

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

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



Pastoral Staff: Rev. Paul Clifford, Pastor
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Rev. Robert Milling, Senior Priest in Residence
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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, April 15, 2017

4:00PM **NO Mass at this time**

Sunday, April 16, 2017

7:00 AM **Alleluia!**

9:30 AM **He Is**

11:30 AM **Risen**

Monday, April 17, 2017

7:00 AM Douglas Elvendahl Memorial

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

7:00 AM Carlie Irwin Anniversary

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

7:00 AM Jennie Fantasia Memorial

Thursday, April 20, 2017

7:00 AM Phyllis Finnety Memorial

Friday, April 21, 2017

7:00 AM Colette Terpak Anniversary

Saturday, April 22, 2017

4:00PM Estelle "Kitty" Lezynski Anniversary

Sunday, April 23, 2017

7:00 AM Patricia Moran Anniversary

9:30 AM Katherine & Gus Murphy Anniversary

11:30AM Paul Riley & Rosemary Gallagher Memorial

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	\$ 6,169.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 3,303.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,291.25
Total Offertory	\$10,763.25

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



Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving

Good and gracious heavenly Father, we come before you on this Easter Sunday with full and grateful hearts for the gift of the Paschal Mystery that you showed us in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.

Bless us and all those who profess belief in your saving love.
Bless also those who have yet to profess belief in you.
You are God for all.
We ask all this in Christ's name.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of April 16, 2017

- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35
- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a/Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21/Mk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-4/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you." - Mt 28:5b-7

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



From the desk of the Pastoral
Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

Parish Info and events of note...



If you look on-line at today's bulletin, the picture appears in color. In it, the sun rises over the empty tomb from which the stone has been rolled back. That's it. No angel, no guards,

no women, no Jesus. Empty, quiet, peaceful. We were there when they crucified our Lord, and now we sit in the early dawn stillness, in the physical absence of our Lord and do as St. Paul suggested to the Colossians: "**Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.**" The empty tomb affirms for us again and again, He *is* risen! The empty tomb fills our hearts and reminds us that Jesus keeps his promises. As the angel said to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary: "**Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said.**" Let us go forth unafraid, joyful, and hopeful from this holy place and celebrate this day and this Easter season with the words of the psalmist, "**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**" May God bless you and your loved ones at Easter and always!



April 16—the Resurrection of the Lord... Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice. It is then that we are truly Easter people! **As**

you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul blue envelope, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy.

Another way to support SVDP and help the poor is to participate in today's **Food Collection Sunday** (held on the 3rd Sunday of each month). We welcome your donations of non-perishable food items, paper products, small toiletries, and cleaning supplies. But...



if you forgot and/or would prefer to help us financially, please use the blue SVDP envelopes found in the church and place your offering (cash or checks written to St. Vincent DePaul with St. Francis of Assis [or SFA] on the memo line) into the collection basket or the rectory mail slot. Know that because of your generosity, our pantry clients this past week received an Easter meal with all the trimmings. Thank you—for making a difference!

- **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, April 27 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 ...** 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. 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.



APRIL 16, 2017



From
Mr. Brian Cote
Principal



On behalf of the Faculty and Staff of Saint Francis of Assisi School, we would like to wish all our students, families and parishioners a Blessed and Happy Easter, as well as a safe, healthy and wonderful Spring Break. We look forward to your return on Monday, April 24th.

SFA's 2nd Annual Spring Social – Come celebrate and join us for SFA's 2nd Annual Spring Social on Friday, May 12 at 6:00PM at Great Pond Hall in Braintree. Our event last year was a spectacular time; socializing as a community, as well as raising financial support to benefit our students. Like last year, our event will include a fun DJ, delicious hearty appetizers, desserts, and a cash bar. We will have one-of-a-kind raffles, interactive fundraising games, a "wall of wine," and an amazing silent auction featuring tickets to Walt Disney World, and more! The funds raised at this year's Spring Social will assist us in *continuing to build a foundation for our students today, tomorrow, and our future* as we continue to improve our curriculum offerings, teaching resources, and most specifically, technology needs and advancements. Tickets may be purchased online at <http://sfabraintree.eventbrite.com?s=74493359> or visit our school's website (www.sfab.org) for additional information and details. Once again, child care services will be provided on this evening. As always, we have the greatest appreciation for the generosity of our school families, faculty, staff, parishioners, and friends of St. Francis of Assisi School who never fail to come together to support the mission of our school.

