

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 30, 2016

4:00 PM Santa & Pasquale Iannello Memorial

Sunday, July 31, 2016

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

9:30 AM Thomas Glynn Anniversary

11:30 AM John O'Sullivan Anniversary

Monday, August 1, 2016

7:00 AM

Tuesday, August 2, 2016

7:00 AM Peter Francis and Joan Mutio Memorial

Wednesday, August 3, 2016

7:00 AM

Thursday, August 4, 2016

7:00 AM Sue Reilly Anniversary

Friday, August 5, 2016

7:00 AM Elizabeth Darcy Memorial

Saturday, August 6, 2016

4:00 PM Jean Pike Anniversary

Sunday, August 7, 2016

7:00 AM

9:30 AM Pamela Gorman Anniversary

11:30 AM Gail Kelley Anniversary

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—76%

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	\$ 2,128.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,003.00
Total Offertory	\$ 8,682.00

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



Summer Evenings of Prayer

The second of our collaborative evenings of prayer takes place on Wednesday, August 17 at 7PM in St. Clare Church. Take a break from the heat, cool off in the air-conditioned church, nourish your soul, renew a friendship, and enjoy some refreshments. Come alone, invite a friend, bring the family, all are welcome!

Readings for the Week of July 31, 2016

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/ Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/ Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10-13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/ Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35-36, 39, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22/ Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/ Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40



"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." - Lk 12:20-21



From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

What do we need to let go of to become rich in what matters to God? This is a great question to bring to prayer. What DOES matter to God? Right now, for me, the answer is relationship. Within the Holy Trinity is the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit—God my father, my brother, my wisdom and my strength. Our loving God CREATED us to BE in relationship with him. **What is it that we hold on to that gets in the way of that?**



Is it the stuff we accumulate—like the rich man in the Gospel? Do we place too high a priority on acquiring and keeping more and more? Do we need to be better at letting go of and sharing our good fortune with others? In our pursuit of material possessions, does God end up way down on our to-do list?

Sometimes what we hold onto cannot be seen. It's the other stuff on that to-do list—it's concern over a family member or a friend; it's worry over a health problem or a job situation. Maybe it's the fear of living in a very unpredictable world or the constant background blitz of presidential politics. We can vent about all of these things to a good listener. We can also let go of them by bringing them to God.



God is ALWAYS there for us—accompanying us in the clutter and the noise and waiting for us in the silence. God is the BEST listener. It is our challenge to listen to and act upon what He has to say to us!



SFA/SC Bereavement Group Summer Reunion... Because of vacation schedules and renovations to the SFA church hall kitchen, we have not yet set a date. Please consider attending the Wednesday, August 17th Evening of Prayer at St. Clare church as a wonderful way to re-connect with the Lord and with one another. If you are struggling over the loss of a loved one, please feel free to call the parish office.



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We welcome with joy into the family of the Church the following children who were baptized during the month of July, 2016:

*Dominic Scott Cormier, Eleanor James Morris,
Dominic Joseph Naughton, Tessa Kate Aiello,
Scarlett Nunes DiVincenzo, Priya Nunes DiVincenzo
and Elouise June McDonald*

“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.



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!

Parish Info and events of note...



From
Mr. Brian Cote
Principal

- **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.

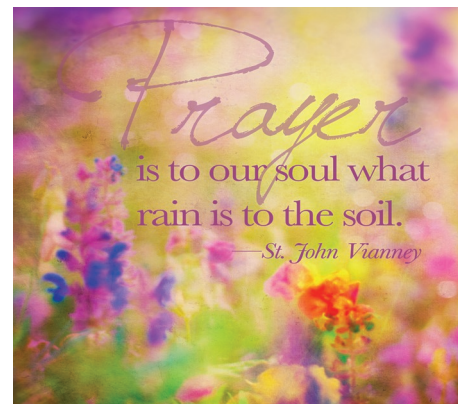
Miramar Retreat Center's 13th annual "Some Enchanted Evening" will be held on August 6, 2016, beginning at 5pm at the Miramar Retreat Center, 121 Parks St., Duxbury, MA. Enjoy a social hour, gourmet dinner, silent auction, and music. Bring your family and friends. Proceeds benefit the Miramar Capital 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!



"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. For more details regarding this position, contact Brian Cote at 7811-848-0842 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) 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.



An experience as refreshing as a Peppermint Patty....

