

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

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Miss Patty Kinnally, Office Manager

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, 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

11:30 AM Francis P. Boyd, Jr. Memorial

Monday, June 12, 2017

7:00 AM Joan Clark Memorial

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

7:00 AM Emmy Jumba Memorial

Thursday, June 15, 2017

7:00 AM Ellen Horn Month's Mind

Friday, June 16, 2017

7:00 AM Margaret Santosuosso Anniversary

Saturday, June 17, 2017

4:00PM Anna & Joseph Dunlea Memorial

Sunday, June 18, 2017

7:00 AM Louise M. & George J. O'Rourke Memorial

9:30 AM John McNamara Memorial

11:30AM Madeline & Daniel Wilson and William Anfield, Jr. Memorial

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

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 7,419.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,424.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,319.50
Total Offertory	\$11,162.50

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



Congratulations Father Paul on the 25th Anniversary of your Ordination to the Priesthood.

Thank you for all that you do as our pastor and shepherd.

Ad Multos Annos!

Readings for the Week of June 11, 2017

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52-56/
2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-9/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129-133, 135/
Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5-9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15--4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab, 10-14/
Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-18/
Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/
Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-15,
19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:16-17

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY



From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon



Trinity Sunday... The **Catechism of the Catholic Church** defines the Holy Trinity as “the mystery of one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The revealed truth of the Holy Trinity is at the very root of the Church’s living faith as expressed in the Creed. The mystery of the Trinity in itself is inaccessible to the human mind and is the object of faith only because it was revealed by Jesus Christ, the divine Son of the eternal Father.” The **United States Catholic Catechism for Adults** warms up the explanation with language around which most of us can wrap our hearts: “First, the Trinity is One. We do not speak of three gods but of one God. (Note the circle in the graphic.) Each of the Persons is fully God. They are a unity of Persons in one divine nature. Second, the Divine Persons are distinct from each other. Father, Son, and Spirit are not three appearances or modes of God, but three identifiable persons, each fully God in a way distinct from the others. Third, the Divine Persons are in relation to each other. The distinction of each is understood only in reference to the others. (Note the interlocking pieces that still retain their own shape.) The Father cannot be the Father without the Son, nor can the Son be the Son without the Father. The Holy Spirit is related to the Father and the Son who both send the Spirit forth.” What helps in my attempt to grasp the Holy Trinity is seeing it as an object of faith, revealed by Jesus Christ. During the Easter season, Jesus speaks to us in the Gospels from John, especially chapters 14 and 17, about the relationship of love that forms the Holy Trinity and of God’s great desire for our participation in it. Let us believe in and embrace the unity of the merciful and gracious Father, the Son sent to save the world and offer the gift of eternal life, and the Spirit with us always.

Bereavement Support Group... Our drop-in group always has room at the table for new members! We meet THIS Tuesday, June 13 from 1-2:30PM in the church hall and also on June 27, 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.



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...** On hiatus for the summer months. See you in the Fall!
- **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.



JUNE 11, 2017



Most Holy Trinity... As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise. **Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Envelopes and/or your donation of groceries next weekend will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.**

Next weekend is our monthly **Food Collection Sunday**. With children out of school for the summer, our families are even more challenged to provide for them. If you choose to shop for our pantry, please consider this as you make your selections of non-perishable food items—or small toiletries, cleaning supplies, or paper products. And of course—for the non-shoppers, we gratefully accept your financial help via the blue St. Vincent DePaul envelopes found in the church. (If you prefer a check to cash, please write it to St. Vincent DePaul with SFA on the memo line.) The envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or the rectory mail slot. Many thanks for your generosity.



Braintree Interfaith Prayer Service: THIS Tuesday, June 13 at 7:00 PM in the Thayer Academy Auditorium with various clergy from our town who will offer prayers for our community along with musicians who will offer inspiring selections. There will be representation from our town government, veterans, and scout troops. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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. **To date less than 25% of the Registration Forms have been returned.**



From
Mr. Brian Cote
Principal

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 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.



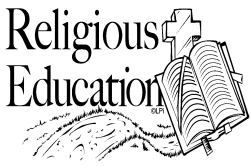
Congratulations to all of the recent graduates from St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parishes. May God bless you as you continue your journey to 1st grade, high school, college and/or the workforce.

A PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

Loving God, we thank you for all who graduate from grade school, high school and college this time of the year. You have blessed them during their years in school with wisdom, friendships, and skills. You continue to challenge them to make this world a better place because of their education. Help them to look forward to their next steps: continuing in their education or entering the work world. Particularly help those who are seeking employment to find a job suitable to their education. Give them faith and a sense of purpose in their next steps. Show them how to serve others in effective ways. And may they always be aware in everything they do that they will find fulfillment in doing your will, that you will be with them always, and that you will bring to completion the good work you have begun in them. Amen.

