

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
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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 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

11:30 AM Gina Marie Wojciechowski Anniversary

Monday, October 10, 2016

7:00 AM Angelo & Jennie Luccio Memorial

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

7:00 AM Special Intention

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

7:00 AM

Thursday, October 13, 2016

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, October 14, 2016

7:00 AM Special Intention

Saturday, October 15, 2016

4:00 PM Memorial

Sunday, October 16, 2016

7:00 AM Carol Fuller Anniversary

9:30 AM Chester Daiute, Jr. Anniversary

11:30AM Tony & Lorraine Mavilia Memorial

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—57%

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

Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 5,823.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 5,285.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,003.00
Total Offertory	\$12,111.00

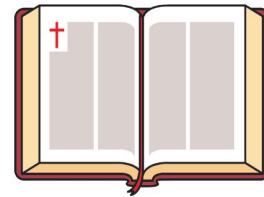
PLEASE REMEMBER ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH WHEN PLANNING YOUR ESTATE. Thank you!

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
NOR TO ATTEND EVERY SESSION
BRING YOUR BIBLE**

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



Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." - Lk 17:17-19



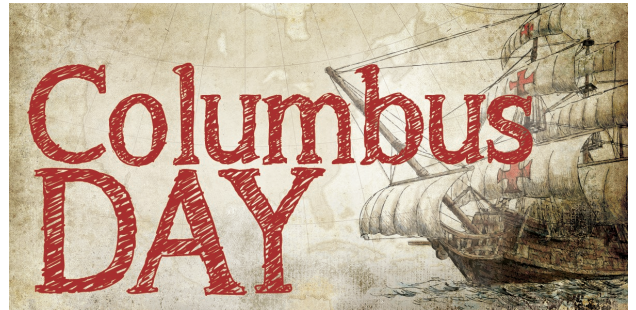
From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

GOD IS CLOSE TO THE BROKENHEARTED... A Day of Prayer (with Mass) for Those Grieving the Loss of Loved Ones is scheduled for Sunday, November 6, at Miramar Retreat Center, 121 Parks St., Duxbury from 10AM – 3PM, facilitated by Maureen Casey, SND. Non-refundable deposit to reserve: \$15, full cost including deposit: \$42—lunch included. For more information, call 781.585.2460 or visit www.miramarretreat.org.

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...** meets THIS Tuesday, October 11 at 7PM 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.
- **SFA/SC Bereavement Group** continues THIS 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 2nd and 4th Tuesday into the month of December. For more information, please email lmuldoon@sfab.org or call 781.843.1332.
- **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.

- **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.
- **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.



**The parish office will be closed on Monday, October 10
in observance of Columbus Day.
Have a safe and happy weekend.**



Readings for the Week of October 9, 2016

- Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/
Lk 17:11-19
- Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1/Ps 113:1-7/
Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48/
Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1-6/Lk 11:47-54
- Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/
Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-7/Lk 12:8-12
- Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-8/2 Tm 3:14--4:2/
Lk 18:1-8



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.

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) 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.



SFA 4th Annual 5K Pumpkin Run/Walk

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

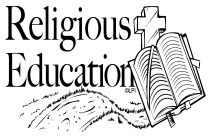
and Awards for the Winners. To register complete a registration form, located on our school's website (www.sfab.org) or at racewire.com. The cost is \$20 for an adult, \$10 for a youth (under 18) and \$50 family maximum. Day of the Run/Walk entries are also welcomed! Come support our school!

The members of the St. Francis of Assisi Conference of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul have requested a little more publicity for their presence in the parish and for the good works that **your generosity** allows them to accomplish. The most obvious support that we offer is through **our food pantry**, open every Thursday from 10AM-12NN and 1-3PM, supported entirely by your donations of non-perishable food items and other groceries. Our Food Collection Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of each month—NEXT weekend. One group of volunteers brings the bags you leave in church to a storage area in the rectory. Another group organizes and shelves whatever we receive. Then, every Thursday, our pantry day volunteers fill bags for the individuals and families who have called to request assistance. **Panera** donates to us remaining bread, bagels, and pastries. Wednesday night volunteers pick up and deliver the "Doughnation" to the rectory, and Thursday AM volunteers sort and bag it for our pantry clients. So—if you are a parishioner or Braintree resident, and you are struggling to put food on the table and pay bills, please consider using our pantry. All it takes is a phone call to the parish office on the Wednesday before.

In addition to the food pantry, **limited financial help** (for utility bills) is available to those who live within the boundaries of our collaborative. The money for this type of assistance also depends on your financial generosity. We have "regulars" who weekly or monthly use the blue St. Vincent DePaul envelopes that are in containers on the back inside wall of the church and on the tables by the doors. Please use one of these blue envelopes for your cash or check (written to St. Vincent DePaul with SFA on the memo line) and place it in the collection basket or the rectory mail slot. To request assistance, please call the parish office, and we will refer you to the team on duty for the week.

