

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

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Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM



**Pastoral Staff:** Rev. Paul Clifford, Pastor  
Rev. Donald Delay, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Robert Milling, Senior Priest in Residence  
Mrs. Linda Muldoon, Pastoral Associate  
Rev. Mr. Joseph MacDonald, Director of Music  
Mr. Brian Cote, School Principal, 781-848-0842  
Mrs. Diane Hopkins, Religious Education, 781-848-3238  
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli, Religious Education, 781-848-3238

**Parish Office:** Mr. Rick Timmerman, Business Manager  
Miss Patty Kinnally, Office Manager

**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, 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

11:30 AM Catherine & Louis Luccio Memorial

## Monday, October 3, 2016

7:00 AM Jack & Catherine Davis Memorial

## Tuesday, October 4, 2016

7:00 AM St. Francis of Assisi

## Wednesday, October 5, 2016

7:00 AM

## Thursday, October 6, 2016

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

## Friday, October 7, 2016

7:00 AM Louis & Elaine Rizzo Anniversary

## Saturday, October 8, 2016

4:00 PM Paul, Eleanore & Kenneth McHugh Memorial

## Sunday, October 9, 2016

7:00 AM Frances O'Brien Anniversary

9:30 AM Kathleen Barbati Anniversary

11:30AM Gina Marie Wojciechowski Anniversary

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:  
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—68%

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

## Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 4,452.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,752.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,253.75
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,457.75</b>

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

# BIBLE STUDY

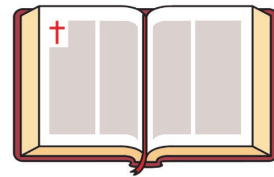
## THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

WITH CELIA SIROIS OF CHRISM

TUESDAYS FROM 7 – 8:30PM

# OCT 4–Nov 1

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH HALL



**NO NEED TO PRE-REGISTER  
BRING YOUR BIBLE**

**THE SUGGESTED OFFERING FOR ALL  
CHRISM COURSES IS \$5 PER SESSION.  
QUESTIONS? 781.843.1332**



*The Annual Blessing of the Animals* in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will take place next Saturday, October 9 at 12:00PM on the plaza in front of the church. Owners, pets, and pet-lovers are welcome to attend. In the interest of safety for all please keep your pets restrained or contained.



*The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." - Lk 17:5-6*



From the desk of the  
Pastoral Associate  
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

## Bereavement Ministry

**Bereavement PS...** Families who have had a loved one's funeral at St. Francis of Assisi over the past year will soon receive an invitation to a **November Mass of Remembrance**, followed by brunch in our church hall. But—if your loved one passed away more than a year ago or was not buried from our parish, you might be interested in the following:

### GOD IS CLOSE TO THE BROKENHEARTED:

**A Day of Prayer (with Mass) for Those Grieving the Loss of Loved Ones**

**Sunday, November 6, 10AM – 3PM, includes lunch**

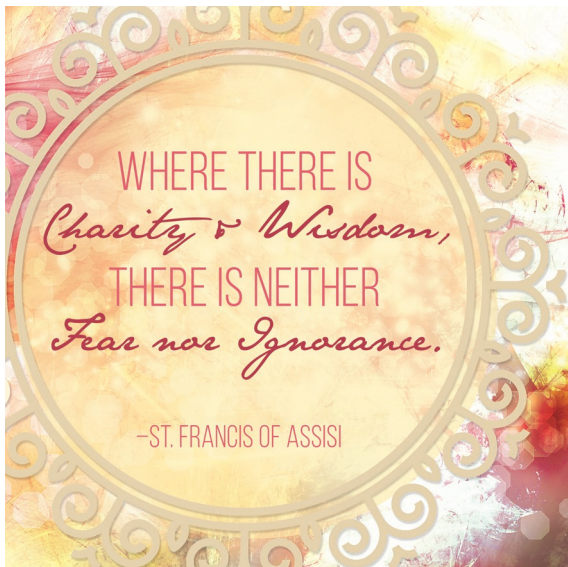
**Facilitator: Maureen Casey, SND**

**Miramar Retreat Center, 121 Parks St., Duxbury,  
781.585.2460, [www.miramarretreat.org](http://www.miramarretreat.org)**

**Non-refundable deposit to reserve: \$15, Full cost including deposit: \$42**



**Bereavement Group** continues NEXT Tuesday, October 11 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 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. This group usually meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7PM and the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.





From  
Mr. Brian Cote  
Principal



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.

### Forming Disciples in Mission: A Workshop in School-Based Evangelization

Last Friday, our faculty and staff of Saint Francis of Assisi School joined with the faculties of Saint John the Evangelist, Canton and Saint Paul School, Hingham for a professional development day entitled "Forming Disciples in Mission: A Workshop in School-Based Evangelization." The focus and goal of the day was to provide our faculty and staff members with the tools to: Understand the history and definition of Evangelization and the New Evangelization; Reflect on their individual journeys of discipleship and plan to grow in living as intentional disciples of Jesus Christ; Become comfortable using personal witness to Christ in and out of the classroom; Evaluate and assist our students and others in their journeys of discipleship, and understand and implement a vision for evangelizing schools and classrooms focused on discipleship.

## Enroll Today

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.



### SFA 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Pumpkin Run/Walk

Calling all runners and walkers! Join us at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint Francis of Assisi School Pumpkin Run on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at SFA. The event consists of a 5K Run or Walk with

a Post-Race Party and Awards for the Winners. To register complete a registration form, located on our school's website ([www.sfab.org](http://www.sfab.org)) or at [racewire.com](http://racewire.com). The cost is \$20 for an adult, \$10 for a youth (under 18) and \$50 family maximum. Day of the Run/Walk entries is also welcomed! Come support our school!

