

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, January 28, 2017

4:00PM Annie Mullen Memorial

Sunday, January 29, 2017

7:00 AM Brian Sampson Memorial

9:30 AM John Joyce Memorial

11:30 AM Samuel A. Dentino Memorial

Monday, January 30, 2017

7:00 AM Louise Gillis Month's Mind

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

7:00 AM

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

7:00 AM

Thursday, February 2, 2017

7:00 AM

Friday, February 3, 2017

7:00 AM

Saturday, February 4, 2017

4:00 PM Santina Olsen

Sunday, February 5, 2017

7:00 AM Richard J. Manning Month's Mind

9:30 AM Elizabeth Grace Goslin Anniversary

11:30AM Ronald Dwyer 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	\$ 4,872.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,636.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,023.00
Total Offertory	\$ 8,531.00

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



**"Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God."
- Mt 5:7-8**



If you are a registered parishioner who utilizes the parish envelope system or the EFT option and would like a copy of your total contributions for 2016 please call the parish office at 781-843-1332. In accordance with federal regulations contribution statements have been mailed to any parishioner who has made a single contribution of \$250 or more. If you do not currently utilize the parish envelope or EFT/online giving system, but would like to; or if you have any questions regarding your statement, please contact Patty Kinnally in the parish office.

Readings for the Week of January 29, 2017

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146/1 Cor 1:26-31/
Mt 5:1-12a
Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24/Heb 2:14-18/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112/1 Cor 2:1-5/
Mt 5:13-16





From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

Parish Info and events of note...



Because we have the gift of hindsight, we know that something important happens when Jesus goes “up the mountain.” Why up the mountain? Because “great crowds followed him.” Why did they follow him? Because “he proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease and illness among the people.” To the crowds and to

his disciples and to you and me, Jesus teaches, and Jesus gives **hope**. How beyond our understanding to be called “blessed” by Jesus, to be called “blessed” for traits which we may possess or which we can strive toward! Matthew may present the Beatitudes to us in the passive voice (Blessed are...), but they were then and still are for us a call to action. In them, Jesus tells us not only how to be, but what to do; and to each of the actions he attaches a promise. In the uncertain times in which we live, let us use our words and our deeds not to tear apart our world but instead to build up the kingdom of God and be counted among the “blessed.”





In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, which embody a radically alternative vision of life, and we find that God indeed calls us to blessedness. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent DePaul proclaimed the good

news of the kingdom to the poor by assisting families and individuals with food and heat.

SFA/SC Bereavement Group... We are finalizing plans for a group that will begin on Tuesday, February 14 at 1PM in the St. Francis of Assisi church hall. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one and looking for a faith-based opportunity to share your story and listen to the wisdom of others who may be a little further along on their grief journeys, please consider our group. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month for 90 minutes and offer a good supply of coffee, tea, snacks, and tissues! For more information, please see “Parish Info and Events of Note” elsewhere in this bulletin.



- **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...** Next meets Tuesday, February 14 at 7:00PM 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! 
- **Our Bereavement Group** will resume in February (2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 1-2:30PM), and we will use the book, *The New Day Journal*. This book is “a journey from grief to healing for people coping with the loss of a loved one.” Meanwhile, if you have just experienced or are struggling with the loss of a loved one, we have resources, referral information, and lots of tissues. Help and a cup of tea are a phone call away at 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

National Catholic Schools Week is finally here! During this week, our school as well as other Catholic schools across the country will observe this annual celebration of Catholic education with Liturgies, Open Houses and other activities and events. Listed below is a schedule of our events that will be held throughout the week:

Sunday, January 29, 2017: “Celebrating Our Parishes”
Open House for Prospective New Families (1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.)

Monday, January 30, 2017: “Celebrating Our Community”

- ◆ Visiting Day and Registration for Prospective New Families; (9:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.)
- ◆ Penny Game (8:20 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.)
- ◆ “Crazy Hat and/or Tie Day

Tuesday, January 31, 2017: “Celebrating Our Students”

- ◆ Visiting Day and Registration for Prospective New Families (9:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.)
- ◆ Penny Games (8:20 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.)
- ◆ All-School CSW Liturgy (8:45 A.M.)
- ◆ SFA’s Got Talent Show; 6:30 P.M. in the School Hall

Wednesday, February 3, 2016: “Celebrating Our Nation”

- ◆ Visiting Day and Registration for Prospective New Families (9:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.)
- ◆ Penny Game (8:20 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.)
- ◆ Out of Uniform Day - “Red, White and Blue Day”

Thursday, February 4, 2016: “Celebrating Vocations”

- ◆ Visiting Day and Registration for Prospective New Families (9:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.)
- ◆ Penny Game (8:20 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.)
- ◆ No Homework Pre-K through 8
- ◆ Out of Uniform Day – “Team Pride Day” (favorite sports team gear apparel)

Friday, February 5, 2016: “Celebrating Our Faculty, Staff & Volunteers”

- ◆ Visiting Day and Registration for Prospective New Families (9:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.)
- ◆ Spelling Bee Finals
- ◆ Penny Game (8:20 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.)
- ◆ Pizza Lunch & popsicles for all students
- ◆ Out of Uniform Day - “SFA Spirit Day” (blue & gold)

In addition to our Catholic Schools Week celebration, SFA will once again embark on an all-school read aloud initiative called One School, One Book. Throughout the week, all our students at every grade level will listen to the same book, *Who Was Amelia Earhart?* by Kate Boehm Jerome and illustrated by Nancy Harrison and David Cain. With this One School, One Book initiative, we aim to further build a community of readers at our school. As a follow-up activity, we are in the process of scheduling a performance of *Amelia Earhart: Pioneer in Aviation* by Sheryl Faye Presents Historical Women for later next month.

