

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

856 WASHINGTON STREET, BRAINTREE, MA 02184

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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  
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**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 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

11:30 AM Francis Boyd Anniversary

**Monday, October 24, 2016**

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

**Tuesday, October 25, 2016**

7:00 AM

**Wednesday, October 26, 2016**

7:00 AM

**Thursday, October 27, 2016**

7:00 AM

**Friday, October 28, 2016**

7:00 AM Annie Mullen Memorial

**Saturday, October 29, 2016**

4:00 PM Barbara & John Murray Memorial

**Sunday, October 30, 2016**

7:00 AM Edward Chisholm Anniversary

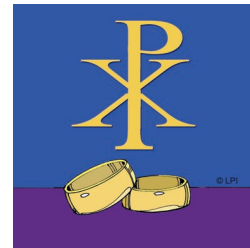
9:30 AM Michael & Paul Christopher Anniversary

11:30AM Broughton Family Memorial



*We welcome with joy into the family of the Church the following children who were baptized during the months of September and October, 2016:*

*John Michael Moran, Charlotte Marie Shea, Max Sean Roche, Violet Marie Cosgrove, Francisco Virgilio Carleo, Lucas James Drzewinski, Emilia Kate Drzewinski, Olivia Rae Morrissey, Quinn Marie Egan, Colin James Conroy, Anthony Francis Golden, Siobhan Ann Moran, Ali Kathleen Nieters, Summer Evelyn MacDonald, Rory Donofrio O'Connell, Ryan Joseph Smith, Brooke Elizabeth Fraser, Joey Rose Bothwell, Michael John Christopher, Peter Timothy Cevolani, Olivia Grey Soloway, Richard Patrick Russell Likas, Aiden James Drenkshahs, Vincent Leo Domenici and Leia Elizabeth Cusack.*



*Brian Timulty & Jessica Contrino III*

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:  
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—70%

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

## Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 5,423.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,755.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,003.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 9,181.00</b>

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



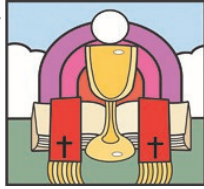
**"But the tax collector stood off at a distance and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14**



From the desk of the  
Pastoral Associate  
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

### Priesthood Sunday is October



**30<sup>th</sup>.** Last month, a handful of parishioners from our collaborative went to Boston to attend the Celebration of Priesthood Dinner. They saw many members of the clergy, had a nice meal, and heard some interesting guest speakers. Having years ago attended the 1<sup>st</sup> such event, I can tell you that it makes for a lovely evening. I can also tell you that in the past, our staff has placed a “thank you” in a special section of *The Pilot*. This year (banking on the fact that Fr. Paul will not have a chance to see this before it goes to print), we’re giving everyone a week’s notice on Priesthood Sunday so that during the week or next weekend, if you choose, you can make a point of saying something or even sending a note to Fr. Paul, Fr. Delay, Fr. Bob, Fr. Shawn, Fr. Carlos or Fr. Kilroy. After many years at SFA, I can tell you (not that you don’t already know), that we have an exceptional group of good and caring priests here. Priesthood Sunday provides us with an opportunity to simply say thank you and God bless you to them or to another priest who has had a positive impact on your life.



Thank you for your donations of groceries and financial assistance during last weekend’s monthly Food Collection Sunday. Although we designate the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month for this, know that if you miss it or run across a great

sale or find extra money in your pocket, you can always stop by the parish office, Monday – Friday, 9AM – 4PM and we will gratefully accept whatever you choose to donate! Recently, someone told me about their neighbor, a proud member of the Greatest Generation, still living independently, at home. The concern was that s/he would outlive his/her money and need to decide between groceries or paying the bills. If you know of a parishioner who may be facing a similar situation, please refer them to SVDP. It begins with a phone call or email to the parish office—781.843.1332 or [parish@sfab.org](mailto:parish@sfab.org). **From the SVDP website for the 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** In this Sunday’s Gospel, the tax collector’s prayer allows God to be God and so allows God to pour mercy into his heart. When we pray and give alms to the poor, we allow God’s mercy to be poured into their hearts. Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent DePaul, you can also give God’s mercy to your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone, and frightened.