What do you do with a student who is as cute as a button like the *Peanuts* character, Peppermint Patty, but is so exuberant that she cannot sit through an entire class? ... You walk! You walk and you talk about God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. You walk and you practice prayers. You walk and you remind them of all the ways they are like Jesus. Our little Peppermint Patty needs to meet God in ways that are unique to her. She wants to be good as she sits on her hands to control her extra energy, but she finds it hard to discover the answer she is searching for in the book that sits on her lap. The march down the hallway and up and down the stairs is necessary in order to allow Jesus to slip in beside her and fill her with light. Finally, her energy is transformed to calm and she is happy to rejoin her class for the last 15 minutes.



What do you get at the end of a year from this lively joy filled child? You get a long, warm hug and a thank you. You get a request to have the same teacher again next year. You feel confident that she learned as much as she could and that she feels secure in the love that Jesus has for her. You know for certain that our independent thinker will go out and love others in her own unique way.

This special little soul, that some were nervous to have in their class, became Mrs. Hopkins' most beloved "part-time" student ever. Oh! The cool rewards from a refreshing Peppermint Patty!

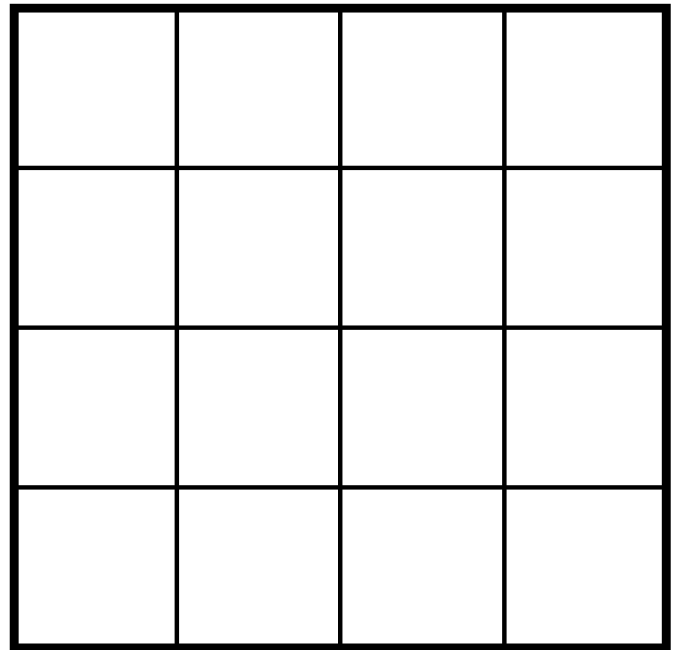
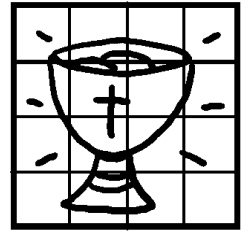
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Stay cool and stay close,
Ronna Petrilli and Diane Hopkins



Puzzle

Enlarge the picture square by square.



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Sharing the Gospel

When you put Jesus first in your life, you will have everything you need. Having a lot of stuff won't really make you or God happy. God doesn't want you to keep your blessings to yourself. God wants you to share what he has given you. Be "rich" in only the things that God cares about. The closer you grow with God, the happier you will be.

Prayer

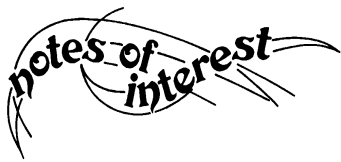
Dear God, help me to remember what is really important to you.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself giving one of your books away to someone who doesn't have any.

Mission for the Week

When you get home, pack three toys and three books to give to children without any.



From the Archdiocese of Boston



July 31 ~ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“...rest, eat, drink, be merry!” Oh how inviting this sounds! But Paul is wise and kind to caution us (as he cautioned the Colossians) to “Seek what is above... Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly” We are called to be in the world, but not of the world. In fact, our task is to sanctify the world around us. Difficult? Sure. But not impossible – remember, with God all things are possible. This week, make a concerted effort to ‘seek what is above’ by adding just five minutes to your daily prayer time. And if daily prayer isn’t yet a habit, start with just five minutes of conversation with God who is just waiting to hear from you.

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.



Please join us for a community rosary to be held on the grounds of St. Clare’s Church THIS 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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Pray for Peace every day

SPIRIT OF LIFE,
 MAY WE SEE THE VALUE OF LIFE.
 SPIRIT OF HOPE,
 MAY WE RENEW OUR HOPE IN YOU.
 SPIRIT OF PEACE,
 MAY WE FIND PEACE IN YOUR LOVE,
 AND LOVE EACH OTHER ENOUGH
 TO BRING YOUR PEACE TO OUR WORLD.
 AMEN.

Peace

REMEMBERING THOSE AFFECTED BY RECENT VIOLENCE AROUND THE WORLD