

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

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



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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 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

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

Monday, June 19, 2017

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

7:00 AM Paul Gullage Memorial

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

7:00 AM Richard Hammond Memorial

Thursday, June 22, 2017

7:00 AM Dr. Grace Healy Memorial

Friday, June 23, 2017

7:00 AM Concetta Hines Memorial

Saturday, June 24, 2017

4:00PM Dick & Betty Gately Anniversary

Sunday, June 25, 2017

7:00 AM Angela Kelly Anniversary

9:30 AM William P. Sweeney, II Anniversary

11:30AM Mary E. Tricomi, Rosemarie Roach and Philip D. Walling

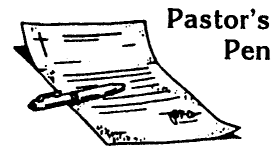
Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—70%

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

Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 5,308.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,942.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,319.50
Total Offertory	\$ 9,569.50

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



My brothers and sisters,

As I put pen to paper to compose this column it is June 13—the actual day of my and my classmates' 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Catholic priesthood.

Fresh in my mind are images from a wonderful celebration this past weekend when we marked this occasion together in Fr. Crowley Hall at St. Francis Church.

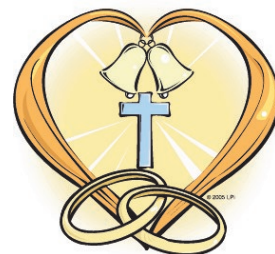
I want to thank all of those who worked so hard with all aspects of the celebration: Deacon Joe MacDonald, Caitly Egan, and the choir, Patty Kinnally, Linda Muldoon, Karen Whitney, Carol Kinnally, Celia McAuliffe, and all who assisted them with the celebration, the parish staffs, and the many who baked and contributed in so many ways. I also thank Marta Googins and her wonderful young crew from Fasano's Catering for the delicious food and exemplary service, and Karen Disher and the Potting Bench for the beautiful altar arrangement and centerpieces for the reception.

Most of all my thanks go to you the parishioners of St. Clare and St. Francis (and those who came from other parishes too). It is for you that priesthood exists at all, and to celebrate the moment with you brought true joy to my heart.

My family members were especially moved by many of your comments and loved meeting the people about whom they hear so much from their little brother.

So now I look to the next 25 years, at least! There is (too) much work to be done but much more grace waiting to be shared for and with God's People. Thank you for the many ways you continually teach me to recognize that grace and to share it generously when it is found.

In His service and yours,
Fr. Paul Clifford



*Steven Lester & Valerie Hall I
Gregory Hamilton & Danielle Vaughan I*

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon



In the gospel, Jesus is explaining to the people the new “manna” for them—that which will nourish and sustain them—not their physical being this time but their spiritual being. It is His body and blood that will save us—first as He sacrifices himself for us but also each time we receive His body and blood. Today’s Solemnity allows us to embrace this gift. It is a time for us to give great thought not only to the blessings that we have received but also to the expectations of being given eternal life. How do we live this gift? How do we fully embrace it in all its meanings? In the USA this year, this Solemnity falls on Fathers’ Day. While that is not the case through the world, I find it comforting to think of our Father and how He provides for us in every way. Some of us no longer have our earthly fathers with us, some may not have the father that they needed, and, of course many have caring, nurturing father—yet all of us, share the same loving Father who gave us his only Son, that we would be saved. Our brother, our Christ, who gives us His body and blood that *whoever eats this bread will live forever*. The enduring presence of Christ strengthens and sustains us. The body of the Church unites us not only with Christ but with each other. In Ignatian spirituality, we are called to be *Women and Men for and with Each Other*, sharing in the life of Christ and living His mission. The above was written by Nancy Shirley, Creighton University School of Nursing.

Bereavement Support Group...

Always has room at the table for new members! We meet NEXT Tuesday, June 27, from 1-2:30PM in the church hall and also on 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.



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ... Today as we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished and starving. **Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are hungry.**

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 27 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.



"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." - Jn 6:51, 55-56

Food Collection Sunday takes place this weekend.. If you choose to shop for our pantry, please leave only NON-PERISHABLE food items as we have no access to refrigeration.



We also welcome 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.

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.**



A Father's Day Blessing

God and Father of all creation,
we come before you today with humble hearts.

You are our model of a loving father.

When we fail and fall short of your expectations,
you are always there at the end of the day with open arms,
ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day
and to encourage us to try again and not to give up.

We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world
as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others.

Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with
their children.

Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures.

Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and
perseverance.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus.

Amen.



From
Mr. Brian Cote
Principal

With the end of the 2016 - 2017 academic school year, I want to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations to our kindergarten students who graduated this past Tuesday morning, as well as extend my best wishes to our students in grades one through seven who began their summer vacation on Friday. May all of students and their families have a safe, healthy and wonderful summer.

Even though summer has begun, the school bells have officially stopped ringing, and the hallways are quiet ... but not for long! Though the students have vacated the halls of Saint Francis of Assisi School for the summer months, our school will remain a busy and active place.

