

# 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.



**Saturday, June 3, 2017**

4:00PM Mary & John Duffy Memorial

**Sunday, June 4, 2017**

7:00 AM Annie Mullen Memorial

9:30 AM Ann & Tom Glynn Anniversary

11:30 AM Maddalena Leccese Anniversary

**Monday, June 5, 2017**

7:00 AM John & Joseph Odenweller Memorial

**Tuesday, June 6, 2017**

7:00 AM Giuseppe Meoli Anniversary

**Wednesday, June 7, 2017**

7:00 AM Geraldine Smith Month's Mind

**Thursday, June 8, 2017**

7:00 AM Alice Beaulieu Memorial

**Friday, June 9, 2017**

7:00 AM Special Intention

**Saturday, June 10, 2017**

4:00PM Webb & Dantuono Families Memorial

**Sunday, June 11, 2017**

7:00 AM Edward & Mary Connolly Memorial

9:30 AM Mary Kate McNamara Memorial

11:30AM Francis Boyd Memorial

**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. We will be serving hors d'oeuvres and cake. If anyone would like to bring a "finger dessert", they would be most welcome.



**Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."**  
- Jn 20:21-23

**Readings for the Week of June 4, 2017**

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-15/ Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52-56 or Ps 19:8-11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/ Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/ Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39  
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23  
Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-6/ Mk 12:1-12  
Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-9/Mk 12:13-17  
Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-5ab, 6, 7bc-9/Mk 12:18-27  
Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/ Ps 128:1-5/Mk 12:28-34  
Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10/ Mk 12:35-37  
Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh-8/ Mk 12:38-44  
Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52-56/ 2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:  
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—79%

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

# Collection Report

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| Offertory Envelopes    | \$ 5,497.00        |
| Offertory/Loose        | \$ 1,846.00        |
| EFT Weekly Average     | \$ 1,319.50        |
| <b>Total Offertory</b> | <b>\$ 8,662.50</b> |

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



From the desk of the  
Pastoral Associate  
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

Parish Info and events of note...



*Pentecost Sunday*

*Knowledge, Fortitude, Understanding, Piety,  
Counsel, Wisdom, Fear of the Lord*

May the gifts of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy and enrich your life and the lives of those with whom you share them!



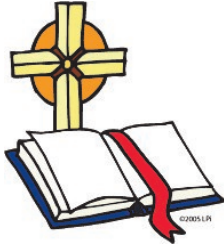
Last weekend, my husband and I watched the movie, *Patriot's Day*. The film and the act of terrorism in Manchester, England, brought back many memories of that April day and its aftermath. One that has never left me is a heightened awareness of my surroundings. This past Sunday, we attended Mass at St. Francis, entering church (with many others) just in time for the opening hymn. We shared a pew with someone I know from the parish. My husband was to my left, and this person toward the other end of the pew to my right. Seemingly out of nowhere, a good-sized cooler appeared on the bench between us. It was not there when we arrived, and I had not noticed the person next to me bringing it in. Could the person behind me have placed it there? WHERE did it come from? WHAT was in it, and WHY was it there? WHO, if anyone, was behind me? What to do? As we stood for the Gospel, I turned around, immediately recognized the family seated there, and asked if it belonged to them. No—absolutely not. Finally, I asked the person next to me, who claimed ownership and placed it under the bench. Let me tell you, my heart was pounding, and I KNEW the people around me! So please—be vigilant!

And that leads to the 2<sup>nd</sup> reason for this column. After one of the holy day Masses, a parishioner spoke with me about the large number of handbags she noticed in the pews while their owners went to communion. So on Sunday, I checked while in the communion line. She was right! There were many purses left behind. Especially concerning were the ones at the end of the pews and in the last row of the front section and first row of the back section. Although we all want to believe that no one in church would do such a thing, it has happened elsewhere. Let's not be easy marks or tempt fate—please take your handbags with you or place them so that they are difficult for anyone else to reach. Thank 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...** 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 June 13 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. 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...** Our drop-in group always has room at the table for new members! We meet from 1-2:30PM in the church hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of June (13 & 27) and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:lmuldoon@sfab.org).





