

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 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

11:30 AM Michele Joyce Anniversary

Monday, August 22, 2016

7:00 AM Annie Mullen Memorial

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

7:00 AM

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

7:00 AM

Thursday, August 25, 2016

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, August 26, 2016

7:00 AM Caroline Altobelli Anniversary

Saturday, August 27, 2016

4:00 PM Edward F. Lawlor, Jr Anniversary

Sunday, August 28, 2016

7:00 AM George & Virginia Walsh Memorial

9:30 AM

11:30AM George Letteney Memorial

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—71%

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

Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 5,053.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,602.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,253.75
Total Offertory	\$ 8,908.75

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. Following Mass we will gather for brunch in the church hall..

In His service and yours,
Fr. Paul Clifford



"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." - Lk 13:29-30



From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

Parish Info and events of note

“We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we give.”
—Winston Churchill

Today is our monthly Food Collection Sunday. Most everyone knows the routine. Our staff and volunteers welcome with open arms your donations of non-perishable food, small toiletries, and paper and cleaning products. If you forgot (or don't like) to shop, you can help us financially by placing cash or a check (written to St. Vincent DePaul with SFA on the memo line) into one of the blue envelopes found in the church. You can then place that envelope in the offertory basket or the rectory mail slot. You can also bring groceries to the parish office Monday through Friday from 9AM to 4PM. There are others who support our pantry by donating gift cards, especially at the holidays.

Recently, one of our clients told the volunteers that s/he could only accept food that did not require cooking as his/her microwave was broken. S/he didn't ask for anything, just stated the fact and didn't want to take food that s/he couldn't use. The volunteer later told a staff person, and we found a gift card to a local store where our client could purchase a new microwave. The next week, the client returned for groceries, and one of the volunteers handed him/her the gift card for the new microwave. S/he was stunned—and very grateful. Most of us would see the above as a small gesture. But—without your help, such gestures are not possible.

Please know that we truly appreciate every jar of peanut butter, tube of toothpaste, box of tissues, and bottle of detergent that you provide. The money you donate purchases additional groceries and also provides limited financial assistance to qualifying individuals and families—right here in Braintree. And the extras, like the gift card mentioned above, can be priceless indeed! Thank you for allowing us to “**open the door**” when those in need knock. By your generosity, the Lord will “**know where you are from**”—a place of compassion, sharing, and mercy.

Bible Study returns this fall... Mark your calendars NOW! Celia Sirois of CHRISM will present “The Fourth Gospel” (John) on Tuesday evenings, October 4 through November 1 from 7-8:30PM in the church hall. For more information, please visit www.chrismbiblestudy.org.

- **Food Collection Sunday** is THIS weekend. 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 with great enthusiasm and eagerness that I take this opportunity to welcome back our faculty and staff members as they return this upcoming week to prepare for our students' arrival on September 7th.

On behalf of the entire parish and school communities, we are truly grateful to our faculty and staff members who strive for academic excellence as they model the Gospel values to our parents, students, and one another, as well as for their commitment to work collaboratively in this great ministry of Catholic education.

We can be proud of what we achieve at St. Francis School – in our classrooms, in our buildings and in our offices – but our achievements are not due to complacency and satisfaction with the status quo. Our program is what it is because a staff of dedicated, aspiring men and women have a common goal – to do what is best for our students – and are always looking for ways to achieve that goal.

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 11:30 a.m., with faculty meetings and professional development opportunities in the afternoons. Our pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs will begin on Monday, September 12th.

“School Positions Available” – St. Francis of Assisi School is currently seeking a full-time school nurse, and substitute teachers to join our school for the 2016 – 2017 academic school year. 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 these positions, 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) 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.

Readings for the Week of August 21, 2016

- Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1-2/
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
- Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-5/
Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10-13/
Mt 23:23-26
- Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/
Jn 1:45-51
- Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-7/Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/
Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-21/
Mt 25:14-30
- Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-7, 10-11/
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14



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!

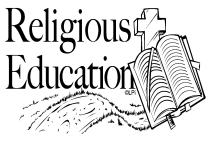
Prayer for Those Affected by the Floods

God of compassion,
You created a world for us
To know your love and peace
Yet amidst the beauty of creation
We encounter pain and hurt
And forces beyond our control.

At times like this our hearts are shaken and ache with sorrow
At the destruction of our lives, homes and livelihoods.
Hear our prayers for those affected by the floods
And for all those working
To bring relief and fresh hope.

Amen

Remember in your prayers
ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE RECENT FLOODING



Mrs. Diane Hopkins
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli
Phone 781.848.3238

We have been "under construction" for a while here in the Religious Education Department. This past year we adapted to a change in the Mass schedule, we restructured our Sunday program, we reached out to our fellow teenagers at St. Clare, we recruited great catechists, we added fellowship and retreats, and most importantly we *subtracted judgment*. Everything in our core tells us to lead with our strength here at St. Francis.

With focused prayer and a push by the Holy Spirit we are seeing families gather around St. Francis. Together we are growing deeper into our relationship with God. It doesn't matter where you are in your faith life ...simply come and know that you will not be judged. You might get a nudge...but you will never be judged!



So, with the help from today's responsorial psalm.... **Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

We can't wait to warmly welcome you all back!

Stay close and God bless,
Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli



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!



Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JESUS	NARROW	DOOR
TAUGHT	LOCKS	FEAST
SAVED	KNOCK	KINGDOM

J U E S W A O N I H W
A K N O C K Y S O J E
R I U A L F E A S T M
H N E T N A U V G A H
T G P L A I T E H U T
W D O O R N S D A G N
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S M E N O S O K D T H
H L O R W D C A R O E
N Y A F G O K I N G T
O B J E S U S E S A V

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Sharing the Gospel

Heaven will be wonderful. People from all over the world will be there to enjoy God's friendship. No matter how small you feel now, you will always be important to God in heaven. Once you accept the gift of love from Jesus, you will want to change your life. You will want to spend time with God, and you will want to show love to other people. Then you can look forward to heaven.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to do all that I can to grow closer to you.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself standing next to Jesus in heaven.

Mission for the Week

Pray to God with your family, and ask God to change your hearts so that you love him more than anything else.



From the
Archdiocese of
Boston



August 21~ Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lots to think about with all three readings today. Isaiah is speaking on behalf of the Lord, directly to us: "...proclaim my glory among the nations" What might be a bit more challenging for us today is to proclaim God's glory to our neighbor or brother-in-law, or co-worker. Tell YOUR story of the importance of Jesus in your life. As missionary disciples we're called to proclaim God both near and far. And, in case we miss the point, the Church, in her wisdom gives us a reminder in today's psalm refrain: Go out to all the world and tell the good news! (Yes, even, gently, lovingly, to the grouchy neighbor next door!)

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.



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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.

35th Annual Lawn Party to benefit Seminarians

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston is hosting its 35th Annual Lawn Party on Wednesday, September 28th, at 6:00 P.M, on the grounds of the seminary. This premiere fundraising event is hosted this year by Bishop Robert Reed. The evening will include a reception and dinner with music. Located on Route 30 in Weston, the seminary prepares second career candidates, men over the age of 30, for priesthood. The proceeds from the Lawn Party help to keep tuition costs affordable. For ticket information, please call the Pope St. John XXIII Development Office at 781-899-5500, or visit their website www.psj.edu/lawn-party. You can make a difference and encourage the vocations of these men through your support of the Lawn Party.



The parish office will be closing at 11:45AM on Wednesday, August 24. We will reopen at 9:00AM on Thursday, August 25. If you have an urgent matter and need to get in touch with a priest please call 781-843-1332 and press #8 for urgent messages.