## 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 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 THIS 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

# 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 in the process of enhancing the safety and security of our school community, our faculty and staff have recently participated in a couple of trainings on lockdown procedures, as well as 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.

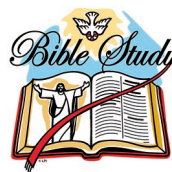
The CS911 software platform provides a real-time chat window and allows faculty or staff to provide pertinent and reliable information via instant message to law enforcement. CS911 provides officers and dispatch with threat location (address and room number), GPS directions to the threat, and an interactive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



**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.

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.



**Bible Study** with Celia Sirois of CHRISM continues THIS Tuesday, October 25, 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.

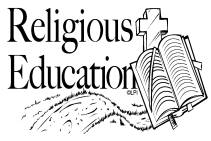
**Bereavement Mass of Remembrance** will be held here at St. Francis on Saturday, November 12 at 12NN, followed by a luncheon in the church hall. If your loved one was buried from our parish during the past year, watch your mailbox for an invitation to this beautiful opportunity to remember him/her in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



Please join us for a **community rosary** to be held in the chapel of St. Thomas More Church, 7 Hawthorn Road, Braintree on Saturday October 29, 2016 following the 5:00PM Mass. Everyone is invited to attend. The community rosary will be led by the Knights of Columbus Braintree Council as part of the 5th Sunday Rosary Program. A supply of rosary rings and prayer cards on how to pray the rosary will be available.



The Braintree Council, #1462, Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare for the strong support of the K of C Tootsie Roll Drive for Special Needs Children. This year's drive was the best in recent years.



Mrs. Diane Hopkins  
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli  
Phone 781.848.3238

Classes meet as scheduled for Religious Education



Sunday, October 23 10:30-11:30 Gr. 1-5

No classes this week.  
Next class is November 6

Sunday, October 23 5:00 – 7:00 Gr. 10

No classes this week.  
Next class is November 6

Monday, October 24 3:50-4:50 Gr. 1-5

Classes will meet in the school.

Tuesday, October 25 3:50-4:50 Gr. 1-5

Classes will meet in the school.

Tuesday, October 25 6:30- 7:45 Gr. 6-8

Classes will meet in the school.

Thursday, October 27 6:00-7:30 Gr. 9

Classes meet at St. Clare church hall.

We will talk about serving others. Students will have the opportunity to sign up for services.

*“ Every person is worthy of our giving. Every human being is the object of God’s infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives. Every person deserves our love.” Pope Francis (Taken from The Joy of the Gospel)*

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Stay Close and God Bless,  
Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli

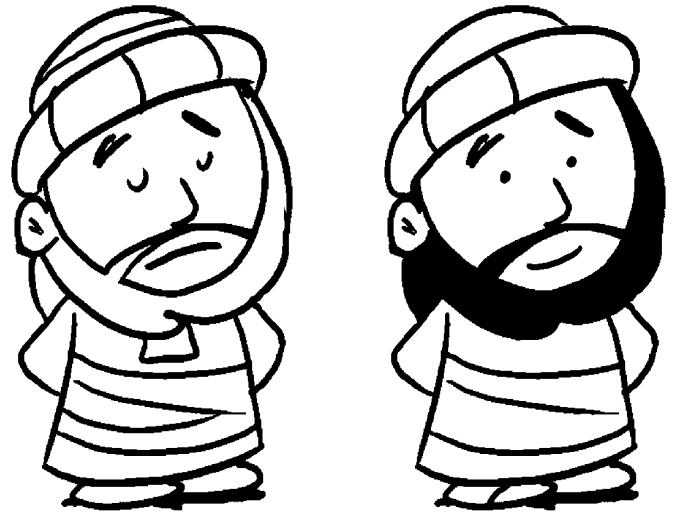
## FOUND

A picture of a couple shaking hands with Pope Francis was recently found in the Braintree Stop and Shop parking lot. It was brought to the St. Francis of Assisi parish office. If you or someone you know lost a picture commemorating this special event please call us at 781-843-1332 so that we can return it.



