

# 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, October 15, 2016

4:00 PM Joseph & Catherine Kinnally Memorial

## Sunday, October 16, 2016

7:00 AM Carol Fuller Anniversary

9:30 AM Chester Daiute, Jr. Anniversary

11:30 AM Tony & Lorraine Mavilia Memorial

## Monday, October 17, 2016

7:00 AM Richard Leland Spec. Intention

## Tuesday, October 18, 2016

7:00 AM Thomas Conneely Anniversary

## Wednesday, October 19, 2016

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

## Thursday, October 20, 2016

7:00 AM Julie Corcoran Anniversary

## Friday, October 21, 2016

7:00 AM Nicole Levine Anniversary

## Saturday, October 22, 2016

4:00 PM Frances D. Hamilton Memorial

## Sunday, October 23, 2016

7:00 AM Anna & William Polin Memorial

9:30 AM John McGrath Anniversary

11:30AM Francis Boyd Anniversary



In addition to our **weekly food pantry** and the provision of **limited financial assistance** to parishioners who qualify, our St. Vincent De Paul Conference provides the **fixings for holiday meals at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter** to our clients and families who otherwise

would go without. At Christmas, our conference participates in the Advent Giving Tree coordinated by the Christian Service Committee of our parish to provide **Christmas gifts for the children of our pantry clients**. If you are interested in participating in or supporting any of the above, please call the parish office for more information. We remind you that every grocery item and every dollar that you donate support the poor and needy among us—as a volunteer organization, we have no overhead! **FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY IS THIS WEEKEND**—thank you in advance for your donations of groceries or financial assistance.

From the SVDP website for the 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: In the Gospel today Jesus tells his disciples to pray always without becoming weary, indeed our prayer must always be an expression of our love for God, our family, our world, and especially for the suffering poor. As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul blue envelope, please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them.



*Brian Timulty & Jessica Contrino II*

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:  
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—65%

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

## Collection Report

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| Offertory Envelopes    | \$ 4,132.00        |
| Offertory/Loose        | \$ 2,824.00        |
| EFT Weekly Average     | \$ 1,003.00        |
| <b>Total Offertory</b> | <b>\$ 7,959.00</b> |

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



**"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" - Lk 18:7-8**



From the desk of the  
Pastoral Associate  
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

## Parish Info and events of note...

**Bereavement Mass of Remembrance** will be held here at St. Francis on Saturday, November 12 at 12NN, followed by a luncheon in the church hall. If your loved one was buried from our parish during the past year, watch your mailbox for an invitation to this beautiful opportunity to remember him/her in faith and in community with others who have experienced a loss.





Did you know that we just wrapped up Fire Prevention Week? I have found now that we no longer have children in school who would be bringing home all kinds of related materials, it's easy to lose track—even as the daughter of a firefighter. NO excuse regarding fire safety practices and smoke detectors would have been acceptable to him. Whether you live alone or with others, it's time to review what you would do in the event of a fire. The website listed below has some great information.

Did you also know that the National Fire Alarm Code requires that smoke detectors be replaced every 10 years? Because the public is generally unaware of this requirement, many homes likely have smoke alarms that are past their expiration date, putting people at increased risk in the event of a home fire. According to an NFPA report, in one-fifth (20 percent) of all U.S. homes with smoke alarms, the smoke alarms aren't working; three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without smoke alarms (38 percent) or with no working smoke alarms (21 percent). "People tend to assume that simply having smoke alarms in their home ensures adequate protection from fires, but it takes regular testing and maintenance to ensure that that's the case," said Carli. "Part of that effort is making sure you know how old the smoke alarms in your home are, and that they're replaced every 10 years." Carli notes that the age of a smoke alarm can be determined by looking for the date of manufacture on the back or side of the alarm, and to replace the units 10 years from that date.

NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years. **For more information on this year's campaign, "Don't Wait: Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years," visit [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).**

Not sure about you—but I always thought we were safe because we conscientiously used Fire Safety Week as our reminder to change the batteries in our smoke alarms. This article has placed a new item at the top of my to-do list. Please—Don't Wait—Check the Date!