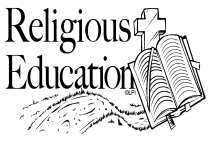
Also, our students will be taking center stage as we host our 4th Annual SFA’s Got Talent Show and the students in grade 5 – 8 will conduct grade level Spelling Bees during Catholic Schools Week. The first-place winner of each grade level will then compete in our Regional Spelling Bee on March 9th at St. Francis of Assisi School.

Our school will also be conducting a school-wide canned drive. We are asking that students bring in canned goods (corn, green beans, peas, fruits, baked beans, tuna, soups, etc. ...) for our annual St. Francis of Assisi School “Souper” Bowl, which will benefit our St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. We would like to extend a word of thanks in advance for your generosity and support of this worthy cause.

Holiday Calendar Winner 2017

On Thursday, January 12th, we held Week 3 drawing of our Holiday Calendar Raffle. Congratulations to our winners!

Date	Prize	Winner
1/17	\$75	Lianne Higgins
1/18	\$100	Ellen Courtney
1/19	\$75	Marianne McMorro
1/20	\$100	Joanne Doyle
1/21	\$75	Audra McDonough
1/22	\$250	Ann Hoyt
1/23	\$100	Patricia Scibilio



Mrs. Diane Hopkins
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli
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Class meet as scheduled for Religious Education:

Sunday, January 29 10:30-11:30 Gr. 1-5

No classes this week.

Sunday, January 29 5:00 – 7:00 Gr. 10

No classes this week.

Next class February 12.

Monday, January 30, 2017 3:50-4:50 Gr. 1-5

Classes meet in the school.

Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:50-4:50 Gr. 1-5

Classes meet in the school.

Tuesday, January 31, 2017 6:30- 7:45 Gr. 6-8

No classes this week.

Thursday, February 2, 2017 6:00-7:30 Gr. 9

Classes meet this week at

St. Francis of Assisi church hall .

NEXT CLASS: February 16

Confirmation I (Grade 9): Thursday, February 2nd
Class meeting from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at St. Francis of Assisi church hall. This lesson will focus on prayer. The church hall at St. Francis of Assisi is better suited for this exercise.

The Beatitudes, as taught and modeled by Jesus Christ, offer a simple blueprint to follow. Pope Francis offers six new beatitudes, refreshed for the current situations and circumstances of our modern world. We pray they will bring new energy to the blueprint for building up the body of Christ.

- * *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. Pope Francis*

***Blessed are the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!***

Stay Close and God Bless,
Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli



Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

blessed	mercy	kingdom
meeek	pure	reward
filled	peace	heaven

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Sharing the Gospel

God sees the loving things you do. When you show kindness to others, especially when they don't deserve it, your kindness will come back to you. When you see others fighting, and you help them get along, you show that you are God's child. When you are gentle, not bossy, you make God smile. Even when it is hard, keep on doing what's right. One day in heaven God will reward you for the good choices you make.

Prayer

Dear God, help me love other people the way you want me to.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself helping a child who was mean to you.

Mission for the Week

God loves peacemakers. The next time you are tempted to argue with someone, think of ways to get along instead.



From the
Archdiocese of
Boston

January 29 ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

On January 27, hundreds of people – young, old, and in between, marched in Washington to speak for those who have no voice. Pray for the safety of all who travelled and marched. Pray for women in difficult pregnancies, women and men hurting from past abortions, pray for compassionate hearts. Pray for those who are mentioned in the Gospel – the poor, the meek, the peacemakers, the pure of heart, those who mourn, and those who hunger and thirst. “But I will leave as a remnant in your midst, a people humble and lowly, who shall take refuge in the name of the LORD.”

CATHOLIC APPEAL

Recently, many of you received a letter from Cardinal Seán requesting your support of the 2017 Catholic Appeal. Our parish directly benefits from the 50 ministries supported by the Appeal. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making an early pledge. You may mail your pledge or visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to give online. Thank you!

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreat

Project Rachel God's forgiveness knows no bounds – Pope Francis. The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a Come to the Waters of Healing one-day retreat. Winter/spring dates are February 4, March 4 and May 20. Location is confidential. Limited to ten participants. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER is an 8 week guided prayer experience based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. It calls for a commitment of eight weeks of daily prayer and eight weekly meetings of faith sharing.

The Office of Spiritual Life is offering this program at The Pastoral Center, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree on Wednesday mornings during Lent, March 8 through April 26, 2017 at 10:30 am – 11:45. For further information and to register call: Sister Anne D'Arcy 617-779- 3648 or e-mail: sdarcy@rcab.org.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, February 4, 2017, 5:00 pm

St. Gregory Parish Auditorium, 2215 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, MA. “When the Saints Go Marchin’ In”. Come learn about black Catholics that are being considered for Sainthood with Rev. A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem. RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/when-the-saints-go-marchin-tickets-30926390667>

Sunday, February 5, 2017, 11:30

Black History Month Mass & Day of Prayer for the African and African American Family at St. Katharine Drexel Parish 517 Blue Hill Avenue, Grove Hall with Rev. A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem, Celebrant. Reception immediately following Mass.



“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” As we reflect upon the beatitudes, let us explore how to understand our spouse better by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Mar 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, RI and Jun 10-11, 2017 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWME.org.



The Catholic Daughters thank all who generously contributed to the Penny Drive for the Unborn. Between the 2 parishes we realized over \$1300 which will be sent to Cardinal Sean for his programs for the unborn.

GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

As of Wednesday our Grand Annual Collection was \$61,900 from 283 contributors (14% 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.