

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, September 17, 2016

4:00 PM James & Mary McDonough Memorial

Sunday, September 18, 2016

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

9:30 AM Laura Fasano Anniversary

11:30 AM Sheehan & Niedzwiecki Families Memorial

Monday, September 19, 2016

7:00 AM Aldona Farnkoff Memorial

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

7:00 AM Joan Clark Anniversary

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

7:00 AM

Thursday, September 22, 2016

7:00 AM

Friday, September 23, 2016

7:00 AM Brian Sampson Month's Mind

Saturday, September 24, 2016

4:00 PM Mitchell, Agnes & Stanley Rakoski Memorial

Sunday, September 25, 2016

7:00 AM Daniel J. McCarthy, Sr. Anniversary

9:30 AM Victoria Fay Anniversary

11:30AM William J. & Miriam E. Little Memorial



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

William Christopher Pabst, John Michael Moran and Charlotte Marie Shea

Readings for the Week of September 18, 2016

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/
1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-5/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30,
34-35, 44/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/
Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1-4/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/
Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1
Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

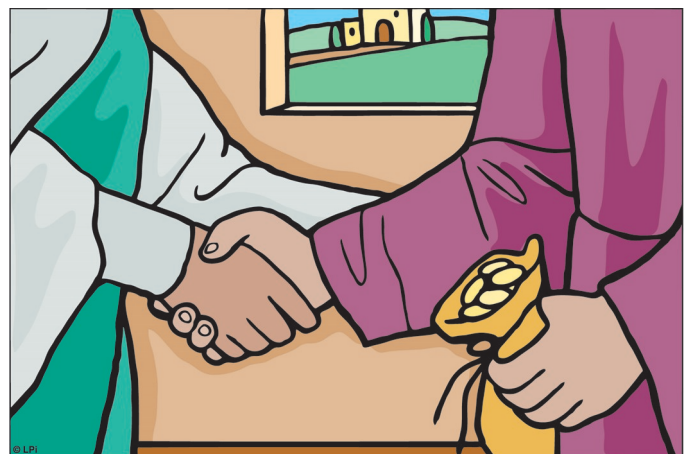
Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—72%

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

Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 7,897.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,566.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,253.75
Total Offertory	\$ 9,150.75

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



"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." - Lk 16:8b, 13



From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

Parish Info and events of note...

Today's reading from the 1st Letter of St. Paul to Timothy concludes: "It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument." Well, first of all, let's get the women and children on board, too!



In what place, where do we pray?

In church? In our bedrooms? At the kitchen table? In our cars? At our desks? Outdoors? **How do we pray?** Are our hands holy? What makes them so? Do we lift them up, palms open? Do we place our palms and fingers together and point them upward? (Sister Someone from my childhood admonished, "NEVER downwards!") Do we fold our hands and place them in our laps? On our knees? Seated? Lying down? Moving around? Are we without anger or argument? Is there someone with whom we need to reconcile? Is that someone God?

And then my mind started to wander... **When do we pray?** Before our feet hit the floor in the morning? Over a cup of coffee with God? On-line? While preparing a meal? Before falling asleep at night? Always? **What do we pray?** The prayers we learned as children? The rosary? Morning, evening or night prayer? Prayers of petition? Prayers of gratitude? Prayers of praise?

With whom do we pray? By ourselves? With loved ones or friends? With our parish community? **For whom or what do we pray?** Our loved ones? Our family? Our friends? Ourselves? Our leaders? Our candidates? Our world? The suffering? Justice and peace? The common good? **To whom do we pray?** What name do we give to our one God?

And finally, **Why do we pray?** Love? Fear? Need? Habit? Obligation? May the prayers we hold in our hearts and those we present in our words and deeds be pleasing to God!

 **Bereavement Group** continues NEXT Tuesday, September 27 from 1–2:30PM in the St. Francis church hall. If you have lost a loved one and are looking for a faith-based, caring, and confidential environment to share your grief and perhaps learn from the experiences of others, we hope you will join us. Newcomers are *always* welcome! The group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday into the month of December. For more information, please email lmuldoon@sfab.org or call 781.843.1332.

- **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 meet again Thursday, September 22 at 12:30PM. The dates for October are Tuesday, October 11 at 7PM and Thursday, October 27 at 12:30PM. 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.



Wedding Banns

James Barron & Samantha Davis



Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet THIS Thursday, September 22 from 12:30-1:30PM in the St. Francis church hall. This group usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday at 7PM and the 4th Thursday at 12:30PM. If you knit or crochet or would like to learn—in an atmosphere of soft music, prayer and quiet conversation, please give us a try! The idea is that the stitches in each prayer shawl hold prayers for the person who receives it—from a newborn with first time parents to someone preparing to go home to God.