- **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 NEXT Thursday, October 27 at 12:30PM 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! 
- **SFA/SC Bereavement Group** continues NEXT Tuesday, October 25 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! For more information, please email [lmuldoon@sfab.org](mailto: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.
- **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.
- **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.



From  
Mr. Brian Cote  
Principal



**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 are also welcomed! Come support our school!

## Social Studies

**Upcoming Social Studies Field Trips**

On Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, the eighth grade students from Quincy Catholic Academy, St. Paul, St. Jerome, Sacred Heart and St. Francis of Assisi Schools will participate in a collaborative field trip to the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate. Through their participation, Deliberation, Negotiation, Debate and Role-Play are the tools our students will use to engage in the Senate Immersion Module (SIM). At the Edward M. Kennedy Institute's full-scale reproduction of the U.S. Senate Chamber, our students will experience this hands-on approach to learning about representation and the legislative process. Using tablet technology, our students will work together to create a bill on a historic issue or current policies that affect the country. This institute is dedicated to educating the public about the important role of the Senate in our government, encouraging participatory democracy, invigorating civil discourse, and inspiring the next generation of citizens and leaders to engage in the civic life of their communities.

The Social Studies Curriculum in Grade three focuses on Massachusetts and its history, including the state symbols of our great state of Massachusetts. On Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, our third grade class will be going on a field trip to the Commonwealth Museum in Boston. Here our students will have the opportunity to view the museum exhibits as well as take part in the state symbols program.



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

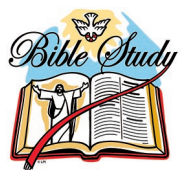
St. Francis of Assisi School is still accepting applications for all grade levels for the 2016-17 school year. For more information regarding our admissions procedure, simply visit our school's website ([www.sfab.org](http://www.sfab.org)) or contact us at (781) 848-0842. Are you interested learning 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.

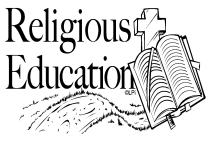


CDA Court St. Francis of Assisi will be celebrating CDA Sunday on October 16<sup>th</sup>, at the 11:30 Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 856 Washington Street, Braintree. All are welcome.

Then, on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., the Court will host its monthly meeting. Visitors and prospective new members are welcome to attend. The program will include training on use of social media (including email and Facebook). Light refreshments will be served.

**Bible Study** with Celia Sirois of CHRISM continues THIS Tuesday, October 18, from 7-8:30PM in the church hall. Bring your Bible and join us as we explore the teachings of Jesus through the lens of John's Gospel.





Mrs. Diane Hopkins  
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli  
Phone 781.848.3238



Classes meet as scheduled for Religious Education



Sunday, October 16 11:30-10:30 Gr. 1-5

Children meet at school after Mass.

Sunday, October 16 5:00 – 7:00 Gr. 10

Classes will be at St. Clare's.

We will talk about "serving others". All present will have an opportunity to sign up for service projects. All are welcome to attend the 6:00 Mass after service sign ups.

Monday, October 17 3:50-4:50 Gr. 1-5

Classes will meet in the school.

Tuesday, October 18 3:50-4:50 Gr. 1-5

Classes will meet in the school.

Tuesday, October 18 6:30- 7:45 Gr. 6-8

Classes will meet in the school.

Thursday, October 20 6:00-7:30 Gr. 9

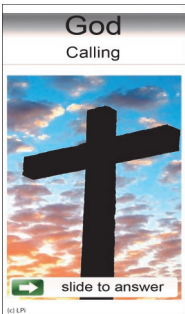
No Class on October 20.

Next class will be at St. Clare's on October 27.

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](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)

*Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

Stay Close and God Bless,  
Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli



Pray for Vocations

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## Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

STORY  
PRAYING  
JUDGE

WIDOW  
FAIR  
PROTECT

CONCERNED  
HURRY  
HELP

M A K S E W U R H T  
H P R A Y I N G E A  
T R I G T D E F L I  
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### Sharing the Gospel

The widow in Jesus' story never gave up. She needed help. She kept asking for help over and over until the judge gave her what she needed. God is so much more loving than the judge in Jesus' story. If you need help, you can ask God over and over. Don't give up. Tell God when you are hurt. Tell God when you need help. He listens carefully to you, and he enjoys helping children who love him.