Come join us for some summer fun at SFA's Summer Program, consisting of Arts and Crafts; Theme Days and Projects; Fund and Educational Field Trips; Gym Games and Outdoor Play; and Library and Playground Excursions. The camp is offered for seven-weeks (Mondays – Fridays from 7:45 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.) with flexible day/week options.

Listed below are the Themes and Trips of the Week:

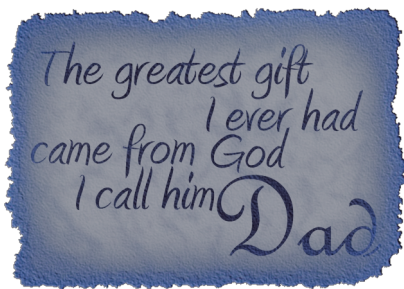
6/26 –30	Wonderful World of Disney (Cars 2 Movie)
7/3 – 7	Party in the USA (Timberlanes)
7/10 – 14	It's a Jungle Out There (Southwick Zoo)
7/17 – 21	Dive Right In! (N.E. Aquarium)
7/24 – 28	Christmas in July (Gingerbetty's/Plaster Fun)
7/31 – 8/4	Come On, Let's Play! (Pawtucket Red Sox)
8/7 – 11	Finale of Fun (Canobie Lake Park)

For more information, visit our Summer Program Link on our school's website (www.sfab.org) or call 781-848-0842.

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 in 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.

The Feast of Corpus Christi

... the Eucharist is "the bond of communion" and the constant sign of the love of Christ who died on the cross "so that we would remain united,"..."Christ, present among us under the sign of bread and wine, demands that power of love overcome every fracture and, at the same time, become communion with the poor, support for the weak and fraternal concern for those who struggle to bear the weight of daily life and are in danger of losing their faith,"
Pope Francis - June, 2015



We send warm wishes out to all fathers and those who fill the role of a father in the life of a child. Today's children face many challenges and strong fathers are a guiding force in navigating a well-directed life. Look to the inspiring example of St. Joseph, patron saint of fathers, hard workers, and the universal Church, for his obedience, humility, selflessness, courage and the love he showed to Mary and Jesus. If you can emulate St. Joseph *even a little* each day, you will be that much closer to becoming the men and fathers you are called to be. Bless you for carrying the light for the rest of us to follow you to Heaven.



Soon we will be reaching out to all the current 8th graders to welcome you into the process of preparing for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Watch for an invitation to enroll. Also, we encourage anyone who knows of a high school freshman or sophomore who would like to prepare for Confirmation to contact us directly at 781-848-3238 or by email: dhopkins@sfab.org or rpetrilli@sfab.org.

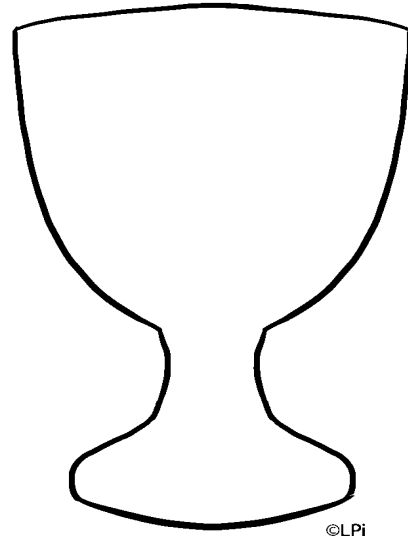
Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. (Alleluia!)

Stay Close,
Ronna and Diane



 Puzzle

Try to draw a special design for God on the Chalice! Have fun!



Sharing the Gospel

When God's people were in the desert with Moses, they got hungry. So, God gave them sweet manna from heaven every morning. It was all they needed to live. God sent Jesus to us from heaven, too, but he's much better than manna. Through Jesus, we can live forever with God.

Prayer

God, thank you for sending Jesus from heaven.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of manna falling from the sky.

Mission for the Week

Every morning when you eat breakfast, spend time with Jesus. Trust God to give you all that you need.





From the
Archdiocese
of Boston

June 18 ~ The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Solemnity

Jesus' promise to be with us always is fulfilled in the Eucharist. His words in today's gospel are testimony of this promise - *Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him (her)*. Each time we receive Holy Communion, Christ comes to us. How aware are we of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist? Do we open our hearts to him? In a sermon on the Eucharist, St. Augustine urged his parishioners, "be what you see, receive what you are" – the Body of Christ! It is to this truth that we are, that we respond, "Amen." Let us pray that with each reception of Holy Communion we are more and more the Body of Christ



"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." Let the Lord feed and support 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://wwmema.org/>.

Readings for the Week of June 18, 2017

- Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
- Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4/ Mt 5:38-42
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-9a/Mt 5:43-48
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-4, 9/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8/ Mt 6:7-15
- Friday: Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10/ 1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
- Saturday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/ Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
- Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/ Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33



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