ENROLL TODAY — St. Francis of Assisi School is now accepting applications for all grade levels for the 2017-18 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 must 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.



Mrs. Diane Hopkins
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli
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Happy Easter to
all our
Parishioners,
Catechists and
Students!!!



There are no classes this week due to school vacation.

The next classes are as follow:

Monday, April 24	3:50-4:50	Gr. 1-5
	Classes in the school. Final Class	
Tuesday, April 25	3:50-4:50	Gr. 1-5
	Classes in the school. Final Class	
Tuesday, April 25	6:30- 7:45	Gr. 6-8
	Classes in school. Final Class	

CONFIRMATION IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Confirmation II (Grade 10) Please make sure we have your Baptismal and Sponsor information.

****The Confirmation Ceremonies and Practices are as follows:**

St. Francis of Assisi (SFA) – Friday, April 21st, at 7:00PM for Candidates (registered through St. Francis of Assisi) with surname from A-L. Candidate and sponsor should arrive by 6:15. **Practice** at SFA at 7:00PM on April 19th for Candidate and Sponsor

St. Francis of Assisi (SFA) – Friday, April 28th, at 7:00PM for Candidates (registered through St. Francis of Assisi) with names from M-Z. Candidate and sponsor should arrive by 6:15. **Practice** at SFA at 7:00 pm on April 26th for Candidate and Sponsor

St. Clare – Saturday, April 29th, at 11:00 am for all Candidates registered through St. Clare. **Practice** at St. Clare at 7:00 on April 27th for Candidate and sponsor

****(excluding previously changed arrangements)**

"Accept the risen Jesus into your life. Even if you have been away, take a small step towards Him: he awaits you with open arms." – Pope Francis

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Stay Close and God Bless,
Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli

Parish Registration Forms

By now all registered parishioners should have received a new parish registration form. **Please return this form even if you have been a parishioner for many years.** It can be mailed, dropped off at the parish office, or placed in the collection basket on Sunday. If you did not receive a form but are interested in joining our parish we welcome you. Gold-colored registration forms are available at the church entrances. **ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.** If you or someone you know has received a letter for someone who no longer resides at your address, please notify the parish office so we can update our records. Thank you for your cooperation.

 **APRIL 18**

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. 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.



The parish office will be closed on Monday, April 17 in observance of Patriot's Day.

Good luck and God bless to all who are running in (or working at) this year's Boston Marathon!



Happy Easter
From
The clergy and staff of
St. Francis/St. Clare of Assisi

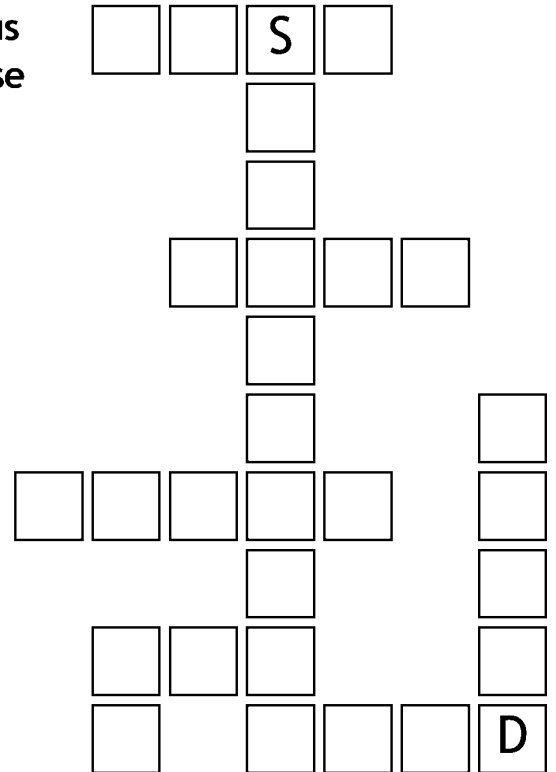


Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

The Scriptures

said Jesus
would rise
to life.



