

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 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

11:30 AM Broughton Family Memorial

Monday, October 31, 2016

7:00 AM

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

7:00 AM John & Joseph Odenweller Memorial

8:45AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

12:10PM Carmella P. Farina Anniversary

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

7:00 AM All the Faithful Departed

Thursday, November 3, 2016

7:00 AM Louise Piggott Anniversary

Friday, November 4, 2016

7:00 AM

Saturday, November 5, 2016

4:00 PM Fred Bickford Anniversary

Sunday, November 6, 2016

7:00 AM Marion & Arthur Dalton Memorial

9:30 AM Anne Marie & James McNally Anniversary

11:30AM Mary DiMartino Anniversary

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	\$ 5,008.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,575.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,003.00
Total Offertory	\$ 8,586.00

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



Prayer for Priests

Lord God, most holy,
we approach you in gratitude for your holy ordained priesthood.

You have called these men to be set apart
and to shepherd your people,
as you shepherd your entire church.

We pray for them in their daily work.
Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts and grace,
so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand.

Lead them not into temptation
and protect them from the grasp of the evil one.

It is through the sacraments they confer
that we encounter the divine in a real and profound way.

May your church never lose sight of these,
your special sons, and may we, the body of Christ,
never fail to cherish the gift of their lives,
which they have freely given to you and your holy church.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son.

Amen.



THIS Tuesday, November 1 is All Saints' Day, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule for the St. Francis of Assisi/ St. Clare Collaborative is:

St. Francis of Assisi

Monday, October 31 Vigil	5:00PM
Tuesday, November 1	7:00AM, 8:45AM (School Liturgy all are welcome) and 12:10PM

St. Clare

Monday, October 31 Vigil	4:00PM
Tuesday, November 1	9AM and 5:30PM



Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." - Lk 19:8



From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon



I love the story of Zacchaeus! Who among us has not made an effort to obtain a better vantage point—at a sporting event, a parade, a concert? We can imagine the excitement in Jericho as they waited for Jesus to pass through their town. We can picture the crowd gathered to see Jesus—those hoping for a miracle, parents with children on their shoulders, the curious, even the unbelievers. Because we have the gift of hindsight, we know that Jesus knew the heart of every person in the crowd. Because we have the gift of faith, we know that Jesus knows the heart of every person, everywhere. Imagine Jesus seeking us out, calling each one of us by name and telling us, “Today I must stay at your house.” Let us pray that we, too, respond quickly and welcome joyfully into our homes and into our hearts Jesus Christ, our salvation.



From the SVDP website for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time:



In the Gospel today, Zacchaeus accepts our Lord joyfully; and the sign of his acceptance is his open house and his resolution to give half of his goods to the poor. So far, in the month of October, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God’s love and mercy to 85 individuals and families, providing 115 bags of groceries and limited assistance with utility bills. Thank You!

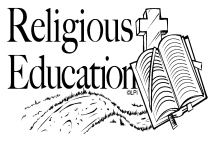
GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

This past week you should have received a Grand Annual Appeal letter. If you did not, you may want to check on your registration status by calling the office. Early return status—as of Wednesday our Grand Annual Collection was \$3,700 from 19 contributors (1% of Appeals sent). Thank you to all who have contributed. If you did not receive an Appeal letter or have misplaced your copy, please call the parish office at 781-843-1332 and we’ll be happy to send you a new one.



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 NEXT Tuesday, November 8 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! 
- **SFA/SC Bereavement Group** continues NEXT Tuesday, November 8 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 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.



Mrs. Diane Hopkins
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli
Phone 781.848.3238

Classes meet as scheduled for Religious Education



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

No classes this week. Next class is November 6

Sunday, October 30 5:00 – 7:00 Gr. 10

No classes this week. Next class is November 20

Confirmation II (Grade 10): Class scheduled for Sunday, November 6th has been cancelled. A Mass of Remembrance and dinner will be held at St. Clare for all of the families of the parish who have lost a loved one during the past year on November 6. Thank you to the young people of the Confirmation program who have offered to volunteer to help at the Mass and dinner. Your presence will be heartfelt.

Monday, October 31 3:50-4:50 Gr. 1-5

No classes this week. Next class November 7.

Tuesday, November 1 3:50-4:50 Gr. 1-5

No classes this week. Next class November 8.

Tuesday, November 1 6:30- 7:45 Gr. 6-8

No classes this week. Next class November 8.

Thursday, November 3 6:00-7:30 Gr. 9

Classes meet at St. Clare church hall.

“Go out into the world today and love the people you meet. Let your presence bring new light to the hearts of people.” Saint Mother Teresa

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Stay Close and God Bless,
Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli



Halloween Safety Tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics

Safety Tips for Motorists

- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing

Trick-or-Treating

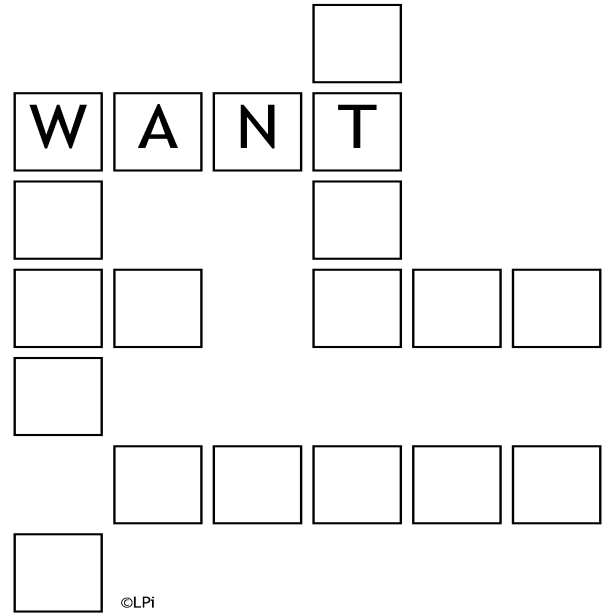
- Instruct your children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and avoid trick-or-treating alone
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home
- Teach your children to never enter a stranger's home



 **Puzzle**

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

I want to stay with you today.