**St. Francis of Assisi Friar's 500 Club** – Congratulations to the winners of the St. Francis of Assisi Friar's 500 Club for the months of July & August:

#### July

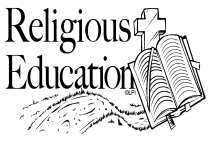
Mr. & Mrs. Paul O'Brien	\$500
The Truong Family	\$100
Mr. & Mrs. John Ictech	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Dee	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Waterman	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Kelly	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Pedro Belizaire	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Barber	\$25

#### August

Mr. & Mrs. Noel Rainford	\$500
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Branch	\$100
Ms. Dorothy Moran	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. David Southwick	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Max Cadet	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Kerry McHugh	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Gichohi	\$25
The Avignon Family	\$25

### Readings for the Week of October 2, 2016

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
Monday:	Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1-2, 7-10/ Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/ Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1-2/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday:	2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/ Lk 17:11-19



Mrs. Diane Hopkins  
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli  
Phone 781.848.3238



Religious Education Classes this week will be meeting as scheduled:

**Sunday, October 2** 10:30-11:30 **Gr. 1-5**  
Parents meet in church hall for guest speaker, John Collins. Students move forward to front of church and sit in the right side pews facing altar. Three adults will walk students over to the school.

**Sunday, October 2** 5:00 – 7:00 **Gr. 10**  
Confirmation II – Meets at St. Clare at 5:00 for Parent/ Student Meeting and then Mass at 6:00.

**Monday, October 3** 3:50-4:50 **Gr. 1-5**  
Classes meet in SFA church hall for a brief Parent/ Student meeting and then class in school.

**Tuesday, October 4** 3:50-4:50 **Gr. 1-5**  
Classes meet in SFA church hall for a brief Parent/ Student meeting and then class in school.

**Tuesday, October 4** 6:30- 7:45 **Gr. 6-8**  
Grades 6-8 meet in School.

We still need Catechists for the following grades:  
Tuesday @ 3:50 - Grade 1, Grade 3 and Grade 4



**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. Our curriculum is very 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)

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

Stay Close and God Bless,  
Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli

**Puzzle**

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

faith	ocean	deserve
mustard	thanks	supposed
tree	servants	duty

fathi	<u>f</u> <u>a</u> <u>i</u> <u>t</u> <u>h</u>
tahnsk	_____
srvenats	_____
masrtud	_____
desreev	_____
rete	_____
spupoesd	_____
oacen	_____
tydu	_____

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**Sharing the Gospel**

Being part of a family means that everybody works together. Your parents work to give you a good place to live, food to eat, and clothes to wear. You probably help with jobs around the house, too, like picking up your toys, taking the garbage out, or setting the table. Each person in the family has work to do. The same is true in God's family. God has special work for us to do, especially to help others. Find happiness in your work.

**Prayer**

Dear God, help me enjoy helping my family and others.

**Something to Draw**

Draw a picture of yourself setting the table for dinner.

**Mission for the Week**

If you know of people in your church who are very old or sick, talk to your family about ways to help them. You could rake leaves for them, help them clean their house, or bring them groceries. Help with a smile.



From the  
Archdiocese of Boston

**October 2 ~ Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

October is Respect Life Month. It is the month of Guardian Angels and the Missions. Today's readings speak of violence (Habakkuk), courage (St. Paul) and faith (Jesus). Whether we are speaking out on behalf of the unborn or sharing how God has worked in our life, take to heart Paul's words, "do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord" Think of the testimony of our October saints: Francis, Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux, Faustina, and the North American martyrs – just to name a few. Share your story, your testimony.

**SAMUEL CIRCLES FOR MEN DISCERNING RELIGIOUS LIFE**

A coalition of Men's Religious Communities serving in the Archdiocese of Boston will host Samuel Circles, evening gatherings each month for young single men who are looking into the possibility of joining a Religious community. The next Samuel Circle will take place at The Assumptionist Center, 330 Market Street, Brighton on October 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The name for these gatherings is taken from the story of the call of the prophet Samuel who heard his name called from God as a young man and was aided by the prophet Eli. For more information go to [www.facebook.com/Samuelcircles4mendiscerningreligiouslife](http://www.facebook.com/Samuelcircles4mendiscerningreligiouslife) or call Fr. Rocco at 508 429 2144.

**MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CURSILLO  
AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH  
Archdiocese of Boston – Men's and Women's Cursillo**

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. It is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church, in order to deepen your own faith and strengthen your ability to be witnesses of Christ in the world.

**Women's Weekend      October 20 - 23, 2016  
Men's Weekend         December 1 - 4, 2016**

The weekends run from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and are held at the Campion Center in Weston MA.

For information and registration, please check the Boston Cursillo Website: [www.bostoncursillo.org](http://www.bostoncursillo.org) or call the Office of Spiritual Life at 617-779-3640 or email us at [spiritual\\_development@rcab.org](mailto:spiritual_development@rcab.org).



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



**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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. 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Clare's before and after all Masses. Any questions please contact the Parish Office at 781-848-7480.



**Next weekend (October 8-9) the Knights of Columbus** will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll Fund Drive for children with special needs. The Knights will be at the entrances of the church after weekend Masses to accept donations. Please be as generous as possible.

*St Francis of Assisi*  
FEAST DAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>