

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, November 5, 2016

4:00 PM Fred Bickford Anniversary

Sunday, November 6, 2016

7:00 AM Marion & Arthur Dalton Memorial
 9:30 AM AnnMarie & James McNally Anniversary
 11:30 AM Mary DiMartino Anniversary

Monday, November 7, 2016

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

7:00 AM

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

7:00 AM Tony Mavilia Memorial

Thursday, November 10, 2016

7:00 AM

Friday, November 11, 2016

7:00 AM Charles Edmund Burke, Jr. Memorial

Saturday, November 12, 2016

4:00 PM James Michael Conroy Anniversary

Sunday, November 13, 2016

7:00 AM Bernadette & Carl DiMaggio Memorial
 9:30 AM John & Joseph Odenweller Memorial
 11:30AM Patricia Salvaggio Memorial

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—71%

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

Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 5,100.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,488.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,003.00
Total Offertory	\$ 8,591.00

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

My brothers and sisters,

“Remember , O man, that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return.”

This formula for the distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday is a stark but healthy reminder that our lives—and the length of them—are not our own. We belong to God. As St. Paul teaches, *None of us lives for oneself and none of us dies for oneself. When we live we live for the Lord and when we die we die as His servants. Both in life and death, then we are the Lord’s.*

This truth can sober us but also should provide great consolation. During the month of November the Church takes its cue from the gathering of the harvest and meditates on God gathering in the souls of the dead into heaven. This past week began with All Saints’ and All Souls’ Day (on Tuesday and Wednesday).

Our next commemorators are the Parish Masses of Remembrance to be held tonight (Sunday) at St. Clare’s (at 6:00PM) and next Saturday (11/12 at 12 Noon) at St. Francis . Each year we remember those for whom we have provided funeral services over the past year. We invite their family members and friends to come together to pray for their loved one(s) and reaffirm our belief in eternal life and our hope for a blessed resurrection. Here the concluding words of the Nicene Creed come home to us with special force, meaning and beauty.

“I look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.”

Requiescant in pace!
 May they rest in peace!

All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend these Masses. After each, a meal is served. Once the bereaved families have been served, you would also be welcome to join in the meal, assuming there is enough for all.

My very special thanks to Marta Googins (Fasano’s Catering) and Carlo and Irene Barone (Carlo’s Cucina Italiana) for their support in helping us provide a meal and celebrate the joy of the harvest while we entrust our loved ones to the Lord of the Harvest.

Many parishioners have commented on the Parish Financial Reports and Grand Annual Appeal mailings. Thank you. Please attend as soon and as generously as possible to the Grand Annual Appeal. If you did not receive these mailings or are only a “sometimes” attendee but would like to support either or both parishes, envelopes are at the doors of both churches. Thank you.

In His service and yours,
Fr. Paul Clifford



From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

Parish Info and events of note...



From the SVDP website for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today's Gospel we find that God is a God of the living, and this is indeed the core of our hope. Jesus has risen and is with us; therefore, at no time should we be without hope for the future. **When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you give hope to your neighbors who have nothing.**



Protecting God's Children for Adults is the child safety program required by the Archdiocese of Boston for all clergy and staff as well as for all volunteers whose ministries bring them into the presence of children—directly or indirectly. It is a “one and done” workshop and puts forth compelling and helpful information to help us keep children safe. If you are a new volunteer (religious education, usher, EMHC, lector, music) who has not yet attended this workshop (or an interested parent or grandparent), please see below for area dates and times. Be sure to ask for a certificate of completion and send a copy to the SFA parish office, attention Linda. Thank you.



Sunday, November 13 at 11:30AM at St. Ann, Dorchester, 617.825.6180, ext. 12 or saintannreled@gmail.com, pre-register with Paula

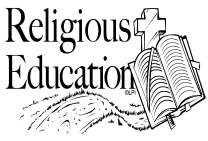
Monday, November 14 at 7PM at St. Francis of Assisi, Braintree, 781.843.1332 or lmuldoon@sfab.org, pre-register with Linda

Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30PM at St. Jerome, Weymouth, for more info, to register, 781.335.2038

GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

By now 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. As of Wednesday our Grand Annual Collection was \$23,250 from 97 contributors (5% 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.

- **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, 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 THIS 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
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Happy Veteran's Day - November 11

Classes meet as scheduled for Religious Education

Sunday, November 6 10:30-11:30 Gr. 1-5

Parent/Child Session. Students move up after Mass is completed to front pews on right side when facing the altar to wait for teachers to walk them over to the school. Parents go downstairs to church hall for guest speaker.

Sunday, October 6 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, November 7 3:50-4:50 Gr. 1-5

Classes meet in the school.

Tuesday, November 8 3:50-4:50 Gr. 1-5

Classes meet in the school.

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

Classes meet in the school.

Thursday, November 10 6:00-7:30 Gr. 9

No Classes this week.

Next classes meet Nov. 17 at St. Clare church hall.

Confirmation I (Grade 9): Sunday, November 20th at 6:00 pm. We will be attending the 6:00 Mass as a Confirmation group with Confirmation II (Grade 10).

