

# 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 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

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

## Monday, September 26, 2016

7:00 AM Jack & Nellie McDonough Memorial

## Tuesday, September 27, 2016

7:00 AM Maddalena Lecesse Memorial

## Wednesday, September 28, 2016

7:00 AM Annie Mullen Memorial

## Thursday, September 22, 2016

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

## Friday, September 30, 2016

7:00 AM Eleanor Golden Anniversary

## Saturday, October 1, 2016

4:00 PM Anthony DeLeo Anniversary

## Sunday, October 2, 2016

7:00 AM Benjamin Venuti Memorial

9:30 AM Joseph D'Ambrosio Memorial

11:30AM Catherine & Louis Luccio Memorial

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	\$ 4,902.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,230.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,253.75
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,385.75</b>

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



### *Religious Education Classes Begin Soon!*

Elsewhere in this week's bulletin, you can read a heart-felt appeal from our religious education coordinators, Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli, for volunteers to serve as catechists (teachers) in our program. It is NOT too late to volunteer, nor is it too late to register your child(ren) for classes. A great deal of information is available at [www.sfab.org](http://www.sfab.org) in the Religious Education section. At a glance, our program looks like this:

#### **Designated Sunday Mornings—Family Faith Formation**

Students in grades 1-5 and their families attend the 9:30AM Mass. Children attend class from 10:30—11:30 while parents attend a workshop or listen to a speaker.

#### **Designated Sunday Evenings—Confirmation II**

Grade 10 students attend from 5—7PM, and families are invited to join them for Mass.

#### **Monday and Tuesday Afternoons from 3:50—4:50PM**

Students in grades 1-5 attend class.

#### **Designated Tuesday Evenings from 6:30—7:45PM**

Students in grades 6-8 attend class.

#### **Designated Thursday Evenings—Confirmation I**

Students in grade 9 attend class from 6:00—8:00PM.



### **CLERGY HEALTH AND RETIREMENT COLLECTION**

Last week's collection was for the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for our priests. Thanks to your support, our parish raised \$5,593.00 (including our weekly tithe) in honor of the 614 active and senior priests who serve the Catholic faithful in our Archdiocese of Boston. Thank you for your generous and prayerful support of our priests.



**"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" - Lk 16:25**



From the desk of the  
Pastoral Associate  
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

In today's readings, we hear "woe to the complacent" from Amos the prophet; Psalm 146 describes the actions of the Lord that we are called to imitate; "to compete well for the faith" and "keep the commandment without stain or reproach" is called for in the 1<sup>st</sup> Letter to Timothy; and finally, Luke's Gospel description of the great chasm between the rich man and the poor man. Today, the Old Testament reading and the Gospel clearly go hand in hand. In the Daily Reflection of Creighton University's Online Ministries for the 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Maureen McCann Waldron writes about a kinship into which Jesus invites us:

"Our world is too divided and often we isolate ourselves into Us and Them... We are challenged to see Jesus in each other and to recognize the sacred humanity that we share with every other person." She mentions a speaker who suggests that we regard each other with the phrase "one of us." It certainly provides a different perspective:

"One of us was shot on the streets last night. One of us did the shooting. One of us had our life changed by terrorism. Many of us were killed. Someone with whom I strongly disagree is as beloved by God as I am. One of us." She concludes:

"Today's readings invite me to look at the chasms I create in my own life, the false boundaries between Us and Them. Where do I fail to reach out to those who need me because of my own protectiveness of my time, my money or simply my own fears? Are there people in my own life or maybe beyond my daily life that I am being asked to tend to, to feed, or to forgive? On this 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are summoned to close the artificial gap between Us and Them, between our own comfortable lives, and the sisters and brothers who need us – the ones we don't always see in pain on our own doorstep.