From Marquette.edu/faith





Mrs. Diane Hopkins
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Congratulations Fr. Paul on the 25th anniversary of your ordination to the priesthood!

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart..." – St. Paul the Apostle

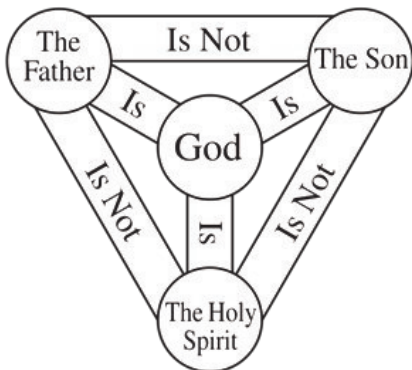


We join all our families in extending our gratitude to Fr. Paul for his gift of ministry. To a youngster 25 years seems like a lifetime, to a senior 25 is still a baby, but a teenager sees 25 as being so cool. We think "25" is cool too. From every perspective, 25 years is a

testimony to his dedication of always calling us to be closer to Christ. Every day, we get to witness the vitality of a man who is praying for us, kindly teaching us and gently challenging us to search for our own God-given gifts.

We are blessed to know that when we are broken, sad, confused, unworthy or unwell he is ready with tender counsel and hope. Conversely, he is quick to recognize our joy and gratitude in the common promise of eternal life. Fr. Paul has become a dear friend and a true "gift from God" to so many at St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare.

Let's celebrate our gift!



On this weekend of The Most Holy Trinity we would like to share this image to help you explain to your children a concept that is probably the most challenging to grasp, especially for children.

Glory and praise for ever!

Stay close and God Bless ,
Ronna and Diane

Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

God	gave	eternal
loved	believes	Son
world	perish	save

- oGd G o d
- presih _____
- noS _____
- levod _____
- geva _____
- eetrnla _____
- wrodl _____
- bleevise _____
- vase _____

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Sharing the Gospel

God loves you so much. He sent Jesus into the world to take your sins away. Jesus died on the cross as punishment for all of your sins so that you could have a new, better life with God. Believe in Jesus. Trust in God's love. Then you can live with God forever.

Prayer

Jesus, thank you for taking away my sins.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus on the cross. Around Jesus, write some sins that Jesus took away.

Mission for the Week

Read John 3:16-18 with your family. Thank Jesus for taking all of your sins away.



From the
Archdiocese
of Boston

June 11 ~ The Most Holy Trinity, Solemnity

The Most Holy Trinity – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit is a Mystery of our faith - not to solve, but to believe and delight in. Three Persons in One God. Most of us learned to make the Sign of the Cross at a very early age. It is a simple but direct statement of belief in the Trinity. On this Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, take a few moments to simply and thoughtfully pray: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of Holy Spirit. Amen.

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. For info: 617-779-4104, ext. 1



“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.”

Let God amplify and elucidate the love in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME

Weekends are Sep 16-17, 2017 in Medway, MA and Oct 21-22, 2017 in Contoocook, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at <https://wwwmema.org/>.



Upcoming Events

EARLY BIRD MEN’S GROUP -Next meeting: June 17th

Jim Browne, Irishman & International Speaker

Topic: Conversion Story

Jim Browne is an Irishman with a beautiful conversion story – a successful shoe salesman struggling with a deep self-hatred based on a difficult upbringing – descending into the depths of alcoholism, marriage separation and unemployment – transformed into a man on fire with the faith and in love with the Blessed Mother.

All are welcome - men, invite your wives, sisters, female friends, neighbors, parishioners – everyone!!!

The Early Birds meet from 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM, on the third Saturday of each month. The St. Mary of the Hills Parish Community in Milton is the host, in the lower church, at 29 St. Mary’s Road in Milton. Call 617.696.3170 for more information.



SUMMER ACADEMY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, sponsored by

Massachusetts Citizens for Life, Wednesday nights, July 12 - Aug 16 in Hanover. Learn about pre-natal

development, end of life issues, legal and legislative issues, what we offer pregnant women and how you can be a leader for life in your school and community. Academy is free to all High School students. Pre-registration required, www.massprolife.com/2017summeracademy or call 617-242-4199 and ask for Maria.



Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents

A Catholic ministry for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. Please join us. All are welcome.

**Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents
At St. Anthony Shrine, Boston, MA
One-Day Spiritual Retreat
August 5, 2017**

For more information on this and other retreat times and locations, call (617) 542-8057 or visit www.emfgp.org