"To receive in faith the gift of the Eucharist is to receive the Lord Himself." Catechism of the Catholic Church

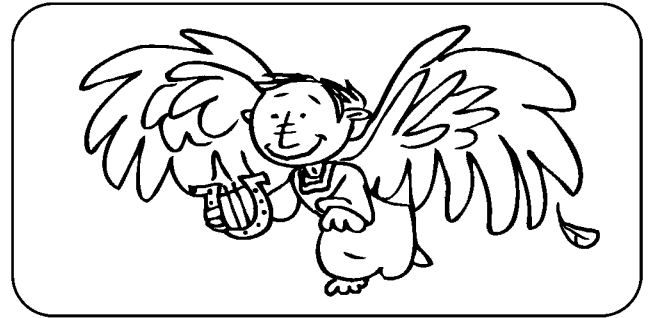
I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Stay Close and God Bless,
Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli



Puzzle

Find 7 differences between the pictures.



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Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel Jesus talked about what you will be like one day in heaven. God made you to be his special child. There is no one else like you. If you truly love God with all of your heart, you will never be apart from him. Even when your body dies, you will still be alive with God. In heaven, God will give you a new body, like an angel. You will live forever. Even in your new body, you will still be God's own special child.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for promising that I can live with you forever.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself like an angel in heaven.

Mission for the Week

Write on a piece of colored paper, "One day I will be like an angel in heaven." Decorate your picture with angels, and hang it up in your room.



From
Mr. Brian Cote
Principal

National Student Mock Election

On Thursday, November 3rd, our students at SFA, along with students across the United States will have the opportunity to participate in the National Student Mock Election sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum. Mrs. McCorquodale and our students in grade four will be coordinating this special event for our students at SFA. This is a non-partisan educational program endorsed by Democrats and Republicans, and it is not intended to be predictive of adult voting patterns. As part of our school's participating in the Mock Election, discussions in our classrooms have focused on voting and leadership.

Election Day – No School for Students Only

On Tuesday November 8th, as indicated on our monthly/yearly calendar, there will be no school for our students. Our Faculty and Staff will be using this day working on our self-study for NEASC re-accreditation.

SFA Celebrates Veterans Day with America's White Table

By tradition, branches of the U.S. military set "America's White Table" for dinner on Veterans Day in remembrance of all veterans. This year for Veterans Day, Saint Francis classes will set two White Tables to honor all veterans. One will be set in



the school lobby and another will be set in the school cafeteria. Classes will be reading a story written by Margot Theis Raven called America's White Table which shares the details of the White Table tradition. Classes will be discussing the sacrifices veterans made while serving in wars, such as missing the chance to attend college and leaving their families. Each item on the table has a specific meaning.

- * A **white candle** symbolizes peace.
- * A **white cloth** honors a soldier's pure heart when our country calls him/her to duty.
- * A **slice of lemon** shows a captive soldier's bitter fate.
- * **Grains of salt** symbolize the tears of waiting families.
- * **Empty chair** represents the missing soldiers.
- * A **turned over glass** stands for the meal that won't be eaten.
- * The **black napkin** signifies the sorrow of captivity.
- * A **red rose** represents the hope that all missing soldiers will return.

Dress Down Day

Also in observance of Veterans Day, SFA will also be sponsoring a **red, white, and blue dress down day** (optional) on **Thursday, November 10th**. We will be collecting \$1.00 from students to donate to the Wounded Warrior Project. The mission of the Wounded Warrior Project is to foster service members in our nation, raise awareness of the needs of injured service members, and help injured service members aid and assist each other.

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.

Bereavement Mass of Remembrance

will be held here at SFA THIS 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 **by this Monday, November 7 at 12NN** to allow us to give an approximate count to our caterer and to include your loved one's name during Mass. But... if you are reading this after Monday, please do call or email us—there is always room at the table of the Lord, and at our brunch as well! Also—if you did not receive an invitation, please call or email the parish office—781.843.1332 or parish@sfab.org.



"That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out 'Lord,' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive." - Lk 20:37-38



From the Archdiocese of Boston

November 6 ~ Thirty second Sunday in Ordinary Time

We need to hear Jesus' words to the Thessalonians - especially on this weekend before our national election. God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, - loves us and gives us "everlasting encouragement and good hope". Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians can be our prayer, "May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ." As people of faith, as disciples, we must bring the Word of God into the marketplace and into our lives with our families, with co-workers, and neighbors.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH Archdiocese of Boston - Men'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.

The date for the Men's Cursillo Weekend is: Dec. 1-4 The weekend runs from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and is 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.

STEUBENVILLE EAST YOUTH CONFERENCE

Do you wish there was a place that you could bring your teens to encounter thousands of other young Catholics, hear from national speakers and enter into profound worship with the aid of professional musicians? Yes, such an event exists, AND its right in our backyard! The annual Steubenville East Youth Conference will be held in Lowell, MA again this coming year from July 14th - 16th, 2017. If you are interested in learning more about this event, an information session is being held at the Pastoral Center in Braintree, and will also be available via webinar on December 8th at 6:30pm. Please email Mike Drahos at MDrahos@rcab.org for more information. *Please note: Registration will open on January 15th, 2017 and this event is known to sell out quickly!



The Annual Thanksgiving Toy Drive will be conducted at the 8:00AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 24). Please bring a new/unwrapped toy or game which will be presented during the offertory. These gifts will be distributed to needy children in our community.

Our Advent Giving Tree begins Thanksgiving Weekend (November 26-27). Our Christian Service Commission needs your help in providing gifts for many families who are unable to purchase even essentials for Christmas gifts. More information will be available in the upcoming weeks.



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.

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.



Readings for the Week of November 6, 2016

- 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
Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/ Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:3-6, 8, 11/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7-10/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18/ Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-6/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-9/2 Thes 3:7-12/ Lk 21:5-19