

# 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 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

11:30 AM Patricia Salvaggio Memorial

## Monday, November 14, 2016

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

## Tuesday, November 15, 2016

7:00 AM Jennie Falcione Anniversary

## Wednesday, November 16, 2016

7:00 AM

## Thursday, November 17, 2016

7:00 AM Frederick P. Boussy Anniversary

## Friday, November 18, 2016

7:00 AM Rosina M. Connolly and Family of Leonard T. Connolly Memorial

## Saturday, November 19, 2016

4:00 PM Darche & McCue Families Memorial

## Sunday, November 20, 2016

7:00 AM Vera Tsunis Anniversary

9:30 AM Gerald & Virginia Donovan Anniversary

11:30AM Marks Family Memorial

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:  
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—72%

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

## Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 7,600.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 3,496.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,253.75
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 12,349.75</b>

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

My brothers and sisters,

It's time to give thanks (and not just because the election is over). Late in November we gather the harvest of the earth and render thanks to God who brought it to fruition. For Catholics—all Christians really—when we give thanks we must also be conscious of those who may not share the same blessings we have received.

Here are some opportunities to give thanks and bless those in need:

THE BRAINTREE INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held on Tuesday, November 22 at 7PM at ALL SOULS UNITARIAN CHURCH. Many of the clergy from across the town will be present (including myself, Deacon Mike Cavanaugh and Deacon Joe MacDonald from our collaborative parishes). You are encouraged to come (especially if Thanksgiving Day will be too full). Please consider bringing a monetary offering and/or non-perishable food items for the benefit of the food pantries in town. This service has experienced some growth in the last couple of years; hope to see you there.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS 8AM ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI—Fr. Bob Milling will lead our parish's observance of this Holiday. See the notice elsewhere in this bulletin.

COLLECTION FOR THE RETIRED SISTERS will be taken up as a separate passing of the basket on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20. Historically we have been among the leading parishes across the archdiocese on answering the call of the Sisters who ask us to support those heroic, dedicated women who gave so much and asked so little. They need us now. Please plan a large, sacrificial offering of thanks for this collection. No one deserves our support more.

SR. VIRGINIA MOZO graced us last week with a beautiful Mission Appeal. Many thanks to all who responded so generously.

Two notes about her visit. Some people thought the 2nd collection envelope last week was for Sr. Virginia—it was not. It was for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. My apologies for not clarifying how to donate specifically to the Missions. The Campaign for Human Development does serve the needs of many poor and underprivileged people in our country. We added a parish tithe to Sr. Virginia's collection to be sure she was taken care of.

The cloth adorning the altar this weekend is a gift of thanks to this community from Sr. Virginia. It is from their Mission in Chile and is a pledge of their prayers and gratitude.

In His service and yours,  
*Fr. Paul Clifford*



From the desk of the  
Pastoral Associate  
Mrs. Linda Muldoon



**From the SVDP website for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** The Gospel predicts end times. Our challenge, though, is to live faithfully *now*. St. Vincent often asked this simple question: **“What would Jesus Christ do if he were in my place now?”** Ask yourself what *would* Jesus Christ do? And then put your gift (cash or check written to St. Vincent DePaul Society with SFA on the memo line) in one of the blue SVDP envelopes found in the holders affixed to the back inside wall of the church. You can place your envelope in the offertory collection or the rectory mail slot or send it to the parish via the US mail. Help us help those who are suffering to celebrate Thanksgiving. If you prefer, we also welcome supermarket gift cards and your donations of non-perishable food items, paper products, cleaning supplies and small toiletries at next weekend’s Food Collection Sunday.

### Beatitudes for Modern Christians

At the end of an ecumenical trip to Sweden, Pope Francis celebrated the feast of All Saints on November 1 with a Catholic Mass during which he said that the best description of the saints -- in fact, their "identity card" -- is found in the Beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which begins, "Blessed are the poor in spirit." And, he said, as Christian saints have done throughout the ages, Christ's followers today are called "to confront the troubles and anxieties of our age with the spirit and love of Jesus." "New situations require new energy and a new commitment," he said, and then he offered a new list of Beatitudes for modern Christians:

- **Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others and forgive them from their heart.**
- **Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalized and show them their closeness.**
- **Blessed are those who see God in every person and strive to make others also discover him.**
- **Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.**
- **Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.**
- **Blessed are those who pray and work for full communion between Christians."**

"All these are messengers of God's mercy and tenderness," Pope Francis said. "Surely they will receive from him their merited reward."



