

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

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Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM



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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, February 25, 2017

4:00PM Buddy & Sheila Trabucco Memorial

Sunday, February 26, 2017

7:00 AM Benjamin Venuti Anniversary

9:30 AM Jerry Foley and
Mary & James Donahue Memorial

11:30 AM John McDonough Anniversary

Monday, February 27, 2017

7:00 AM

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

7:00 AM Annie Mullen Memorial

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

7:00 AM

12:10PM Mary & John O'Neil Anniversary

Thursday, March 2, 2017

7:00 AM Maria & Camillo D'Angelo Memorial

Friday, March 3, 2017

7:00 AM

Saturday, March 4, 2017

4:00 PM Barbara & David Harrington Memorial

Sunday, March 5, 2017

7:00 AM Theresa Grant Memorial

9:30 AM Phyllis & Laurence Cedrone Memorial

11:30AM Pasquale Agapito Memorial

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—78%

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

Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 5,746.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 1,985.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,291.25
Total Offertory	\$ 9,022.25

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



Ash Wednesday is THIS Wednesday, March 1, 2017. This is the beginning of the Season of Lent. The following is the schedule of Masses/Services for the Braintree Collaborative:

St. Francis of Assisi Masses at 7AM, 8:45AM (School Liturgy all are welcome) and 12:10PM
Prayer Services with ashes at 6:15AM and 4:00PM

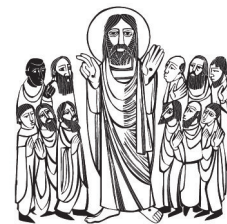
St. Clare Masses at 9AM and 5:30PM

Please see the bulletin insert for the Lenten Schedule.



Give up time this Lent to learn how God's word becomes our prayer.

Join us for a Survey of the Psalms with Celia Sirois of CHRISM on Tuesdays, March 7-April 11 (no session on 3/28) from 7-8:30PM in the St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall. The suggested offering for all CHRISM courses is \$5/session. Pre-registration is not required, please bring your Bible.



**CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
A Lenten Retreat Sponsored by the
Parishes of Saint Clare and
Saint Francis of Assisi**

Sunday, March 26, at Saint Clare - 7:00pm
Monday, March 27 - Saint Clare - 7:00pm
Tuesday, March 28 - Saint Francis of Assisi - 7:00pm
Wednesday, March - at Saint Francis of Assisi - 7:00pm

By baptism we are united with Christ and called to be his disciples. During this retreat we will gather for prayer, renew our life in him and deepen our communion with one another, so we can be witnesses of Christ's presence in our lives.

**This Parish Retreat will be conducted by the
Archdiocesan Office of Spiritual Life.**



From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

Parish Info and events of note...

Today is the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the last of the Ordinary Time Sundays for quite a while as we begin our Lenten journeys in preparation for Easter and the joyful season that follows. This late start to Lent caught me off guard, but in the Gospel today, Jesus has the answer in the words He speaks to us, "Do not worry." There is an unspoken word here as well, "Simplify." Jesus tells us, "No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing... So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself." **Do not worry. Simplify. Blessings on your Lenten journey.**



It is difficult to estimate how many times I close a wintertime e-mail with, "Be careful out there!" Well, after shoveling some of the snow that arrived on February 10, I went down hard on my knee on a patch of ice (that had been snow 20 minutes earlier). The fall resulted in a fracture to the bone just below my kneecap, and I have a brace, crutches (ugh), and instructions to remain non-weight-bearing for 6 weeks. The pain has subsided, and this type of injury usually heals without surgery. God is good! My challenge now is to be careful, patient, and prayerful! Know that you are all in my prayers and that I look forward to being back soon.



This Lent, our collaborative has available to us for free copies of **The Little Black Book for Lent**. Although small enough to fit in a pocket or a purse, this book can have a big impact on living Lent, day to day. Please take one home today! As in the past, Creighton University has many resources for Lent. Visit www.onlineministries.creighton.edu to find the ones that speak to you.

- **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 Thursday, February 23 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!
- **Our Bereavement Group ...** Due to unforeseen circumstances (please see Linda's message to the left) our Bereavement Group will be **postponed for a while**. Please continue to watch the bulletin and website for more information. In the meantime if you are struggling and would like to speak to a member of the clergy, please call the parish office. Thank you.
- **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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Effective THIS Thursday, March 2 we will begin booking Mass Intentions through February 13, 2018. On January 9, 2018 we will start booking Masses beyond February 13.

Jesus tells us that our heavenly Father knows all that we need, and so we need to let tomorrow take care of itself as today has troubles enough of its own. *Thank you for your gifts to our parish conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.* Your generosity allows us to support individuals and families by providing food and limited financial assistance. Sometimes, the needs that folks have are acute—caused by a sudden loss of job, housing, or health. But sometimes, the need is more chronic and perhaps more difficult to see—an elderly person living alone whose minimal savings or income forces a choice between food, prescriptions, warmth, and bill payment. To inquire about help for someone living in the area of St. Francis or St. Clare of Assisi, please call the parish office. Thank you.



From
Mr. Brian Cote
Principal

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) 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.



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.

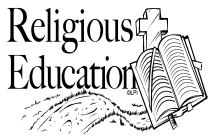


"So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." - Mt 6:31, 32b-33a



Readings for the Week of February 26, 2017

- Sunday: Is 49:14-15/Ps 62:2-3, 6-9/1 Cor 4:1-5/ Mt 6:24-34
- Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/ Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23/ Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19/ Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32
- Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/ Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



Mrs. Diane Hopkins
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli
Phone 781.848.3238

Classes this week are as scheduled:

Sunday, February 26 10:30-11:30 Gr. 1-5

No classes this week—Next class March 5.