Know that every penny and every grocery item support the poor and needy among us—as a volunteer organization, we have no overhead! See this space next week for information on special programs.

From the SVDP website: **In today's Gospel we hear that only one of those healed returned to glorify God and to give thanks to God. It is true, that when we have a grateful heart we know that everything is a gift from God.**



781.848.3238

Mrs. Diane Hopkins
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli
Phone

Most Classes will not meet this week due to the Columbus Day weekend.

Grade Nine will have class on Thursday, October 13.



Sunday, October 9 10:30-11:30 **Gr. 1-5**
No Classes this week. Next class is October 16.
Children meet at school after Mass.

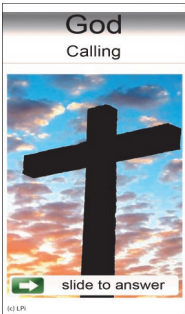
Sunday, October 9 5:00 – 7:00 **Gr. 10**
No class this week. Next class is October 16 at Saint Clare for service Sign-ups.

Monday, October 10 3:50-4:50 **Gr. 1-5**
No class this week due to Columbus Day holiday.

Tuesday, October 11 3:50-4:50 **Gr. 1-5**
No class this week due to Columbus Day holiday.

Tuesday, October 11 6:30- 7:45 **Gr. 6-8**
No class this week due to Columbus Day holiday.

Thursday, October 13 6:00-7:30 **Gr. 9**
Grade 9 meets at St. Clare church hall.



We still need Catechists for the following grades:

Monday, 3:50 - 4:50: Grade 4
Thursday evening, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.:
Grade 9

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.

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

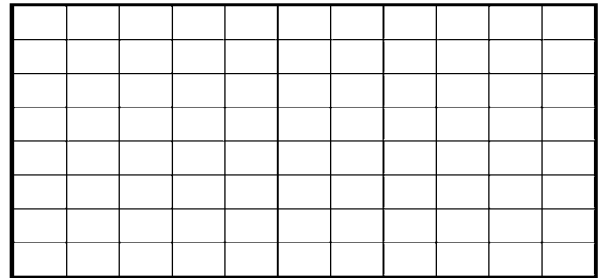
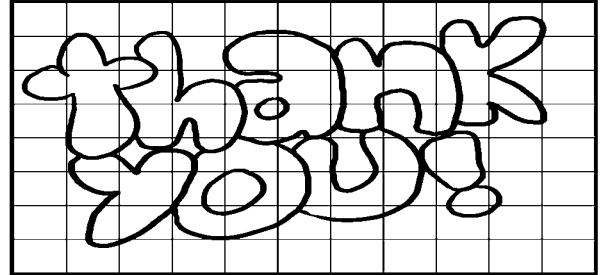
The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving pow'r.

Stay Close and God Bless,
Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli



Puzzle

Copy the picture square by square.



Sharing the Gospel

Jesus healed 10 very sick men, but only one remembered to thank God. God heals your body every day, too. You may not even notice how God keeps you healthy. All around you, germs live on door knobs, shopping carts, and toys. When you catch the flu or a cold, God heals you. He keeps on healing you until he's ready to take you home to heaven. Thank God for keeping you healthy and for healing you, too.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for all the ways you heal my body.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of tiny germ bugs on a door knob.

Mission for the Week

One way to stay healthy is to wash your hands, especially before you eat. Remember to thank God for the soap and the clean water with which you wash.





From the
Archdiocese of Boston

October 9 ~ Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A fall, holiday weekend in New England is, of itself, a reason to give thanks. Think beyond this, beyond the colorful world God gives us. Think of when God has carried you through a difficult time – sickness, death of a loved one, discord, employment concerns, or even just a rough day. Meister Eckhart, a 13th-14th century philosopher, theologian, and mystic, wrote, “If the only prayer you ever say is ‘Thank you’, it will be sufficient.” “Where are the other nine?” Jesus asks. Give thanks to God.

**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 or call the Office of Spiritual Life at 617-779-3640 or email us at spiritual_development@rcab.org.



ARCHBISHOP WILLIAMS HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 7-12)

Sunday, October 23 (11AM-1PM) and
Thursday, November (6PM-8PM)

For more information, please visit www.awhs.org.

CARDINAL SPELLMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Thursday, October 20 (6:30PM)

Visit www.spellman.com for more details!

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Sunday, October 23 from 1:00-3:00PM and
Thursday, November 3 from 5:00-7:00PM

For further information contact the admissions Office at 781-749-8930 or ndahingham.com.

URSULINE ACADEMY

Sunday, October 23 11AM—2PM

For further information call 781-493-7727 or visit www.ursulineacademy.net.

XAVERIAN BROTHERS GRADES 7-12

Sunday, October 30 from 9:00AM-12:00PM

For further information call 781-326-6392 or visit www.xbhs.com.



Please join us for the March for Life THIS Sunday 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.



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.



THIS 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.



Brian Timulty & Jessica Contrino I