### National Bible Week is November 13-19

From November 13-19, 2016, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invites families, parishes, schools, and other Catholic groups to participate in National Bible Week in celebration of the 51st Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, *Dei Verbum*. This year's theme, "The Bible: A Book of Mercy," builds on this year's Jubilee Year of Mercy. This seven-day Journey of Mercy features the work of Bishop Robert Barron, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Bishop Barron's *Word on Fire* ministry and his beautiful video series on Catholicism have inspired millions of Catholics around the world. Bishop Barron will highlight biblical insights that show how God is Mercy, as well as demonstrating mercy given, mercy received, and mercy lived out. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

**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) 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.

**Monday, Nov. 14 at 7PM at St. Francis of Assisi, Braintree, 781.843.1332 or [lmuldoon@sfab.org](mailto:lmuldoon@sfab.org), pre-register with Linda**

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

**Dear Parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi Church and Saint Clare Church,**

**Greetings to you of Peace and Love this Jubilee Year of Mercy. On behalf of the Columban Sisters, with gratitude for the beautiful welcome and the generous donations to the Missionary Sisters of Saint Columban.**

**As you know well, mission happens when those people like you, our friends and donors who have the support and encouragement for us in our missionary life.**

**Together we carry the mission that Jesus called all of us to bring His message of love to all the world. We are grateful and humbled by your support and we will remember you and your family in our daily prayers and special Mass will be offered for you and your intentions parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi and Saint Clare Church.**

**Blessings and prayers,  
Sister Virginia Mozo, Mission Co-op Coordinator**



# Parish Info and events of note...



From  
Mr. Brian Cote  
Principal

- **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, November 17 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, November 22 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.

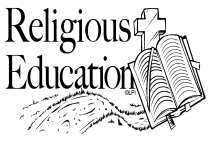
**Community Service** - As Saint Francis of Assisi continues to celebrate on the theme of “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service;” the commitment to service is a hallmark of a Catholic education. During the month of November, the SFA school community will participate and reach out to those in need within the SFA parish (St. Vincent dePaul) and town of Braintree (Braintree Holidays) in our annual “Thanksgiving/Harvest Drive.” We will be collecting non-perishables, monetary donations and supermarket gifts cards to provide holiday food items for families in need.

**St. Francis of Assisi Friar’s 500 Club** – Congratulations to the winners of the St. Francis of Assisi Friar’s 500 Club for the months of September and October:

The Adebiji Family	\$500
Mr. & Mrs. Tu Dao	\$100
Mr. & Mrs. Villot Mars	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Mulready	\$25
The Dang Family	\$25
Mr. Sean Sullivan	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Luis Belo	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Brian DiMaggio	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Andy Beepath	\$500
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Butterfield	\$100
The Vijjeswarapu Family	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Crisman	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. John Itcech	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Iwunze	\$25
The Benoit Family	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Omar Chapman	\$25

## Enroll Today

St. Francis of Assisi School offers a rolling admissions policy. 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.



Mrs. Diane Hopkins  
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli  
Phone 781.848.3238



**Classes meet as scheduled for Religious Education**

**Sunday, November 13** 10:30-11:30 **Gr. 1-5**  
No classes this week.

**Sunday, October 13** 5:00 – 7:00 **Gr. 10**  
No classes this week. Next class is November 20

**Monday, November 14** 3:50-4:50 **Gr. 1-5**  
Classes meet in the school.

**Tuesday, November 15** 3:50-4:50 **Gr. 1-5**  
Classes meet in the school.

**Tuesday, November 15** 6:30- 7:45 **Gr. 6-8**  
No classes this week.

**Thursday, November 17** 6:00-7:30 **Gr. 9**  
Classes meet at St. Clare church hall.

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

**You're Invited!!! Celebrate Thanksgiving Early with Us**

**First**, please attend the **6:00 Mass at St. Clare** on November 20 when the Thanksgiving Baskets provided by the students of the Religious Education Program and assembled by the students in the Confirmation Program are blessed.



