

# 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, July 16, 2016

4:00 PM Harry & Jeannette Dulong Memorial

## Sunday, July 17, 2016

7:00 AM Elizabeth A. Reedy Anniversary

9:30 AM Martin Murphy Anniversary

11:30 AM Anna Majdan Memorial

## Monday, July 18, 2016

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

## Tuesday, July 19, 2016

7:00 AM

## Wednesday, July 20, 2016

7:00 AM

## Thursday, July 21, 2016

7:00 AM

## Friday, July 22, 2016

7:00 AM Katherine Logan Anniversary

## Saturday, July 23, 2016

4:00 PM Edward O'Leary & Jeremiah O'Leary Memorial

## Sunday, July 24, 2016

7:00 AM

9:30 AM Patricia Salvaggio Memorial

11:30AM Madeline Wilson 100th Birthday

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	\$ 5,551.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,359.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,003.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,913.00</b>

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



**Summer Evenings of Prayer...** We invite everyone from our collaborative to join us (and bring a friend), on Wednesday, July 27 at 7PM at St. Francis. Take a break from the heat, cool off in our air-conditioned church, nourish your soul, renew some friendships, and enjoy some refreshments! St. Clare will host a similar evening in August. Please check back for more information.



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 you location, visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org). When you make your reservations, please remember to reserve some time for the Lord!



***The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42***

### Readings for the Week of July 17, 2016

Sunday:	Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-5/Col 1:24-28/ Lk 10:38-42
Monday:	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-8/ Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/ Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-11/ Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10-13/ Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday:	Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3-6, 8, 11/Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-3, 6-8/ Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13



From the desk of the  
Pastoral Associate  
Mrs. Linda Muldoon



The story of Martha and Mary is one of my favorite passages in the Gospels. In the larger, color version of the graphic above, Martha is giving Mary the LOOK. The LOOK with the rolling eyes that says, “REALLY?!” And Mary sits there, ever so sweetly in her own little world with Jesus, unaware that Martha has any issue with her at all. The story often prompts the assigning of personality types A and B to the sisters. I think some of both dwells in most of us. We intend to take some time to pray, but we oversleep or we fall asleep or the phone rings or someone needs a ride or we need to finish up some work emails... Our days are filled with so many tasks and so many decisions, and we don't always have the option of “later” or of someone else to help us. Jesus does not want for us to be burdened or anxious or worried about many things. He wants to be our “only one thing” and our “better part.” Jesus constantly invites us to sit and listen to him, and to do so peacefully and quietly. May the less-scheduled days of summer afford us all many such opportunities.

Now, this may invite the LOOK and the “REALLY?!”, but here goes... After a great deal of training and with a team of writers from both St. Francis and St. Clare, we have a pastoral plan for our collaborative. We will be sharing this with everyone and also seeking new volunteers to help with many aspects of this plan. Are you a doer or a listener? Comfortable with children or teens or adults or seniors? Facilitate or join a group or organize the hospitality? Welcome a newcomer to Mass or read God's word during Mass? Sing or play an instrument? Have office or computer skills? So when you have some time with our Lord, please listen for where he may be calling you to ministry. More later...



## 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.

### **Food Collection Sunday is this weekend!**

Thank you to those who shopped and to everyone who financially supports our food pantry on a regular basis. If you would like to help, please use one of the blue envelopes found throughout the church and place your donation in the offertory basket or the rectory mail slot. Please write checks to St. Vincent DePaul with St. Francis on the memo line. You can also bring groceries or gift cards (fast food or ice cream or bowling or movies can be real treats for families with kids home for the summer) to the parish office during regular business hours, Monday – Friday, 9AM – 4PM. Grazie.





From  
Mr. Brian Cote  
Principal

**What happens during the summer at SFA?** You might think summer is a time of peace and quiet at Saint Francis of Assisi School. After all, there are no school programs to oversee, and most of our school families are vacationing or just taking time to relax and rejuvenate for the upcoming academic school year.

However, throughout the summer months, we are extremely busy at Saint Francis of Assisi School with planning, annual renovations and maintenance of our facility. In addition, our seven-week summer program takes place with an enrollment of 30+ students from SFA, as well as students from surrounding communities.