**Bereavement Group** continues THIS Tuesday, September 27 from 1–2:30PM in the St. Francis church hall. If you've lost a loved one and seek a faith-based, caring, and confidential environment to share your grief and perhaps learn from the experiences of others, you are welcome to join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday into the month of December. For more information, please email [lmuldoon@sfab.org](mailto:lmuldoon@sfab.org) or call 781.843.1332.

## Parish Info and events of note...

- **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...** 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** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays from 1-2:30PM in the St. Francis church hall.
- **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.



**Prayer Shawl Ministry** will next meet on Tuesday, October 11 at 7PM in the St. Francis church hall. 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.



From  
Mr. Brian Cote  
Principal

# Enroll Today

Safety has always been paramount at Saint Francis of Assisi School. We celebrate our identity by providing and ensuring a safe and healthy learning environment for our entire school community.

In our commitment to the process of enhancing the safety and security of our school community, our faculty and staff recently participated in a couple of trainings on lockdown procedures, as well as on utilizing the COPsync911 system.

COPsync911 is a revolutionary school safety tool providing a real-time threat alert and notification system. In the event of a threat, school administrators or faculty can activate CS911 by clicking on an icon — instantly sending an alert to the (5) closest law enforcement patrol cars (regardless of agency or jurisdiction) and dispatch.

The CS911 software platform provides a real-time chat window and allows faculty or staff to provide pertinent and reliable information via instant message to law enforcement. CS911 provides officers and dispatch with threat location (address and room number), GPS directions to the threat, and an interactive floor plan schematic of the school building — enabling officers to respond on scene faster with exact knowledge of the location of the threat.



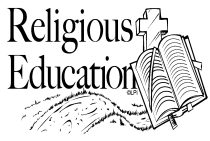
How would you like the possibility of winning \$500, \$100 or 6 prizes of \$25 every month for the next twelve months? If so, **St. Francis of Assisi School invites you to participate in our Friar's 500 Club by purchasing a 500 Club Ticket for only \$60.** Since tuition does not cover the full operating 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. Once again, thank you for your continued support of our school and Catholic education. 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.

St. Francis of Assisi School is still 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 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.



## Readings for the Week of September 25, 2016

- Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1  
Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
- Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-8/  
Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10-15/  
Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/  
Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51
- Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-10,  
13-14/Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75,  
91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
- Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2  
Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10



Mrs. Diane Hopkins  
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli  
Phone 781.848.3238

**We are in need of Catechists for the following grades:**

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



**10 Top Reasons to Become a Catechist/Evangelist**

1. You will grow in your own faith and deepen your relationship with Jesus.
2. Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.
3. Children in today's world need to hear the Good News of Jesus (they are loved unconditionally).
4. Children more than ever need to encounter good role models of faith.
5. You can share with those you teach and share with other Catechists.
6. Today's textbooks and resources offer outstanding support.
7. You will be challenged, you will have fun and you will make new friends.
8. You will be helping our youth deepen their relationship with Jesus (you'll be Evangelizing!!).
9. You will be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives.
10. Jesus sent us to "go and teach all nations." We need your support!

**The Religious Education Program relies on volunteers. Please pray on this and consider donating 1.5 hours a week to share your faith with the youth of our parish. We in the Religious Education Office will always be there to support you, and our curriculum is easy to use.**

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](http://www.eCatechist.com).
- \* If you have any questions, please contact us at 781-848-3238 or [dhopkins@sfab.org](mailto:dhopkins@sfab.org) or [rpetrilli@sfab.org](mailto:rpetrilli@sfab.org).

