

# 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.

 Divine Mercy *Mass Intentions*

**Saturday, April 22, 2017**

4:00PM Estelle "Kitty" Lezynski Anniversery

**Sunday, April 23, 2017**

7:00 AM Patricia Moran Anniversery

9:30 AM Katherine & Gus Murphy Anniversery

11:30 AM Paul Riley & Rosemary Gallagher Memorial

**Monday, April 24, 2017**

7:00 AM Patricia Dailey Memorial

**Tuesday, April 25, 2017**

7:00 AM Salvatore Gallinaro Memorial

**Wednesday, April 26, 2017**

7:00 AM Marie Moran Oliveira Anniversery

**Thursday, April 27, 2017**

7:00 AM Annie Mullen Memorial

**Friday, April 28, 2017**

7:00 AM Kimberly Mahoney Lind Memorial

**Saturday, April 29, 2017**

4:00PM Nancy Gorman Anniversery

**Sunday, April 30, 2017**

7:00 AM Henry & Mildred Nilan Memorial

9:30 AM Donna Daly Anniversery

11:30AM Edwin & Eleanor Pitera Memorial

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:  
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—77%

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

## Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$14,867.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 4,944.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,291.25
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$21,102.25</b>

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



*We welcome with joy into the family of the Church the following children who were baptized during the months of February, March and April, 2017:*

*Azuka Ifechukwudelum Maryanne Ezejiofor, Jackson Palmer Bacidalupo, Maddox Brian Lang, John McDonough, Charlotte Grace Flaherty, Jeffrey David Gabriel, Lachlan Xavier MacLeod, Oliver Grayson Banks and Michael Charles Pardo*



**"Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." -**

**Jn 20:27b-29**

**Readings for the Week of April 23, 2017**

- Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
- Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-9/Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/ Mk 16:15-20
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/ Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/ Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/ Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/ 1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)



From the desk of the Pastoral  
Associate  
Mrs. Linda Muldoon



### **The Second Sunday of Easter—“Blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!”**

“Doubting Thomas.” “Seeing is believing.” Our language contains many nuggets like these with origin in Sacred Scripture. Fast forward 2,000+ years to our world of information overload, of “fake news” and “fact checkers.” The truth is often elusive, complicated and multi-layered. What I believe to be true may not be the same as what you believe to be true. When it comes to our faith, most of us can claim an advantage over Thomas. For him, it was all new and happening so quickly. You and I have the benefit of years of faith formation within our families and parishes, along with the examples and the writings of many holy men and women. We have our Bibles and our catechisms and our sacraments. And—we have our sacraments. These outward signs of God’s grace through which we become the recipients of God’s grace offer us the opportunity for a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Each time we receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of Christ, we touch the Lord, as did Thomas. Each time we go to confession, we bring our faults, our failings, our doubts before the Lord, and he touches us with his mercy. Steadfast in faith or conflicted or searching, Jesus knows our hearts and loves us all. On this Divine Mercy Sunday and always, may we trust in him, and may his “Peace be with you.”



**It’s CORI time again!** Each year, in order to remain in compliance with the standards set by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, our clergy, staff, and volunteers are required to submit renewal forms to the Archdiocese of Boston. We mailed these forms to all volunteers last week. However, volunteer ministry can be fluid at times, so we may have missed some of you. So—if you volunteer for our parish and did not receive a CORI in the mail, they will be available after Mass this weekend. All you need to have with you is a photo ID—for most folks, that’s MA driver’s license or a passport. You can also call (781.843.1332), email ([lmuldoon@sfab.org](mailto:lmuldoon@sfab.org)) or stop by (M-F, 9-4) the parish office to obtain or return your CORI. Your cooperation is most appreciated!

## Parish Info and events of note...

- **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.



### **Second Sunday of Easter and Sunday of Divine Mercy**

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: “Peace be with you!” **During Mass we turn to each other and say “Peace be with you!” As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul envelope you say “Peace be with you!” to those who are poor and hungry.** On behalf of our staff and our food pantry volunteers and clients, thank you for your participation in last week’s Food Collection Sunday.



APRIL 23, 2017



From  
**Mr. Brian Cote**  
Principal



Mrs. Diane Hopkins  
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli  
Phone 781.848.3238

**Science Week** - Throughout this week, we will be celebrating and enjoying Science through special presentations and participation in our science fairs.

As part of our celebration, our students and teachers will decorate their classroom doors using the theme of "Dinosaurs." On Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, we will announce the winner of this year's contest.

Our students in grades 6 – 8 have been busily working for months on their Science Fair projects. On Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, our students will present their projects to our elementary school students and on Tuesday formally judged with an Award Ceremony taking place at night. The top three students in each grade level will represent SFA in our Regional Science Fair on Thursday evening, April 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis Xavier School. We congratulate all of our students for a job well done!

Our students in the elementary school will have various special Science for Kid's presentations on such topics as Earth's Materials, Position and Motion, Forms of Energy and Engineering Design. In addition, our students in the middle school grades will visit Legoland and participate in the New England Aquarium's outreach program entitled "Engineering and Erosion."

**SFA's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Social** – Come celebrate and join us for SFA's 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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.

**Class schedule for this week:**

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



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE  
CANDIDATES WHO RECEIVED THE  
GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON  
FRIDAY, APRIL 21.**

**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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup> for Candidate and Sponsor

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

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

Confirmation is a time to reflect on the call to be a disciple; a follower of Jesus Christ. The gifts you receive from the Holy Spirit will sustain you through many challenging times. Rely on this "assist" and know that you are not alone.

***Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.***

Stay Close and God Bless,  
Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli

## Parish Registration Forms

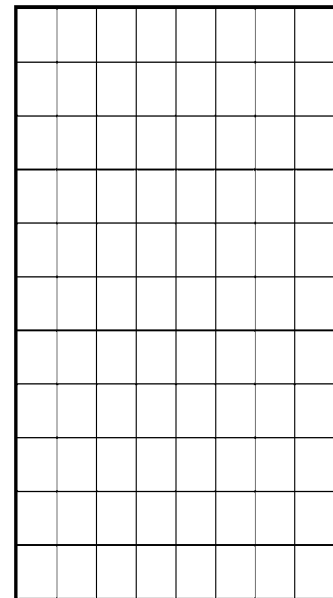
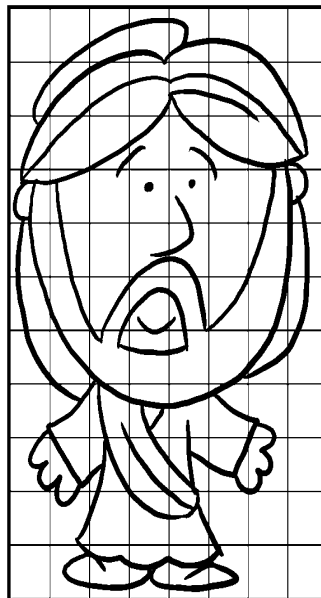
By now all registered parishioners should have received a new parish registration form. **Please return this form even if you have been a parishioner for many years.** It can be mailed, dropped off at the parish office, or placed in the collection basket on Sunday. If you did not receive a form but are 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.



# Kids Corner

## Puzzle

Copy the picture square by square.



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## GIVE PINTS FOR HALF-PINTS



Please join us for a Blood Drive in memory of Lucas Drzewinski (grandson of Jay and Kate Waldron) on Saturday, April 29 from 9:00AM-4:00PM. This Drive will benefit Children's Hospital and will be held at Dedham Community House Preschool, 70 Bullard Street, Dedham, MA. To make an appointment please log onto [halfpints.childrenshospital.org](http://halfpints.childrenshospital.org) or call the Blood Donor Center at 617-355-6677, sponsor code for this drive is DEDCOM. POSITIVE ID REQUIRED.

A community rosary will be held on the grounds of St. Francis of Assisi, 856 Washington Street, Braintree on Sunday April 30, 2017 beginning at 9:00AM. Everyone is invited to attend. We will gather outdoors on the side of the church at the memorial to the unborn children. In the event of inclement weather, we will gather in the sanctuary. The community rosary will be led by the Knights of Columbus Braintree Council as part of the 5th Sunday Rosary Program. A supply of rosary rings and prayer cards on how to pray the rosary will be available.



The Braintree Catholic Women's Club will hold their final meeting of the season on Wednesday, May 10 at 1:30PM in the St. Clare Parish Hall, 1244 Liberty Street. The installation of officers will be held, along with the presentation of scholarship awards to two high school graduating students from Braintree. Chairpersons for this event will be Margaret Hart, tel. # 781-849-1755 and Frances Buonopane, tel. # 781-843-3738.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Sunday, May 28 at 11:30AM at St. Francis of Assisi for Mrs. Margaret E.C. Bannon, founder of the BCWC and Mrs. Mary E. O'Brien, benefactor of the club. All are welcome.

## Sharing the Gospel

The disciples must have been very surprised when they saw Jesus alive again. They got to see him, listen to him, and touch him. We don't get to see him like the disciples did after Easter. But Jesus calls us blessed when we believe in him. One day we'll see him again in heaven.

## Prayer

Jesus, I can hardly wait to see you in heaven.

## Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus smiling at you from heaven.

## Mission for the Week

Tell a friend why Jesus is special to you.





From the  
Archdiocese  
of Boston

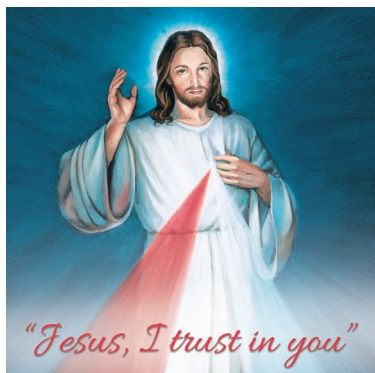


## Upcoming Events

### April 23 ~ Second Sunday of Easter ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we read of Jesus' gift to us and his commission: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He was speaking to his apostles, fearfully gathered behind a locked door, but his message extends to us, here, now. We are to be his instruments of mercy and peace. We are called to be leaven – transforming our corner of the world – family, neighborhood, school and workplace – for the better. We are the ones Jesus spoke of: "Blessed are those who have not seen but believe." My Lord and my God!

**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](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org). Thank you for your prayers and support.



*You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fountain of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, cover the whole world and empty yourself out upon us. O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You! Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and the whole world. (3 times) Jesus, King of Mercy, we trust in You!*

*Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.*

*From the Chaplet of Divine Mercy*

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence." Enliven and find more joy in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Jun 10-11, 2017 in Medway, MA and Sep 16-17, 2017 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at [www.WWMEMA.org](http://www.WWMEMA.org).

### Notre Dame Education Center Celebrates Its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Notre Dame Education Center of South Boston (NDEC) will hold its 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ndecboston.org). To purchase advertising in the Program Booklet, contact Kate Nelson, [NDEC25@ndecboston.org](mailto:NDEC25@ndecboston.org), or call 617-268-1912, Ext. 248.

### XAVIERIAN 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](http://www.xbhs.com/summer).

