

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, 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

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

Monday, June 26, 2017

7:00 AM Thomas Woods Memorial

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

7:00 AM Loretta Horan Memorial

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

7:00 AM Annie Mullen Memorial

Thursday, June 29, 2017

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, June 30, 2017

7:00 AM Nicole Levine Memorial

Saturday, July 1, 2017

4:00PM Gentulina Micolucci Memorial

Sunday, July 2, 2017

7:00 AM Stephen M. Hosannah, Sr. and Shephard S. Fernandes Memorial

9:30 AM Marie Reis Anniversary

11:30AM

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	\$ 5,157.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,923.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,319.50
Total Offertory	\$ 9,399.50

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

My brothers and sisters,

It's "Summertime and the livin' is easy."

A few thoughts as we move into this Season. My prayer is also that in your house it may also be "Summertime and the livin' is holy".

CHURCH PARTICIPATION: God doesn't take vacations. All Catholics are obliged to attend Mass every Sunday and Holyday of Obligation (illness and/or danger of death are the only exceptions). I recommend www.masstimes.org as a good portal for church information if you are traveling. Warning: use this website to get contact info for the church and call to confirm what is listed. The Holyday that falls in Summer is the Solemnity of the Assumption—August 15. We will run our usual schedule here: **Monday, August 14** 4PM, St. Clare and 5PM, St. Francis. **Tuesday, August 15** 9AM and 5:30PM St. Clare and 7AM and 12:10 Noon, St. Francis.

We usually focus on Lent as the time to repair/heal/strengthen our relationship with God and the Church. To be practical, however, Summer schedules usually allow more time to do so than February, March and April. We are always happy to walk with you on that journey. Feel free to reach out to Deacon Joe, myself, Fr. Delay, Linda Muldoon, Fr. Bob, Deacon Mike, Ronna Petrilli, Diane Hopkins, or our SMA priest. We're happy to listen and, if appropriate, to share with you what we have from God as Pastoral Staff members.

The Sacrament of Penance (Confession) is helpful here too. All Catholics are obliged to confess all mortal sins in kind and number annually. That's the minimum. I suggest that it's actually easier to go 4 times per year than it is to go once. We priests are happy to accommodate our schedules to make it easier for individuals or families to come to confession. The regular times for celebration of this sacrament are on Saturdays: 8:30-9AM, St. Clare and 2:30-3:45PM, St. Francis.

CHURCH FINANCIAL SUPPORT: Many people go away in Summer. I trust you to do what you can to support us as your primary home of faith even through the Summer. The church(es) where you attend while away are also deserving of your support. Please pray and then do your best to be generous. We're grateful for your support.

May this beautiful season bring many blessings to you and those you love. Know that you are always in our thoughts and prayers here at the Collaborative parishes.

In His service and yours,
Fr. Paul Clifford



From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

Jesus
is
Lord

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us, He promises us: **“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.”** I find it striking that within the same passage Jesus also tells us three times to “fear not”, to “be not afraid.” And yet, in our very secular world, many are afraid to acknowledge before others our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Yes, men and women have died for doing just that, but within the realms of our existence, I daresay that is not at the top of the fear list for us. What is it then? Do we feel not worthy? Do we worry we might get it wrong? Is it counter to the self-sufficiency and individualism of New Englanders or East Coasters? Will we be thought less of for trusting in and loving a Power greater than ourselves, for walking by faith, not by sight? By acknowledging Jesus, do we disavow other things or habits we may have embraced? Perhaps we do acknowledge Jesus in the silence of our hearts but struggle with getting out the words and the actions that do so. Our faith is a precious gift from God, given to us to share with others. One of the greatest ways we do just that is by our presence at Mass. BUT when Mass concludes, the priest or deacon dismisses us with the words, “Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord,” or “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.”

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP... Our drop-in group always has room at the table for new members! We meet THIS 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 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time...In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus say: “Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.” **This month, through your gifts, the society of St. Vincent DePaul was able to “acknowledge the goodness of the Father” by providing food and limited financial assistance to the individuals and families who turn to us for help—right here in Braintree. On behalf of our staff, volunteers, and pantry clients, thank you for your generous response to last weekend’s Food Collection Sunday.**

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 further information elsewhere in the bulletin. 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.