## Puzzle

Find 8 differences between the two pictures.



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### Sharing the Gospel

If you have ever thought that you were better than somebody else, you are not alone. Even grown-ups think that way sometimes. The truth is, you really are not better than anyone else. You sin. You make mistakes, just like other people do. No matter how big or how small you think your mistakes are, they still make God angry. Instead of looking down on other people, remember your own mistakes. Ask God to forgive you.

### Prayer

Dear God, I am so sorry I ever thought I was better than anybody else. Please forgive me.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of something you did wrong. Then draw a picture of yourself asking God to forgive you.

### Mission for the Week

Ask everyone in your class to make cards for people in prison. Jesus knows when people are truly sorry for what they have done wrong. Jesus wants to forgive prisoners, just like he wants to forgive you.



From the  
Archdiocese of Boston

**October 23 ~ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
“... the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it.” Proclamation? The proclamation is the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ. Today, we are sent not to the Gentiles, but to those who do not feel welcome in our parish, or have been away so long they feel self-conscious coming back. Our job is to proclaim the Good News – share God’s love for ALL - by inviting someone to join you at Mass and intentionally welcoming the strangers in our pews. God will give you the strength to do this. Let Him work through YOU.



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.

**BLACK CATHOLIC REVIVAL**

The 2016 Black Catholic Revival will take place on October 29 & 30, 2016 at St. Katharine Drexel Parish, 517 Blue Hill Avenue Grove Hall. Both evenings will begin at 5:00 pm. Saturday evening will feature the Archdiocese of Boston Black Catholic Choir. Sunday evening will feature various youth choirs. Refreshments will be served both nights. Please join us for two evenings of worship & praise. For more information, ldesroses@rcab.org.

**Readings for the Week of October 23, 2016**

- 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
- Monday: Eph 4:32--5:8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/Ps 128:1-5/Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-14/Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
- Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16
- Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2-3, 5/Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Next Sunday: Wis 11:22--12:2/Ps 145: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14/2 Thes 1:11--2:2/Lk 19:1-10



**ARCHBISHOP WILLIAMS HIGH SCHOOL** (Grades 7-12)  
Sunday, October 23 (11AM-1PM) and  
Thursday, November 3 (6PM-8PM)  
For more information, please visit [www.awhs.org](http://www.awhs.org).

**FONTBONNE ACADEMY**  
Sunday, November 6 from 1-3pm  
For more information contact 617.615.3014 or [admissions@fontbonneacademy.org](mailto:admissions@fontbonneacademy.org)

**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](http://ndahingham.com).

**URSULINE ACADEMY**  
Sunday, October 23 11AM—2PM  
For further information call 781-493-7727 or visit [www.ursulineacademy.net](http://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](http://www.xbhs.com).



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**—“The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens.” Let us serve God willingly by strengthening, renewing and rekindling our marriages by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Dec 2-4 and Jan 20-22, 2017 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at [www.WWMEMA.org](http://www.WWMEMA.org).

**Fr. Robert Blaney’s Show**—Our Lady’s Parish invites you to an afternoon of entertainment as Fr. Blaney sings and plays the piano in “*Tunes, Tidbits, & Tales*” on Sunday, November 6 at 2PM at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 573 Washington St., Newton. The show will be followed by a Wine, Cheese & Light Refreshment Social. Suggested donation is \$5 which will be given to the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Prior to responding to his priestly vocation, Fr. Blaney was an actor performing on Broadway. For further information please call Our Lady’s Parish Office at 617-527-7560.

**Annual Christmas Bazaar**—Monastery of St. Clare, 920 Centre St., Jamaica Plain—Saturday, November 12 from 9AM—3PM. Many beautiful crafted items—knitted and crocheted afghans, baby items, etc. Raffles and chances. Baked goods are welcomed.