

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, May 13, 2017

4:00PM Martin Conneely Memorial

Sunday, May 14, 2017

7:00 AM Jay Mullin Anniversary

9:30 AM Brenna Mae Fasano Anniversary

11:30 AM Louis Campanale, Sr. Anniversary

Monday, May 15, 2017

7:00 AM Margaret Smith Anniversary

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

7:00 AM Giuseppe D'Angelo Anniversary

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

7:00 AM George Gergora Memorial

Thursday, May 18, 2017

7:00 AM Giulia Gratta Memorial

Friday, May 19, 2017

7:00 AM Tom Guinan Memorial

Saturday, May 20, 2017

4:00PM Albert A. Augenti Anniversary

Sunday, May 21, 2017

7:00 AM John E., Olga & John A. Zanelli Memorial

9:30 AM Dorothy DeRoche Memorial

11:30AM Sadie & Nicholas DelVecchio Memorial

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—71%

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

Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 5,415.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,815.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,319.50
Total Offertory	\$ 9,549.50

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



A Mother's Day Prayer

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.
Amen.

From www.lordcalls.com

*Happy Mother's Day
From the clergy and staffs of
St. Francis/St. Clare of Assisi*



SAVE THE DATE

June 13, 2017 is Fr. Paul Clifford's 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. The St. Francis/St. Clare of Assisi collaborative celebration will take place on **Saturday, June 10 at St. Francis** beginning with the 4PM Mass, followed by a reception in the church hall. More details will be provided in the upcoming bulletins.



Wedding Banns

William Jones, Jr. & Jaclyn Dulong II



From the desk of the Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

Parish Info and events of note...

The 5th Sunday of Easter

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.” This passage, this scene from John’s Gospel—with Jesus, Thomas, and Philip—reminds us yet again how fortunate we are to be able to read Sacred Scripture with hearts and minds informed by faith and catechesis. Most of us grasp *somehow* that whoever knows the Son knows the Father, whoever has seen the Son has seen the Father, that the Son is in the Father and the Father is in the Son. But—if we heard this from Jesus 2,000+ years ago, we’d probably struggle as did Thomas and Philip. It is almost a parent-child exchange, notable for the patience and the tenderness exhibited by Jesus in this conversation, and in his concrete example of “the works themselves.” Let us believe, and may our belief shine in the works that we do—as mothers, as parents, as important adults in the lives of all children.



CORI time continues! We are almost—but not quite—finished with this year’s collection, so if you still have not returned your CORI, please do so ASAP. If you volunteer for our parish and did not receive a CORI in the mail (or forgot or misplaced it), please call (781.843.1332), email (lmuldoon@sfab.org) or stop by (M-F, 9-4) the parish office. All you need to have with you is a photo ID—for most folks, that’s a MA driver’s license or a passport. Your cooperation is most appreciated!

In the Gospel today, Jesus says “...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father. **Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Your offerings placed in the blue St. Vincent de Paul envelopes bring the love and compassion of Jesus to the poor.**



AND... the non-perishable food items, personal care products, cleaning supplies and paper products that you donate to our food pantry are also indicators of the love and compassion of

Jesus. Our monthly Food Collection Sunday is next weekend. Please help keep our pantry shelves well-stocked and consider a donation of groceries (or financial assistance). Thank you. (Attention all mothers—note the “please” and “thank you”, and Happy Mother’s Day!

- **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 Thursday, May 25 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 ...** meets May 23 please see below for more information. 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.

Bereavement Support Group...

A new drop-in group began at St Francis this past week. We had some new folks and some returnees, and there is always room at the table for more! The group will continue to meet from 1-2:30PM in the church hall on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of May (23) and June (13 & 27) and on the 2nd Tuesday in July (11) and August (8). If you are mourning the loss of a loved one and looking for a faith-based, confidential group where you can share your experience and learn from the wisdom of others, please join us. For more information, call the parish office or email lmuldoon@sfab.org.





From
Mr. Brian Cote
Principal

Washington, D.C. Trip - One of the many traditions at SFA, as well as a highlight and culminating event for our students in the eighth grade has been the class trip to Washington, D.C.

We would like to wish our eighth grade students a safe, healthy and wonderful educational experience as they embark on their trip to Washington, D. C. this Monday, May 12th. They will return late on Thursday evening. Our students will be traveling by motor coach. Our students will have the opportunity to visit Fort McHenry and the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, to break up the long drive to and from Washington, D.C.

Once our students arrive in Washington, D.C., they will have a full and structured itinerary including visits to the US Capitol, White House, Air and Space Museum, National Archives, Natural History Museum, Arlington National Cemetery, US Holocaust Memorial, Washington Monument, World War II Memorial, MLK Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Marine Corps Memorial, FDR Memorial, African American History, Smithsonian American History and Jefferson Memorial.

Once again, our prayers and good wishes for a safe trip go with them and their chaperones. Godspeed!

Nest Box Presentation for Kindergarten and Grade Two – This past Friday, representatives from the Mass Audubon’s North River Wildlife Sanctuary from Marshfield, MA visited SFA to do a “Nest Box Workshop” with our students in grades kindergarten and two. Our students explored the life of a cavity nesting bird and discovered what all the chirping was about! Our students became familiar with some common backyard birds, learned about their nesting habitats, and discovered different ways to identify them. The construction of a nest box for their own yards will allow our students to continue their learning and make further observations at home.