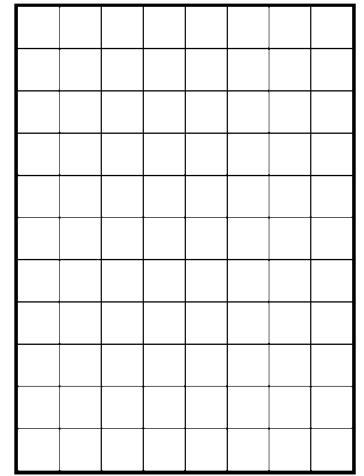
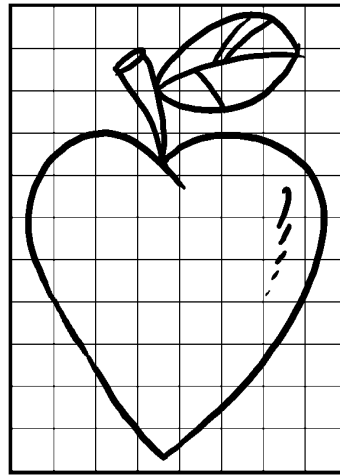
**Praise the Lord, my soul!**

Stay Close and God Bless,  
Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli



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**Sharing the Gospel**

Today Jesus told a story about a selfish rich man who ignored God and refused to share with other people. All his money did him no good when he died. He didn't go to heaven.

He had his whole life to learn about God, and he could have helped many people with his money. Instead, he forgot about God. He wasted his riches and bought a lot of nice things for himself. Learn from the rich man. Live for God, not for money.

**Prayer**

Dear God, help me to share the things you have given me. I love you more than money.

**Something to Draw**

Draw a picture of yourself using some money you saved to buy peanut butter for a poor family.

**Mission for the Week**

Use four jars to save your money, and label them GOD, GIVE, SAVE, and SPEND.

Use the money from the first two jars to share with God and others. Use the money in the last two jars for yourself.

**September 25 ~ Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
“Woe to the complacent in Zion!” Are we complacent, do we settle for the status quo? Looking at the many half-filled pews each Sunday, do you say, “Oh well, that’s just how it is.”? No! In his letter to Timothy, Saint Paul instructs us: “pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith.” There is no room for complacency. With love, patience, devotion and gentleness, invite someone to come to Mass with you next week. Compete well for the faith.



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 – 9:00PM 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.

**HOMESCHOOLING MASS**—Opening Homeschooling Mass for 2016-2017 School Year with Bishop Robert Reed! All Homeschooling families are most welcome on Friday, 9/30/16 to Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 573 Washington Street, Newton, MA 02458. Families are invited to gather at 10:30am to prepare for the Holy Mass at 11:30am followed by a ‘Bring Your Own Lunch’ social! To RSVP or for questions, please contact: Fr. Edward Riley - [Rev.Edward.Riley@sjs.edu](mailto:Rev.Edward.Riley@sjs.edu) or Dalila Patrizzi - [siempretenfe@gmail.com](mailto:siempretenfe@gmail.com)

### 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 on 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](mailto:maryjo.kriz@sjs.edu) or call 617-746-5423. We look forward to your visit!



**Please join us for the March for Life** on Sunday, Oct. 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](http://www.masscitizensforlife.org).



**EARLY BIRD MEN’S PRAYER GROUP** will hold a retreat on Saturday, October 1st from 8:30AM—2:30PM at St. Joseph Retreat Center, 65 Fr. Carney Drive, Milton. The cost is \$40, and the focus of the retreat will be **The Blessed Mother’s Many Approved Apparitions since 1830: Miracles, healings, conversions ...What is her call...how can you help?** For more information or to register, please contact Phil Plageman at [jamet@comcast.net](mailto:jamet@comcast.net).

**BRAINTREE CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CLUB** will hold a “WELCOME BACK LUNCHEON”, catered by Fasano’s Catering, on Wednesday, October 12 at 1:30PM in St. Clare’s Parish Hall. Tickets for this event are \$20. Please make checks payable to the Braintree Catholic Women’s Club and send to Mrs. Natalie Shaughnessy, 206 Linden Ponds Way #132, Hingham, MA 02043. The deadline is October 5. For more information please call Mrs. Frances Buonopane at 781-843-3738. The speaker for the afternoon will be Sister Lois Connors, from the Sisters of St. Joseph. Her topic will be “Growing Old With Humor”.

**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. Jack 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.