

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, August 13, 2016

4:00 PM Anna Rose Berardinelli Anniversary

Sunday, August 14, 2016

7:00 AM Richard Walbridge, Sr. Memorial

9:30 AM Kathleen Carr Anniversary

11:30 AM Paul Hanson Anniversary

Monday, August 15, 2016

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

7:00 AM

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

7:00 AM

Thursday, August 18, 2016

7:00 AM St. Clare of Assisi

Friday, August 19, 2016

7:00 AM Frances "Marie" Parr Special Intention

Saturday, August 20, 2016

4:00 PM Adam T. Trudeau Anniversary

Sunday, August 21, 2016

7:00 AM Emily Buglio Anniversary

9:30 AM Paul J. Morrissey Month's Mind

11:30AM Michele Joyce Anniversary

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	\$ 4,784.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 1,795.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,003.00
Total Offertory	\$ 7,582.00

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



My brothers and sisters,

Big news regarding the ordination of Bishops-Elect Mark O'Connell and Robert Reed.

1) **The ordination ceremony at the Cathedral is now BY INVITATION ONLY.** I can't say I'm surprised, given the number of people, priests, and bishops known to these two men. The cathedral building will barely be large enough as it is.

2) **CATHOLIC TV is, therefore, the best place to see the Ordination.** In our area, that means:

Comcast, Ch. 268 or 183 (MA), Ch. 166 (ME or VT)

Verizon FiOS Ch. 296, **RCN** Ch. 85, **BELD** Ch. 12.

1:30PM—Live broadcast of the start of the Liturgical Procession begins on The Catholic TV Network and on CatholicTVLive.com. **2:00PM**—The Episcopal Ordination will air LIVE from Boston's Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Catholic TV's cable channels, on CatholicTV.com, and on its Apple TV, Roku, and mobile applications. The Mass will be rebroadcast the same evening at 8PM ET and be made available for on-demand viewing across multiple platforms.

3) **Saving the best news for last, Bishop O'Connell has replied to our invitation to come mark this solemn moment by offering Mass and greeting parishioners here on SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2016 at the 11:30AM MASS!!** When I first heard that "Fr. Mark's" appointment as Pastor in North Reading was to be effective September 1, I had thought it would be difficult (at best!) to schedule a visit. By a near-miracle of the calendar, the August 28 date was available. Stay tuned for more details.

In His service and yours,
Fr. Paul Clifford



Jesus said to his disciples: I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

Lk 12:49, 51



Because this Solemnity occurs on a Monday this year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. We invite everyone to honor Our Lady by their presence at daily Mass—7AM at St. Francis of Assisi or 9AM at St. Clare, or 12:05PM at the Pastoral Center.



*From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon*

One of my favorite sites—on-line Ministry at Creighton University, has a thought-provoking reflection written by Larry Gillick, SJ, on the Assumption of Mary. Excerpts from it follow: “The importance of our faith, which is celebrated with this liturgy, is that faith within questioning and fears and doubts is the center of our response to God’s relating with us. Mary was asked to hear, trust, travel, and live fully what she heard, or believed she heard. Maybe the angel wasn’t real, and she just imagined that or wished it were true. Reality did set in—and within her womb and that of Elizabeth. Reality came forth in Bethlehem and throughout Israel in the life of Jesus and to his death. Quite a final reality—and Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. Did she doubt and tremble with fear? Of course, she was a human. Did she trust while shaking in her sandals? She did! This feast celebrates her fidelity to all that she believed and encourages us all to shake, question, ponder and wait to see if we will live beyond death or just die. We do not assume that we will be raised ourselves, we believe it!




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Friends of the Unborn need your help! Please help our brave women! We need your help this month to continue providing for the courageous mothers living here at “Friends of the Unborn.” With your financial support, we are able to help young women protect the precious life they carry, while showing them a

path to self-reliance through love, education and spiritual guidance. The summer months are when our ministry needs your support the most. We ask that you prayerfully consider making a donation to “Friends of the Unborn,” Box 692246, Quincy, MA 02269 or via PayPal at www.friendsoftheunborn.org. May God bless you.

Parish Info and events of note

- **Summer Evening of Prayer** takes place THIS Wednesday, August 17 at 7PM at St. Clare church. Come alone, invite a friend, bring the family—all are welcome to spend some quiet time with the Lord and to enjoy refreshments together. 
- **Food Collection Sunday** is next weekend, August 20/21. Please bring your donations of non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, paper goods, and small toiletries with you to Mass. Our staff, volunteers and food pantry clients truly appreciate your generosity.
- **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.
- **Prayer Shawls...** will resume again in September. Newcomers, novices and experts are always welcome!
- **SFA/SC Bereavement Group** will resume in the fall. Please call the SFA 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.



From
Mr. Brian Cote
Principal

It is hard to believe that summer is quickly coming to an end and a brand new academic school year will be upon us within a few weeks. The beginning of any new school year always brings a sense of excitement and eagerness, as well as presents opportunities for various beginnings-new classes, new faces, sometimes-new courses, and often-new materials

Some of our teachers are beginning to return to prepare their classrooms for the arrival of our students. This past week, our 7-week summer program ended with a field trip to Canobie Lake Park. I would like to extend a special thanks and appreciation to Ms. Julianna Gratta for her leadership in coordinating this program, as well as to all of our staff members who assisted in making this program once again truly successful, engaging and fun-filled for our students.

School will begin on Wednesday, September 7th for students in grades 1 – 8. The first couple of days (Wednesday and Thursday), will be early dismissal days at 11:30AM, with faculty meetings and professional development opportunities in the afternoons. Our pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs will begin on Monday, September 12th.