St. Francis of Assisi Friar's 500 Club – How would you like the possibility of winning \$500, \$100 or 6 prizes of \$25 every month for the next twelve months? St. Francis of Assisi School invites you to participate in our Friar's 500 Club by purchasing a 500 Club Ticket for only \$60. Since tuition does not cover the full operating costs of our school, we must rely on various fundraising efforts. The families of our school community are required to purchase four tickets per year, which may be sold to friends and relatives. To join our Friar's 500 Club and purchase your ticket, simply provide us with your name, address, and telephone number along with your \$60 payment (checks made payable to St. Francis of Assisi School) to St. Francis of Assisi Friar's Club, 850 Washington Street, Braintree, MA 02184.

Enroll Today



From
Mr. Brian Cote
Principal

Not only did our school cafeteria receive an “extreme makeover” during the summer, St. Francis of Assisi School is piloting a “new approach” this school year in regards to the traditional lunch-recess schedule utilized by most schools.

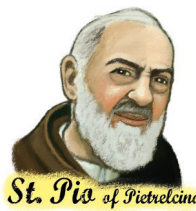
After much research and planning, our students are going to go out for recess before lunch! Schools that have implemented this approach are reaping its benefits: students are more settled upon returning to the classroom after lunch and are ready to start afternoon classes; an increase in classroom time on-task; decreased student discipline problems on the playground and cafeteria; decreased number of nurse visits; decrease in food and milk waste; and making our cafeteria more conducive to eating, relaxing where students are rushing through lunch to get outside.

In our planning and implementation of this new schedule, we have attempted to address a couple of potential concerns with reasonable solutions. In regards to hand washing, students clean their hands with hand sanitizing wipes before entering the cafeteria, as well as additional hand sanitizing machines will be installed. As for the availability of homemade lunches, each class has its individual basket in which all the lunches are placed and transported to the cafeteria before going out for recess.

As a school staff and school community, we are committed and excited about this new approach. So far, it has been very positive and successful as we reap the benefits as so many other schools have experienced.

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.

St. Padre Pio



The Capuchin Friars who run the Shrine of St. Padre Pio have offered to come to the Boston area with the heart of Padre Pio for his feast day this year. The relic will be in the Boston area from September 21-23 which will be the only stop during this trip. The Archdiocese of Boston has released the locations where the public may view the relic:

Wednesday Sept. 21

9AM-5PM Immaculate Conception Lowell,
7PM-midnight St. Leonard's Church, North End of Boston.

Thursday, September 22

9AM-5PM - the Archdiocese of Boston Pastoral Center Braintree.

7pm –midnight The Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

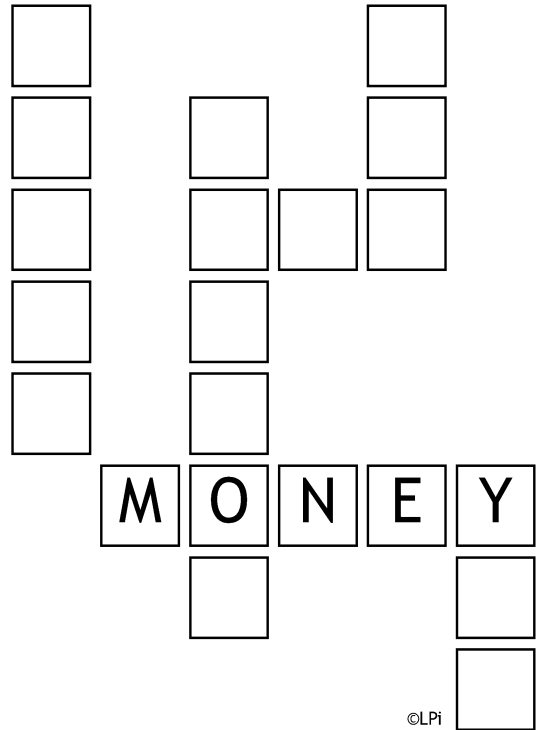
Friday Sept. 23

9am-midnight at The Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

 Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You cannot serve God and money.



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On this Catechetical Sunday, we celebrate the *flowing grace* as we share the *teaching* of Jesus Christ with each other. God bless all of you who step forward to keep the river flowing. We extend our thanks. Our young men and women preparing for Confirmation and our children in grades 1-8 will look up to you as role models if you are making the attempt to grow in faith with them. We assure you the journey will be enriching...come join us as a small group leader and show the young people how to be a more confident and life-long *learners* in Christ.