Sharing the Gospel

Zacchaeus had gotten very rich by taking money from his neighbors, so nobody liked him. He was very lonely and sad. When Jesus talked to him, Zacchaeus felt special. When Jesus ate dinner with Zacchaeus, Jesus showed that he was a real friend. When Zacchaeus felt God's love, he was truly happy for the first time. Jesus gave him what he really wanted - friendship - so he gave extra money back to his neighbors.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to see that real happiness comes from loving Jesus, not money.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Zacchaeus happily giving money back to his neighbors.

Mission for the Week

Read today's Gospel with your family. Write down three things you can do each day to spend more time with Jesus as your friend.



From
Mr. Brian Cote
Principal

4th Annual Pumpkin Run

Our 4th Annual 5K Pumpkin Run/Walk for Saint Francis of Assisi School held last Saturday was a fabulous and a successful event. Even though the sun was not shining, it did not affect the excitement and enthusiasm of this wonderful event. There are so many people to thank in making this event possible and such a great success. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and thank Mrs. Grace White and her fantastic Pumpkin Run Committee for their many hours in planning and coordinating this event. I would like to also offer a special word of appreciation and gratitude to all of our volunteers, as well as to the Braintree Police for their assistance in ensuring the safety of all who participated. To all of our generous family and business sponsors, we thank you for your support of this event. I would be remiss not to especially thank our community members, parishioners, faculty members, parents, family members, alumni/ae, friends and students who participated in this great event.



Following the run/walk, a post-party was enjoyed by all. We had music provided by DJ Gerard, a visit from "Wolfie" our Mascot, pumpkin decorating, lots of chances to win fabulous raffle prizes, and Michaela's Photography that captured the memories. Medals were awarded to the top three male and female winners; overall winner in each of the grade levels; Best Costume and the Homecoming Award for a former SFA student in grade 9 or above. The winners were as follows:

Overall Male Winners:

Marty White 19:52.5; Manny Paula 22:25.1; and Marc-Andy Mexil 22:50.4

Overall Female Winners:

Jayne Horsman 23:30.6; Ayako Benjamin 28:08.6; and Ann Berry 28:12.1

Grade Level Winners:

Aiden Crisman 38:48.4; Jack O'Leary 29:47.6; Patrick Crisman 31:41.2; William O'Leary 27:27.3; Kacper Borkiewicz 23:52.1; Kyle Benjamin 29:08.4; Evan O'Brien 31:44.1; Jack Paula 26:53.6; Shane Kelly 26:42.2 and Ethan Benjamin 23:30.1

Homecoming Award: Marty White

Congratulations to all of the winners!

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.



Bible Study with Celia Sirois of CHRISM concludes THIS Tuesday, November 1, from 7-8:30PM in the church hall. Thank you to Celia for such a faith-filled and articulate presentation of 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. We have mailed invitations to families whose loved ones were buried from our parish during the past year, and we respectfully request that you RSVP whether or not you plan to attend. If you did not receive an invitation, please call or email the parish office—781.843.1332 or parish@sfab.org.



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.



Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2:00AM NEXT Sunday, November 6. Remember to set you clocks **back** 1 hour (from 2AM to 1AM). This is also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



From the Archdiocese of Boston

October 30 – Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

You don't have to be rich, or short, or a CPA, or work for the IRS for Jesus to come to your house, just open your heart to Him. Zacchaeus was "seeking to see who Jesus was". The reward for this seeker was an encounter – one that got tongues wagging! Today, many people are seeking to see who Jesus is. Some may not be aware that He is what is missing in their lives. By sharing the importance of Jesus in your life and your encounter with Him daily in prayer, you can introduce Him to a seeker.

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 November 2, 2016 from 7– 9PM. For more information go to www.facebook.com/SamuelCircles4mendiscerningreligiouslife or call Fr. Rocco at 508 429 2144.

JESUS IN BOSTON—A YOUNG ADULT EVENT

All Young Adults and College Students are invited to join us on Friday, November 4 @ 7:30PM for our monthly "Jesus in Boston" event. This month, we will be at St. Leonard Church in Boston's North End. This is a great way to strengthen your interior life through the sacraments and to meet new people spending time in fellowship with other Catholic young adults. Join us for Eucharistic adoration, Mass, Confession, great food and even better people! For more information please email Mike Drahos at MDrahos@rcab.org.

Readings for the Week of October 30, 2016

Sunday: Wis 11:22--12:2/Ps 145: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14/2 Thes 1:11--2:2/Lk 19:1-10
Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1-3/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a
Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17--4:1/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 8-9/ Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15/2 Thes 2:16--3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38



ARCHBISHOP WILLIAMS HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 7-12)

Thursday, November 3 (6PM-8PM)

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

FONTBONNE ACADEMY

Sunday, November 6 from 1-3pm

For more information contact 617.615.3014 or admissions@fontbonneacademy.org

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Thursday, November 3 from 5:00-7:00PM

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

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.



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.

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.