From  
Mr. Brian Cote  
Principal

**Congratulations to the Class of 2017!** - I would like to offer a prayer and word of congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who will graduate on Thursday evening, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### Prayer for our Graduates

May God's blessings guide you in accomplishing your goals throughout the coming years.

Wishing you a future filled with great hopes, great things, for great are the plans of God.

While you walk this new road, may God be your guide as you follow His path and with Him abide.

Congratulations 8<sup>th</sup> Graders!

We, at Saint Francis of Assisi School have been so fortunate to have had the great opportunity to share with your parents, in watching you grow over these past several years. Not only have we watched you grow physically, but academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

Our students have successfully completed and met the standards of the Archdiocese of Boston and the Massachusetts state requirements in their quest of learning. The achievements are numerous for this eighth-grade class. Their successes include many honor scholars, student leaders, high school acceptances, scholarships, presidential awards, service outreach efforts and a commitment to school spirit.

It is our hope that as they leave us, that we at Saint Francis of Assisi School have been true to our mission in providing them with a quality academic foundation, planted the seeds of faith so that they may continue to grow with God, and prepared them to become faith-filled, responsible citizens, and life-long learners who can meet the challenges of today's diverse and technological world.

We are truly proud of each one of our students and wish them the very best and much success. They will always be a part of "our school family" at Saint Francis of Assisi School. Congratulations grade eight and may God continue to hold you in the palm of His hand.

#### IT TAKES A PARISH TO CELEBRATE A LITURGY

Last week a lengthy column appeared in this space. This week, we ask you to take note of the ways that the men, women, and children of our collaborative participate in each Mass. Ask yourself:

- Is serving at the altar something I or my child might be called to do?
- Do I love God's word in Sacred Scripture and have the comfort level and the speaking voice to proclaim it to others?
- How important is the Eucharist to me? Can I communicate that as I give to others the Body and Blood of Christ?
- Do I sing or play an instrument—we pray twice when we sing!
- Do I enjoy hospitality? Is my forte more one of being a welcoming and helpful presence?
- Am I more of a behind-the-scenes person?
- Do I enjoy set-up and clean-up?
- How do I feel about washing and ironing?
- Do I derive satisfaction from cleaning?
- Do I have a green thumb for flowers and plants?

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to speak with one of the priests or to call or email the parish office with any questions.



Today as we celebrate Pentecost, Jesus says to his disciples: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." **Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call**

**the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can bring peace to those who are hungry and in need.**



**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](http://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](mailto:bcote@sfab.org).

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You will renew the face of the earth."



We are praying for our young people as they are preparing for final exams, playoff games, artistic presentations, drivers education and all the wonderful things in which they are investing their energy. Join us in praying for the Spirit to accompany them in all their endeavors. Especially pray for the young people to recognize the Spirit dwelling within them as he meets them at every crossroad and guides them on the path of good.

We try to teach all the children in our program about the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and that the Mass is a celebration of His Last Supper. We can celebrate a "memorial" every weekend.

"... the Eucharistic Celebration is much more than simple banquet: it is exactly the memorial of Jesus' Pascal Sacrifice, the mystery at the centre of salvation. Memorial does not simply mean a remembrance, a mere memory; it means that every time we celebrate this Sacrament we participate in the mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ."

(Pope Francis, General Audience – February 5, 2014)



Parents, Catechists and Students,  
We are updating our registration forms and working on the class calendars for school year 2017-2018. We will send out copies in June.

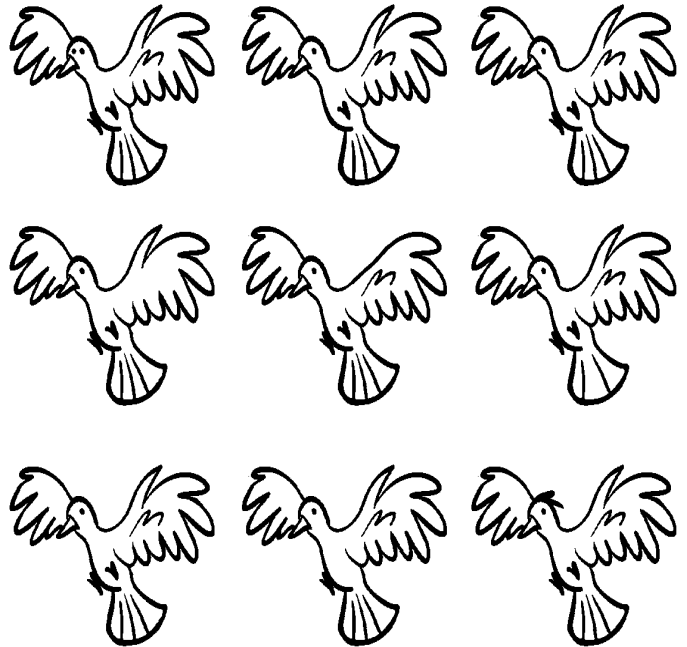
**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