### Prayer

Dear God, thank you for caring about me and listening to my prayers.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of the woman who kept asking the judge for help.

### Mission for the Week

Many children do not have homes or shoes or beds. Ask God to show you how to help them.

October 16 ~ Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Take to heart the words of Saint Jerome: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." St. Paul reminds us, "All Scripture is inspired by God" Spend time with Sacred Scripture – the Bible. If you can't get to daily Mass, the readings are available online (www.usccb.org ) Make Scripture part of your daily prayer. Jesus says that prayer is a necessity. "Pray always without becoming weary". Not just reading Scripture, but praying with Scripture, is an important step in proclaiming the word ...."whether it is convenient or inconvenient;" and it is never wearying!

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.



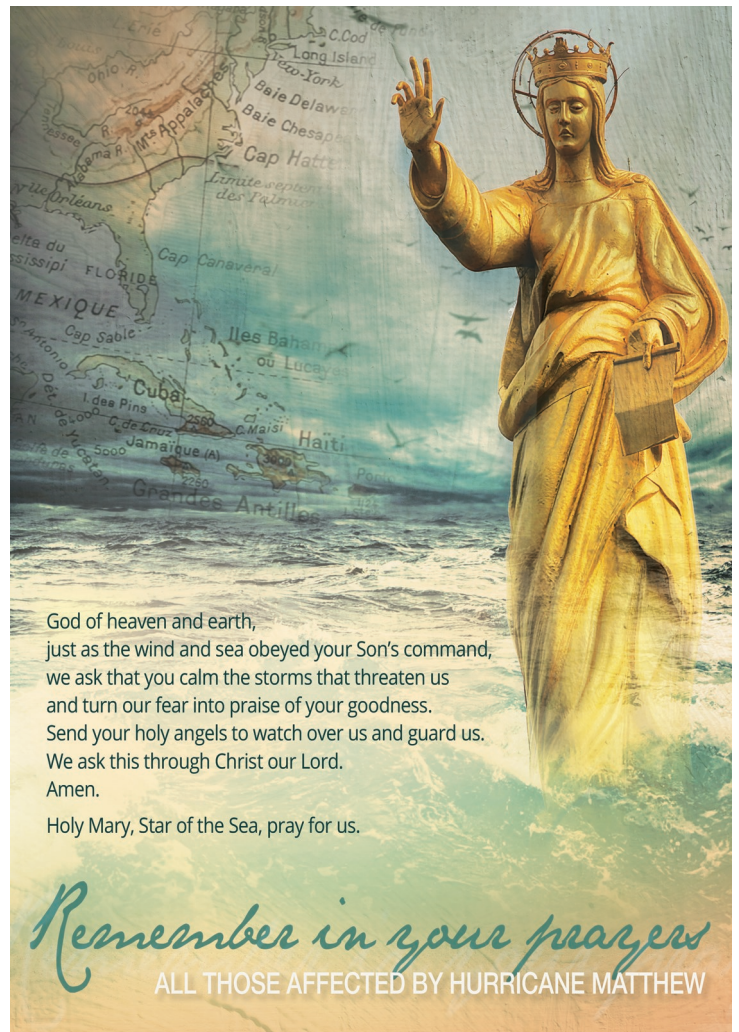
Have you ever wondered if God is calling you to be a religious sister? If so, Fiat is for you. Fiat is a discernment group for single women considering a vocation to religious life in the Catholic Church. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2016, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine, 1105 Boylston St., Boston. The topic is: Charisms in Religious Life. 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.

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; Men's Weekend December 1-4. The weekends run from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon at the Campion Center in Weston, MA. For information/registration, please check www.bostoncursillo.org or call the Office of Spiritual Life at 617-779-3640 or email spiritual\_development@rcab.org.

Readings for the Week of October 16, 2016

- Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-8/2 Tm 3:14--4:2/ Lk 18:1-8
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/ Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-6/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14



God of heaven and earth, just as the wind and sea obeyed your Son's command, we ask that you calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear into praise of your goodness. Send your holy angels to watch over us and guard us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Mary, Star of the Sea, pray for us.

Remember in your prayers ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY HURRICANE MATTHEW