**Second**, please pray with the volunteers of our Confirmation program during a **Family Rosary Night at St. Francis of Assisi** on Monday, November 21, at 7:00.

How do we pray the rosary? Why do we pray the rosary? Let's learn together in a comfortable environment. We are heading into a holiday season that should be hope-full and not hectic. You may find that some quiet time reflecting on the mysteries within this beautiful practice may help to direct your energy. **Please join us!**

**The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.**

Stay Close and God Bless,  
Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli

## 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 \$31,570 from 147 contributors (7% 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.

## Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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stones	trial	betrayed
attack	faith	saved

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### Sharing the Gospel

Sometimes this world can be a scary place in which to live. Fighting, sickness, and storms can kill a lot of people. Jesus says that when those things happen around you, do not be afraid. Even when you die, you can still live forever with God. You have heaven to look forward to. When scary things happen around you, tell the people you love about Jesus. Tell them they can live forever with Jesus, too, so they don't need to be afraid.

### Prayer

Dear God, help me to be brave and tell other people about you.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself telling a friend about Jesus.

### Mission for the Week

Write down three things that scare you. Tell God about them.



**CDA Court St. Francis of Assisi is sponsoring "Two Across"**, a live romantic comedy, performed at Braintree Town Hall, Sunday, November 20th, at 2:00PM. Proceeds will benefit the Braintree Community Youth Center. Tickets are \$20/pp and may be purchased from any CDA member or at the Braintree Town Clerk's office. There will also be the opportunity to purchase freshly-baked pies and quick breads for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Call 617-842-7174 with any questions.

**CDA Court St. Francis of Assisi will hold its regularly scheduled meeting** on Monday, November 21st, at 7:00PM at Father Crowley Hall in St. Francis of Assisi Church, 856 Washington Street, Braintree. This will be a "paint night", so wear casual clothes and bring \$6 to cover the cost of supplies. Prospective members and guests are also welcome. Come for the fun of it and leave with your own masterpiece!

**The Braintree Knights of Columbus** invite all adults to their Christmas Party on Saturday, December 17 at the Sons of Italy Hall on King Hill Road. The festivities begin with a cocktail hour from 6:30 – 7:30, followed by a dinner provided by Fasano's Catering. Tickets are \$35. For more information, please call Richard at 781.843.5095.



*From the  
Archdiocese of Boston*

**November 13 ~ Thirty third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
The Liturgical Year is drawing to a close and the readings have a dark, somewhat frightening tenor about them. But Jesus offers hope, even amid predictions of "...powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place" and yes, persecution too. In a special way today, pray for Christian martyrs around the world. Pray for the victims of natural disasters. The growing secularization of our culture demands that people of faith be ready to give testimony to the saving message of Jesus Christ. Think about how God is part of your life; this is your story, your testimony. Jesus assures us, "I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." Trust Jesus, He will give you the wisdom to say what needs to be said.



**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. You can help in any of the following ways.



**1)** Take a tag from the tree and purchase a requested item. Unless otherwise stated, wrap the gift (include a gift receipt) and securely attach the tag from the tree to the outside. All gifts should be returned **no later than** December 12. **2)** If you are unable to shop, you can make a monetary donation [**do not take a tag**] and members of the Christian Service Commission will do the shopping and wrapping for you. You may place your donation in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Advent Giving Tree Program." Checks should be made payable to St. Francis of Assisi with "Giving Tree" on the Memo line. **3)** If you would like to "adopt" an entire family for Christmas, please contact Kate Waldron at 781-848-5233 or [katewaldron@verizon.net](mailto:katewaldron@verizon.net). Thank you for your thoughtfulness.



**"It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." - Lk 21:13-15**

**Readings for the Week of November 13, 2016**

- Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-9/2 Thes 3:7-12/  
Lk 21:5-19
- Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-5/Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1-6/Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111,  
131/Lk 19:45-48
- Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/Ps 98:1-6/  
Mt 14:22-33
- Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/  
Lk 20:27-40
- Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-5/Col 1:12-20/  
Lk 23:35-43