Sunday, February 26 5:00 – 7:00 Gr. 10

Classes at St. Clare.

Monday, February 27, 2017 3:50-4:50 Gr. 1-5

Classes in the school.

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 3:50-4:50 Gr. 1-5

Classes on the school.

Tuesday, February 21, 2017 6:30- 7:45 Gr. 6-8

Classes in the school.

Thursday, February 23, 2017 6:00-7:30 Gr. 9

No classes this week.

Mass March 5 at 6:00PM—St. Clare.

Next class March 16 at St. Clare.

CONFIRMATION IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Confirmation I (Grade 9): You are expected to attend Mass with Grade 10 on Sunday, March 5, at 6:00. This is an important part of your Confirmation program.



The Respect for Life Baby Shower is coming up on Monday, February 27, at 6:30PM in the church hall at St. Francis of Assisi. Anyone in the Confirmation Program can

participate in this service by attending and bringing a baby gift (ie. diapers of any size are most appreciated.) All parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare are welcome to attend or make a donation towards this worthy cause.

Confirmation II (Grade 10): Class: February 26 at St. Clare. On Sunday, March 5, we will have class at 5:00 and attend Mass at 6:00 with Confirmation I (Grade 9).

Look for information on Final Project in your emails!!

“We ask ourselves and each of us may wonder: Does the Lord feel truly at home in my life? Do we allow him to do a ‘cleansing’ in our hearts and to drive out the idols, those attitudes of greed, jealousy, worldliness, envy and hatred, that habit of gossiping and tearing down others.”

- Pope Francis

Rest in God alone, my soul.

Stay Close and God Bless,
Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli



Puzzle

Unscramble words from today’s Gospel:

serve	worry	faith
God	food	heaven
money	clothes	first

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fodo _____

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Gdo _____

clestho _____

frits _____

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Sharing the Gospel

God wants you to have clothes to wear. He wants you to have food to eat, too. But God does not want you to waste time worrying about your food or clothes. Put God’s work first in your mind. Learn what God wants you to do. Be kind. Be helpful. God will take care of you.

Prayer

God, help me to trust that you will give me what I need.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of three flowers and birds that God takes care of.

Mission for the Week

Spend time together with your family reading a Bible story book.



From the Archdiocese of Boston

February 26 ~ Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Did Jesus ever have to pay rent or a monthly mortgage? Does He know the high cost of living in the Northeast in the 21st century? How can He say don't worry? Jesus is telling us is to have our priorities in order and trust in Him, "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself." He is not saying quit your job or buy a Lamborghini. "Seek first the kingdom of God" means putting God in the center of our lives. How we relate to family, friends, co-workers, should flow from this. Are our words and actions ordered to what is good and true? The song "Don't worry, be happy" has a very good message. We have been saved by the Son of God. He will not abandon us now – not today, not tomorrow, not ever. Give thanks for this.

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 March 1, 2017 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The name for these gatherings is taken from the story of the call of the prophet Samuel who heard his name called from God as a young man and was aided by the prophet Eli. For more information go to www.facebook.com/SamuelCircles4mendiscerningreligiouslife or call Fr. Rocco at 508-429-2144.

JESUS IN BOSTON

All Young Adults and College Students are invited to join us on Friday, March 3rd @ 7:30PM for our monthly "Jesus in Boston" event. This month, we will be at St. Anthony Parish in Cambridge, hosted by the young adult group named "Shalom". 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.

CATHOLIC APPEAL

2017 Catholic Appeal: Please be sure to take home next week's bulletin to learn how the ministries supported by the Catholic Appeal directly benefit our parish. Thank you in advance for your generosity and commitment to this important work.

An Opportunity to Deepen Your Faith

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity, which offers the participants a vibrant experience of the Christian Life and a method for living as an active member of the Church. The English Cursillo Weekends for the Archdiocese are being held at the Campion Center, Weston, Massachusetts. The dates for the Cursillo Weekends are:

Women's Weekend March 2-5, 2017

Men's Weekend March 30 – April 2, 2017

For information and registration please check the Archdiocesan Cursillo Website: www.bostoncursillo.org or call Mrs. Mary Ann McLaughlin, at the Office of Spiritual Life at 617-779-3640, or email us at: spiritual_development@rcab.org.



The Society for the Propagation of the Faith cordially invites you to attend the exclusive Boston premiere of the major motion picture:

THE SHACK

Thursday, March 2, 2017

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Premiere begins at 7:00 p.m.

AMC Framingham 16, 22 Flutie Pass

Framingham, MA

All seats in the theatre are reserved for this event - over 800 are available through The Propagation of the Faith. Groups will be seated together on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure to be there when the doors open at 6:30PM! Sign up by emailing info@propfaithboston.org with the following info: number of people attending, parish or ministry, and contact name and email of your group leader. Individuals may request tickets as well. While the tickets are complimentary, we request that attendees prayerfully consider a Lenten gift to benefit children in the missions. An opportunity to donate will be available the night of the event in the theater. See you at the movies!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter—"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides." Learn how to "not sweat the small stuff" and enhance your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Mar 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, RI and Apr 22-23, 2017 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWME.org.