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 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.



“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 781-848-0842 x12 or via email.



St. Francis of Assisi Christian Service Commission is sponsoring its Annual School Supply Drive from Aug. 7-21. **New supplies** needed include backpacks, notebooks/assignment notebooks, folder pockets, pens/pencils/erasers, crayons/colored pencils, construction paper, scissors and glue sticks. We have placed a drop-off box in the church foyer (off Washington Street). If a cash donation is more convenient, please place it in the collection basket in an envelope marked “School Supplies.” (checks made payable to St. Francis of Assisi, with School Supplies on the memo line) Donations will be distributed to our pantry clients and the Braintree Food Pantry. All contributions should be returned **no later than August 21**, so they can be distributed in time for the opening of the school year. Thank you!

There's still time! Whether you can get away for a week or a weekend, here is something to pack along with your sunscreen or in your smartphone! **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!



August 14, 2016
 "Welcome him warmly. Look him in the eyes and tell him exactly what you need from him. Praise him for anything good that he has already done and give him a reason to be responsible. He might be willing to follow...."

Words of wisdom from one of our young disciples in the Confirmation program are confidently shared during a class meeting. It seemed as if all hope was failing in our attempt to capture the attention of a young man who, through his actions, was telling us he had no idea of how to behave at our class gatherings. "What are we going to do? Mrs. Petrilli asked in despair. He is calling out for attention. We can't let him slow our progress for learning and praying, but we can't just leave him behind." Although, asking our young disrupter to leave would have been the quick and easy solution, it would **not** have been the proper answer within our caring community.



We genuinely love to see the young people show up for our class gatherings and for Masses, however, we wished our "challenger" would take an occasional night off! Nope, he never missed a class, even if it meant walking to the church in the pouring rain. We must love and respect someone so

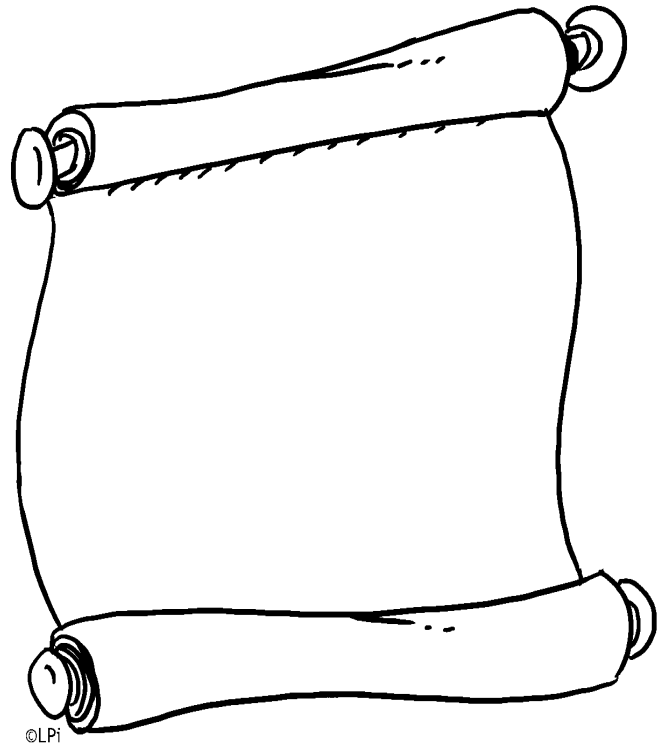
dedicated to be a part of something...a part of anything! It happened to be our Catholic faith sharing program. We all realized he needed to be accepted, acknowledged and loved. We were the perfect group!

"To convert somebody, go and take them by the hand and guide them." St. Thomas Aquinas
Lord, come to my aid!

Stay close and God bless,
 Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli

 Puzzle

Write a little poem for Jesus.



Sharing the Gospel

When you talk about Jesus, you will probably get a strong reaction from people. Some people love Jesus with their whole heart, and their lives really show it. Other people don't want to follow Jesus, and talking about him may even make them angry. Families and friends can be torn apart by that anger. No matter what, stay close to Jesus, and he will stay close to you.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, help me to stay close to you always..

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of a family broken apart because Jesus makes some of them happy, and Jesus makes the rest of them angry.

Mission for the Week

Be very loving when you tell others about Jesus.





From the
Archdiocese of
Boston

August 14 ~ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

There should be time for leisure and contemplation built into summer Sundays. Today's readings are worth another look (www.usccb.org) and contemplation. Whom do you count among the **great a cloud of witnesses** in your life? Who is that pillar of faith and strength that you admire? What is it about that person that you can emulate—today? Think about it. And the race mentioned in the letter to the Hebrews is NOT the "rat race" of the work-a-day world. It is our journey through life, the race to eternal life, the race we run each day, "...while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus."

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!

MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER is an 8-week guided prayer experience based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, calling for a commitment of daily prayer and faith sharing. The Office of Spiritual Life will offer this program at the Pastoral Center on Wednesday evenings, Sept. 21 through Nov. 9 from 7-8:15PM. To learn more, please call Sister Anne D'Arcy at 617-779-3648 or email sdarcy@rcab.org.



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.

Readings for the Week of August 14, 2016

- Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2-4, 18/
Heb 12:1-4/ Lk 12:49-53
- Monday: **Vigil:** 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/
Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/
1 Cor 15:54b- 57/Lk 11:27-28.
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Ps 45:10-12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/
Lk 1:39-56
- Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35-36/
Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/
Mt 22:1-14
- Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 23:1-12
- Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1-2/Heb 12:5-7,
11-13/Lk 13:22-30

