" and suggests the following: "For Jesus, the 'there' is wherever one can be mapless, but not hapless." In the world in which we live, we are seldom mapless anymore—we have our cellphones to thank for that! Can we leave home without them? And most of us still have a roadmap or 2 in the gloveboxes of our vehicles. Jesus calls us to be mapless, to leave our stuff behind, to rely upon and trust in HIM. Not hapless is a double negative—not unlucky, not ill-fated. It follows that if we are not hapless, then we must be – blessed! I'm hoping to get "there" sooner rather than later! To read more of Fr. Gillick's reflection, visit www.onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html. Blessings on your journey.



Planning has begun for 2 summer evenings of prayer. We are looking at Wednesdays—one time at St. Francis and one time at St. Clare. We hope that you will join us in these opportunities to pray and to enjoy refreshments together as a collaborative. Please check back for more information.



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

Readings for the Week of July 3, 2016

- Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/
Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or
10:1-9
- Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-9/
Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-10/
Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-7/
Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16/
Mt 10:7-15
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17/
Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
- Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34,
36-37 or Ps 19:8-11/Col 1:15-20/
Lk 10:25-37



The parish office will be closed on Monday, July 4 in
observance of Independence Day.
Have a safe and Happy 4th.
Happy Birthday America!



From
Mr. Brian Cote
Principal

On behalf of the SFA School community, we hope that you have a safe, healthy and wonderful July 4th holiday!

SFA Summer Program – Our Summer Program at St. Francis of Assisi School is off to a great start with an average of over 30 students enrolled, including the SFA students, as well as students from our community.

A special thanks to our director, Ms. Gratta, as well as all of our teachers who are dedicated and committed in providing these students with lots of summer-time fun!

The summer fun at SFA’s Summer Program, consists 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. It is not too late to enroll!

Listed below are the Themes and Trips of the Week:

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.

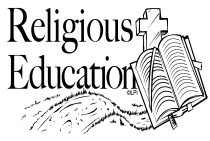
Enroll Today

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.

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
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli
Phone 781.848.3238



Confirmation:

Soon we will be reaching out to all the current 8th 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 or rpetrilli@sfab.org

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Stay Close,
Ronna Petrilli and Diane Hopkins

Paw Sox
Catholic Night
- Friday, August 5th @ 7:05pm -

\$15 Ticket Package
Includes:

- \$5 Donation to your Parish
- \$5 Free Ballpark Credit
- General Admission Ticket
- Pre-Game On-Field Recognition
- Post-Game Fireworks Show

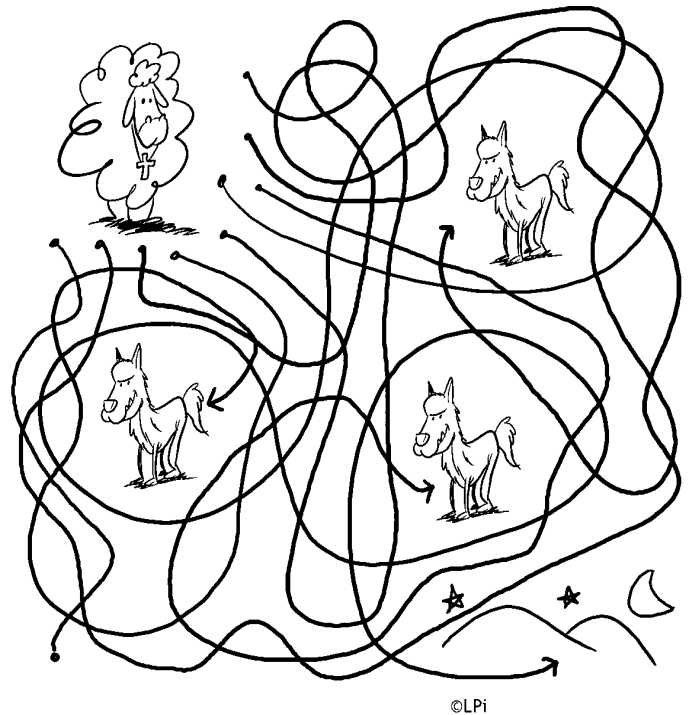
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PAWTUCKET RED SOX VS BUFFALO BISON



Puzzle

Find the safest way to get to the mountain.



Sharing the Gospel

Jesus sent out 72 of his followers to spread the good news about God. They were not to bring anything with them - no food, no extra clothes or shoes, not even money to spend. They were to visit strangers and completely depend on God to give them what they needed. That took a lot of faith!

Prayer

Dear God, help me to remember that you will give me what I need.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself telling a friend about Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Make a card for one of your neighbors, and tell that person, "Jesus loves you!"



All Tickets must be ordered 24 hours before the game



From the
Archdiocese of
Boston

The Bereavement Support Group at Sacred Heart Parish (Quincy), will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 13th from 7 to 8:30PM in the Sacristy, 386 Hancock Street, North Quincy. If you, or someone you know has experienced the loss of a loved one and would like to meet in an atmosphere of compassion and confidentiality, please contact Sacred Heart Rectory 617.328.8666. The facilitator will be Rosemary Kubera.

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.

Cardinal Spellman High School and EduBoston are seeking welcoming families to host international high school students. Host Families will be compensated for their support with \$1,000 per month, designed to cover all of the associated costs of hosting an international student. Visit the EduBoston website at www.eduboston.com for more information and to fill out a Host Family Application. You may also contact, Lisa Breen the CS-EduBoston Program Manager, at lisa@eduboston.com or by phone at 857-498-5472.

July 3 ~ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Holiday weekend. The optimist says, “The summer has begun!” The pessimist says, “The summer is over.” Optimist or pessimist, these summer months are full of opportunities to proclaim “the kingdom of God is at hand.” These exact words might seem out of place at the neighborhood cook-out, the pool, or the golf course, but the heart of the message is one that needs to be shared. Casual conversation can so easily be infused with the message of God’s love and Jesus’ presence in your life. Try it.

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!



25TH AND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

His Eminence, Sean Cardinal O’Malley, OFM invites all couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2016 to the Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. The Mass will be celebrated on September 25th at 11:30 and will include a renewal of vows. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, please visit bostoncatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass. Please register by September 2 to have your name included in the printed list of anniversary couples. A formal invitation and more information will be mailed to each registered couple in September.