Currently, all of the floors in our classrooms and offices are being stripped and waxed by Bostonian Cleaning and Restoration, Inc. Offices and storage closets are being re-organized. Monthly and yearly calendar planning is taking place, as well as designated professional development opportunities for our faculty being arranged. The majority of our textbooks and supplies has been ordered and are arriving on a daily basis by UPS.

All of these things are being accomplished in order to provide our students with the best Catholic education possible.



**“School Nurse Position Available”** – St. Francis of Assisi School is currently seeking a full-time nurse to join our school for the 2016 – 2017 academic school year. The school nurse is responsible for maintaining the school’s health policies and programs. The primary role is to promote health education and to provide preventative health services to facilitate the physical, cognitive, emotional, and social growth of our students. If interested in applying, please send a letter of interest, resume and license(s) to Brian Cote, St. Francis of Assisi School, 850 Washington Street, Braintree, MA 02184 or via email at [bcote@sfab.org](mailto:bcote@sfab.org). For more details regarding this position, contact Brian Cote at 781-848-0842 x12 or via email.

# 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.



Want to vacation with the Lord? Miramar Retreat Center has a retreat for you to consider:

## CHILL OUT FOR THE LORD: VACATION DAYS FOR WOMEN RELIGIOUS

August 21-25

Come and relax for a few days and relax in the beautiful grounds of Miramar. Meals are included as well as an opportunity to join the religious community for daily Mass. The days are free to plan as you wish and God will be delighted to relax with you and enjoy the precious present moments of summer beauty.

### Call for more information at:

(781) 585-2460 Or [Visit Our Website!](#)

**Miramar Retreat Center's 13th annual "Some Enchanted Evening"** will be held on August 6, 2016, beginning at 5pm at the Miramar Retreat Center, 121 Parks St., Duxbury, MA. Enjoy a social hour, gourmet dinner, silent auction, and music. Bring your family and friends. Proceeds benefit the Miramar Capital Fund. Tickets are \$100 per person. To make reservations, place an ad in the program book, make a donation, or donate an item for the auction, call Miramar Retreat Center at (781) 585-2460. Publication deadline for ads and donations is July 15th. Tickets are limited. Reserve yours before July 26th. Come out to see us, have some fun with friends and at the same time support the mission of Miramar Retreat Center!



Religious Education Reflections



What happens when you give 2 fifth graders a microphone and an audience? One turns into a roving reporter and the other a beloved saint. "We have a saint in the house...



whoop whoop!" The crowd goes wild with excitement as a well dressed Franciscan gently carrying 2 birds appears from behind the curtain. Like a modern day rock star he is questioned about his life. Truthfully he tells of his wild and crazy days as a spoiled teenager from a wealthy family. "Can you believe I was such a party animal?" Of course the adults in the room chuckle setting in motion a conversation about how even a sinner can have a change of heart and turn into a saint. Francis then laid out a simple plan for sainthood. "You can be a saint too. Just love....try to love as many people as possible." Wow! So how did our roving reporter end the interview? He asked Francis if he had any other parting words. "I know how hard it is to be a saint because I might still have a little bit of a big head...after all; Pope Francis is named after me! Peace out!"

Looks like we are inviting our roving reporter back to interview a selection of saintly visitors.

There will be two separate registration forms this year: One for Religious Education Program Grades 1-8 and one for Confirmation Program (Grades 9 & 10).

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.

**He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Stay cool and stay close,  
Ronna Petrilli and Diane Hopkins



## Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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village	Mary	servicing	anxious	better

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### Sharing the Gospel

God created work for each of us to do, and it is important to do it. But Martha was upset because she forgot to stop and make time for Jesus. Mary had the right idea. She took a break from her work to listen to Jesus. Time with Jesus is precious, so we need to make time to rest and enjoy his love.

### Prayer

Dear God, thank you for reminding me to stop and enjoy time with you.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself sitting next to Jesus in your favorite chair.

### Mission for the Week

Ask your family to join you in reading the Bible or praying at meal time.