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Sharing the Gospel

It was very early in the morning on Sunday. The tomb stone was rolled away. Jesus was gone. All that was left inside were the strips of linen cloth. When John and Peter saw it, they were amazed. They did not understand all the promises the prophets wrote about Jesus yet. However, they knew he was alive. He had risen from the dead!

Prayer

God, I thank you for bringing Jesus back to life.

Something to Draw

Draw how surprised Peter and John were when they saw Jesus' empty tomb.

Mission for the Week

Bake Resurrection Cookies with your family tonight. You can find the recipe online at <http://homehearth.virtualave.net/rescookie.html>.



From the
Archdiocese
of Boston



Your Easter Offering

The Easter collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection.

April 16 ~ Easter Sunday ~ the Resurrection of the Lord

It changes everything. Every second, every minute, every hour of every day, we are changed by the Resurrection. Hear Peter's words: "He commissioned us to preach to the people ... To him all the prophets bear witness," There are options for the Gospel today but in Matthew's account, Jesus says, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." Put it all together: these readings are meant for each of us. Every baptized person is "commissioned" to preach and bear witness. Yes, everyone – even you, eating that Cadbury egg. Take heart, Jesus Himself assures us, "Do not be afraid..." Easter changes everything. Believe it. Live it. Share it.



Have you ever wondered if God is calling you to be a religious sister? If so, Fiat is for you. Fiat is a discernment group for single women considering a vocation to religious life in the Catholic Church.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Sisters of Saint Joseph, 637 Cambridge Street, Brighton. Father David Barnes will offer an Easter Evening of Recollection.

If you are interested in attending, please respond to Sister Marian Batho, CSJ, Delegate for Religious, Sr_Marian_Batho@rcab.org or call 617-746-5637.

CATHOLIC APPEAL—Through your support of the 2017 Catholic Appeal, we are able to bring the Gospel message to life. If you have yet to make a pledge to this year's Catholic Appeal, please complete a pledge form available in the back of the church or visit bostoncatholicappeal.org. Thank you for your prayers and support.



Upcoming Events

LIFT Worship Night

Join LIFT Ministries on Tuesday, April 18th @ 7pm for an inspiring night of worship at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Hanson, MA with guest speaker Fr. Stan Fortuna. The night will include uplifting music, a relevant talk, confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and is FREE to attend and open to ALL AGES. A downloadable flyer, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on their website at www.liftedhigher.com. Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

Notre Dame Education Center Celebrates Its 25th Anniversary

—The Notre Dame Education Center of South Boston (NDEC) will hold its 25th Anniversary Celebration and Fundraiser on Thursday, May 4, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Venezia Restaurant, 20 Ericsson Street, Boston. As part of the festivities, there also will be an All-School Reunion for those who attended or graduated from Cardinal Cushing Central High School for Girls. NDEC traces its roots back to Cardinal Cushing High School. After CCCHS closed in 1992, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur wanted to continue their service to South Boston. They began to offer English classes for immigrants and high-school equivalency classes for adults who did not have a diploma, and NDEC was born. For more information about the celebration and the reunion, or to purchase tickets, visit the NDEC web site www.ndecboston.org. To purchase advertising in the Program Booklet, contact Kate Nelson, NDEC25@ndecboston.org, or call 617-268-1912, Ext. 248.

XAVERIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAMS

—Xaverian Brothers High School summer programs provide participants the exciting opportunity to make the most of their summer. Xaverian offers clinics and workshops for boys and girls in Grades 4 through 12. Each week offers various clinics and workshops for both the morning and afternoon. Families can take advantage of our unique schedule and create a half or full day of learning, friendship, and leadership skills. All students in Grades 4-9 participating in both a workshop and an athletic clinic during at least one of the weeks from July 10 - 27 will be able to take advantage of a full well-rounded day at Xaverian. All summer programs are run by Xaverian teachers and coaches, as well as several Ursuline Academy coaches. A wide variety of programs are available. To learn more about the summer programs and register, visit: www.xbhs.com/summer.