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.

Parish Registration Forms



Thank you to all who have returned your parish registration form. If you haven’t yet returned your form please do so at your earliest convenience. **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.

"Clean out your Closets and Support Two Great Organizations"

THIS weekend The Catholic Daughters of the Americas are having a fundraiser in conjunction with Savers Clothing Store. We are asking that you donate any GENTLY worn clothing, books, small appliances, dishes, shoes or handbags. These items should be bagged and delivered to the basement of either St. Francis or St. Clare, **during Mass Hours Only.** Please **Do Not leave items in doorways, or out on the doorsteps.** Savers will collect and sell the items and then donate a percentage to the Catholic Daughters who will then donate it to a local charity. Savers will also make a donation to the Epilepsy Foundation. Two great causes and an excuse to clean out your closet. Everybody wins!



Happy Mother's Day to all our Catechists and Parishioners!!



To be a mother is a great treasure. Mothers, in their unconditional and sacrificial love for their children, are the antidote to individualism: they are the greatest enemies against war. –

Pope Francis

Catechists – if you have not sent in a completed **CORI** form to Mrs. Linda Muldoon, please do so as soon as possible. Remember, she needs to see your license. If you have any questions, we can be reached at 781-848-3238.



Please continue to pray for our recently Confirmed young people. Like the young disciples of Jesus who were *gifted the courage* to go out and proclaim the truth, our young people are in need of spiritual courage too. When you see a young person...tell them you are

keeping them in your prayers and ask them to pray for you too. May they be gracious recipients of God's love and comfortably hold others in their hearts. These young people are our newest spiritual "gardeners" ... growing God's Good News!

Congratulations to the students who are receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time this weekend. You have been preparing for this for two years and we are very excited for you.



Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Stay Close and God Bless,
Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli



As we continue to note the Centennial of the Apparitions of Mary at Fatima, we invite you to take a prayer card/bookmark from the pamphlet racks in the side and back lobbies of the church or from the basket in front of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima right next to our larger Mary statue at the inside right front corner of the church. More information on the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Mary to 3 children—Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta—over the course of 6 months, with a 7th apparition in 1920 to Lucia only can be found at www.EWTN.com.

Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

HEARTS
TRUST
PREPARE

PLACE
GOING
FATHER

BELIEVE
LIVING
MIRACLES

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Sharing the Gospel

Jesus is getting a place ready for you in heaven. One day you can spend time with Jesus there. You will never get sick. You will never be sad. You will never be left out. You will be loved because you are God's special child, and he wants to spend time with you every day.

Prayer

Thank you for promising to make a special place for me in heaven, Jesus.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of what you think your special place in heaven might look like.

Mission for the Week

Jesus is getting ready for you. Make sure you are getting ready for Jesus. Ask God to help you grow closer to him every day.



From the
Archdiocese
of Boston

May 14 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

Jesus makes it abundantly clear in today's Gospel that our destiny is heaven! "In my Father's house there are many dwellings...I am going to prepare a place for you so that where I am you also may be." In the busyness of life, we often lose sight, get waylaid or distracted from what is essential about our faith. How grateful we are today for this reminder - that Jesus is **our** Way, **our** Truth and **our** Life and that he awaits us in heaven. Next Saturday, May 20th eight men will be ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Boston. Pray in a special way this week for these men, that their love for Jesus Christ and the joy of serving Him and God's people will only grow stronger each day.

PROJECT RACHEL POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT

Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven. – 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 on Saturday, May 20. Location is confidential. Limited to ten participants. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

THE REDEMPTORIS MATER SEMINARY is pleased to announce its 8th Annual Gala Dinner, to be held on Sunday, June 4, 2017, at 5PM, at Boston Marriott Quincy, Quincy. This year's keynote speaker and honorees are George Weigel, a Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, and local businessman Ronald J. Brodeur, Braintree. For information, reservations, or to buy space in the Ad Journal, please visit www.rmsboston.org. For all questions, please call 617-879-9814 or email seminary@rmsboston.org. The gala dinner is the Seminary's main yearly fundraising event. Please help us, if you can, either by attending the dinner or by making a contribution to the Seminary.



Upcoming Events

Early Bird Special—Boston & South Shore Men's Prayer Gathering, **Saturday, 7:00-8:30AM** at St. Mary of the Hills Lower Church, 29 St. Mary's Road (off Brook Road), Milton. Prayer; Coffee and refreshments; Presentation and discussion. Next meeting May 20. Topic: **Fatima 100 years ago**; Guest speaker Lynn Kenn, Archdiocese of Boston. Please call 774-343-5075 for more information

SMA Fathers Dedham will hold a Dudley Street/State Ballroom Reunion Dance on Friday, June 2 from 7-11PM at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park Street, West Roxbury. Music by Fintan Stanley. Admission \$10 - proceeds support SMA Fathers' missionary work. For more information contact Sean & Celia Staunton at 617-327-3642 or Fr. Brendan Darcy or 781-326-3288.



***"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be."* - Jn 14:2-3**

Readings for the Week of May 14, 2017

- Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/
1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
- Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/
Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/
Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-3, 5/
Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/
1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21