## From the Archdiocese of Boston

**July 17 ~ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
The Gospel account of Martha and Mary is a wonderful story and a great way to begin a discussion of contemplation and action. How wonderful to sit at Jesus' feet. Sharing work ('pitching in') is good too. Mention this story to a friend or family member and see where the conversation leads. As for the first reading, Abraham, saw three men nearby, "... he ran ... to greet them" Not only did he greet them warmly, he provided water to bathe their feet, Sarah prepared a meal, and he "waited on them". We call this Radical Hospitality, an attitude that many parishes are intentionally adopting. Every person in a pew should be a greeter, yes, even YOU. We are all called to welcome the stranger in our pews and reach out to assist the newcomer.

### 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!



### 25TH AND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

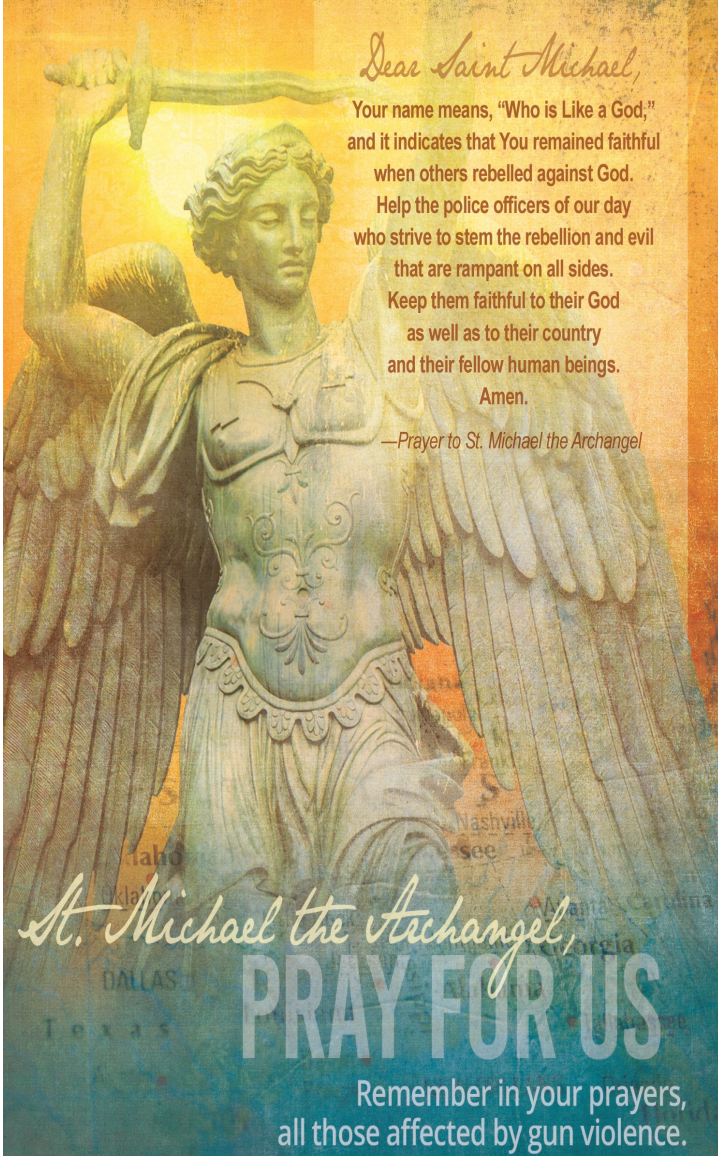
His Eminence, Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM invites all couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2016 to the Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. The Mass will be celebrated on September 25th at 11:30 and will include a renewal of vows. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, please visit [bostoncatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass](http://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.



Please join us for a community rosary to be held on the grounds of St. Clare's Church on Sunday July 31, 2016 beginning at 9:15AM. Everyone is invited to attend. We will gather outdoors at the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary and water fall. In the event of inclement weather, we will gather in the sanctuary. The community rosary will be led by the Knights of Columbus Braintree Council as part of the 5th Sunday Rosary Program. A supply of rosary rings and prayer cards on how to pray the rosary will be available.



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*Dear Saint Michael,*  
Your name means, "Who is Like a God," and it indicates that You remained faithful when others rebelled against God. Help the police officers of our day who strive to stem the rebellion and evil that are rampant on all sides. Keep them faithful to their God as well as to their country and their fellow human beings. Amen.

—Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

*St. Michael the Archangel,*  
**PRAY FOR US**

Remember in your prayers, all those affected by gun violence.