Stay close to us, to each other, and to Christ,  
Ronna and Diane

# Kids Corner

## Puzzle

Circle the two identical doves!



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### Sharing the Gospel

Jesus gave his friends the Holy Spirit, who would always live in their hearts. If any of them were ever sad or afraid, they Holy Spirit comforted them. If someone had sinned, they could bring healing and forgiveness. With the help of the Holy Spirit, they shared God's love with the world.

### Prayer

Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit, Jesus.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of the Holy Spirit helping you to forgive someone.

### Mission for the Week

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you forgive others.



From the  
Archdiocese  
of Boston

### June 4 ~ Pentecost Sunday

It is Pentecost, the birthday of the Church! It is called that because Pentecost is when the apostles went out among the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church. Filled with the Holy Spirit the disciples were unable to hold in how they had experienced the mighty acts of God. We too, have seen God's mighty deeds. The birth of a baby, an illness healed, success in school or in a new job are all God's marvelous work. This feast reminds us that the Holy Spirit has poured upon us the gifts we need to speak of the ways God is working in our lives. Don't let this day end without speaking of God's mighty deeds.

### Learning from Within—THE HEART OF THE CHURCH

2017 Summer Courses at The Theological Institute at St. John's Seminary 149 Washington Street, Brighton. Master of Arts in Ministry (MAM) and Master of Theological Studies (MTS)

Tuesday—6:00-9:00PM (May 30-July 18) Elective— 2 credits RE601 Religious Education and the Impact of the Second Vatican Council, Prof. Susan Kay  
PC608 Dying, Loss and Bereavement: Ministerial Perspectives, Rev. John J. Grimes

Wednesday—6:00-9:00PM (June 7-July 26) Elective—2 credits PC550 Spirituality for Ministry, Rev. George P. Evans

Wednesday—6:00-9:00PM (May 31-August 2) MAM Core— 3 credits TH511 Basic Truths of the Catholic Faith, Rev. Paul E. Ritt

Thursday—6:00-9:00PM (June 1-July 20) Elective—2 credits BL615 Paul:the Contested Letters, Prof. Celia Sirois  
TH637 Redemption in Drama in Balthasar, Dr. Angela Franks

Register for summer courses and biblical seminar by going to [www.sjs.edu](http://www.sjs.edu). For info: 617-779-4104, ext. 1



# Upcoming Events

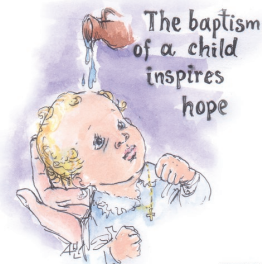
Join **LIFT Ministries** on Tuesday, June 6th @ 7pm for an inspiring night of worship at St. Anthony Church in Cambridge, MA with guest speaker Fr. Eric Cadin. The night will include uplifting music, a relevant talk, confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and is **FREE** to attend and open to **ALL AGES**. A downloadable flyer, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on their website at [www.liftedhigher.com](http://www.liftedhigher.com). Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!



### 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.



*We welcome with joy into the family of the Church the following children who were baptized during the month of May, 2017:*

*Janalicia Perez Tavares, Brynn Starr Devlin, Kevin Andrew Devlin, Rose Elizabeth Danais, Marco Xavier Colon-Feliciano, Mason Samuel Cox, Blake Francesca Benner, Charlotte Rota Gibbons, and Emma Marie Steber*