We are in need of Catechists for the following grades:

- Sunday @ 10:30 - Grade 2
- Monday @ 3:50 - Grade 1
- Tuesday @ 3:50 - Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3, Grade 4

Seven reasons why you may want to be a catechist:

- You are a Catholic
- You love your faith
- You enjoy being with children and young people
- You love meeting new people
- You would like to contribute to the parish
- You want to share your faith with others
- You want to learn more about your faith



Do you feel unqualified? So did the prophets, apostles and saints.

Is God calling you to be a catechist? Call Diane or Ronna to meet and discuss what being a catechist is all about. Pray! For more information about being a catechist, please visit www.eCatechist.com.

Registration Forms – due now.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 781-848-3238 or dhopkins@sfab.org or rpetrilli@sfab.org

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Stay Close and God Bless,
Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus wants you to be honest. When you tell lies, your friends will not be able to trust you. Tell the truth. If you find a wallet, bring it to the police station. If you see someone drop some money, pick it up and give it back to them. If someone left a jacket or toy on the playground, don't take it. Turn it in to "lost and found." When you are honest with small things, people will see that you can be trusted with bigger things, too.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to be honest.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself giving money back to someone who dropped it

Mission for the Week

Ask your parents to tell you ways that they choose to be honest with their work, their money, and with God.

September 18 ~ Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday. The theme this year is "Prayer: The Faith Prayed." The letter of Timothy fits nicely. He asks, "...that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life." Very good advice especially these days which are far from quiet and tranquil. Timothy continues by reminding us that, "God our savior... wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth." Today, pray in thanksgiving for the many catechists and faith formation leaders and volunteers who help adults and children "come to the knowledge of the truth". Pray, also, that your daily life will be a school of discipleship.

CLERGY HEALTH AND RETIREMENT COLLECTION

The diocese-wide collection today will support the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our priests. In the Archdiocese of Boston, we are blessed to have 614 men who have devoted their lives to serving Christ and His family. Your gift to this collection will help provide our priests with an appropriate level of care and quality of life so they can continue sharing the good news, performing good works, and spreading good faith. Remember the priests who have been there in your time of need, and consider honoring them with a generous gift to this special collection. Thank you for your generous and prayerful support of our priests.



Have you ever wondered if God is calling you to be a religious sister? If so, Fiat is for you. Fiat is a discernment group for single women considering a vocation to religious life in the Catholic Church. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 28, from

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine, 1105 Boylston St., Boston. If you are interested in attending, please respond to Sister Marian Batho, CSJ, Delegate for Religious, Sr_Marian_Batho@rcab.org or call 617-746-5637.

ST. JOHN SEMINARY OPEN HOUSE

Invitation to All Fifth Grade Catholic School and Religious Education Students and Scouts - Saint John's Seminary cordially invites all scouts and 5th grade students and their families, parish priests, religious education directors, principals, and teachers to attend an Open House Sunday, October 30 from 2:00 4:00pm. This is a great opportunity to learn firsthand about the Sacrament of Holy Orders and to meet the Seminarians who would like to share their stories with you. For more information contact maryjo.kriz@sjs.edu or call 617-746-5423. We look forward to your visit!



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas invites you to your first meeting of the year on Monday, September 19 at 7:00PM at St. Francis of Assisi. Our meeting will begin with a Mass celebrated by Fr. Paul Clifford, then we will adjourn downstairs for the meeting, refreshments and a talk by Project Peer Group. We are looking for new woman members in celebration of our jubilee year of 100 years in America and 50 years in Massachusetts. Come be a part of our organization of Unity and Charity.

Please join us for the March for Life on October 9 on Boston Common. The rally and live music begin at 1PM and the March steps off at 2:30PM. To obtain a sponsor form, contact Sally Healy at 781-848-3796 or print out a form from the MCFL website at www.masscitizensforlife.org.

Explore your Catholic High School options at a multi-school fair hosted by Archbishop Williams **THIS** Sunday, September 18th from 11:00-1:00 (80 Independence Avenue, Braintree). For more information contact Brett Marcotte -- bmarcotte@awhs.org.

Recruiting Drive—The Braintree Braves Drum and Bugle Corps will be recruiting on Saturday, September 24 at Thayer Academy from 12 noon until 4:00PM. Girls and boys 8 to 14 years of age are welcome. Call manager Jim Buglio at 781-843-6313 for more information.

WOW—IT'S MAGIC! Adults, you will be dazzled and amazed at this Magic Show (adults only, please) on Friday, October 14th at 7:00 PM in St. Clare's Parish Hall. Jock Ryan is past President of Boston's Society of American Magicians and his show is very entertaining so please join us! He's performed at Holy Cross, for Big Brothers Association and on TV. He'll perform "magic of the mind" as well as classic magic with audience participation. Don't miss this performance! Desserts will be served. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased now thru Oct. 9th at St. Clare's before and after all Masses. Any questions please contact the Parish Office at 781-848-7480.



Pray for
Vocations