Steven Lester & Valerie Hall II
Gregory Hamilton & Danielle Vaughan II



It Takes a Parish to Prepare for and Celebrate the Sacraments

Do you remember the definition of the word “sacrament”? In user friendly terms, “The seven sacraments are outward signs and celebrations of God’s love and life, or grace.” **At any given time, someone within our collaborative**

is preparing for a sacrament! It may be the baptism of a baby, the First Eucharist of a child, the Confirmation of a teen, a first Confession or a 101st for someone heavily burdened, the Anointing of the Sick, a couple preparing for Marriage, someone discerning the call to Holy Orders, or an adult in the RCIA program anticipating full initiation into the Catholic Church. **At any time, someone within our collaborative may benefit from your faith, your experience, and your wisdom!**

“How so?” you may ask. If you are a young parent with children who have been baptized, you know it may not have been easy to accomplish that. You also know that it is not always easy to live out the baptismal promises made for us or by us. If you are reading this, you may have found a way! You may have found a way to model a Christian lifestyle, to talk about Jesus with your children, to pray with your spouse, to sometimes even bring your family to Mass. **Maybe you’d be willing to share what works for you with other parents.**

Maybe you’re about to enroll your child in our 2 year religious education program that leads to 1st Holy Communion in grade 2. You will have lots of help and encouragement along the way from Debbie Clancy, Diane Hopkins, and Ronna Petrilli—our religious education coordinators. Maybe you’ll be moved to help them by volunteering to teach a class. Or maybe your child is a teen who has chosen to be confirmed, and together you try to balance grade 9 & 10 religious education, school, and sports. Some folks are terrified by a group of 7 year-olds but relate well to a group of teenagers, again with lots of support and encouragement from our coordinators! Perhaps you are more comfortable with the later elementary grades or the middle schoolers. By our own Confirmation, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit that then help us to bring forth its fruits. **Please pray and think about what gifts, what fruits you may be ready to share!**



From
Mr. Brian Cote
Principal

Graduates 2017 – In the past, many have inquired where our grade 8 graduates will attend high school in the fall. This year our students will be attending the following secondary schools: Archbishop Williams (5), Boston College High (2), Cardinal Spellman (3), Fontbonne Academy (2), Notre Dame Academy, South Shore Charter, Braintree High (2) and Randolph High School. We are truly proud of their school choices and wish them the very best and much success!

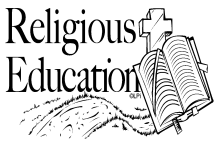
Summer Program 2017 - Come join us for some summer fun at SFA’s Summer Program, consisting of Arts and Crafts; Theme Days and Projects; Fun and Educational Field Trips; Gym Games and Outdoor Play; and Library and Playground Excursions. The camp is offered for seven-weeks (Mondays – Fridays from 7:45 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.



Mrs. Diane Hopkins
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli
Phone 781.848.3238

As we did last year, we would like to share our experiences working with the children and families of our parish. We had many moments that made us laugh and a few that brought us to tears, moments that made us hold our breath in anticipation as well as moments that took our breath away in awe. We witnessed growth among some and resistance from others...either way we witnessed movement. It has been our joy to sit and reflect on time spent with you, our precious families. Together we walked with you and every once in a while someone stopped and pointed toward Christ. We thank you all for these moments and the reminder to praise God for each other and all we have been given.

We shared "by adoption" a class this year that was difficult to say the least. The students in this class were very challenging (mostly behavioral). Since these youngsters came and showed no reserve (in behavior), we really got to know them as individuals. They stretched our imaginations in figuring out ways to keep them on track and motivated. They certainly strengthened our patience. These intelligent students started asking the tough questions that made us think and research. We quickly realized it would be unfair to simply answer their questions by offering a little history, some watered down doctrine and a weak dismissal..."It's a mystery." These kids really wanted to KNOW. They wanted to understand how God revealed himself (in Jesus) and continues to reveal himself (through us and others.) The challenge was on.... We think they taught us as much, if not more than we taught them!

"Jesus would say: If you love only those who study or who are well-educated, what merit does that have? There are those who try your patience, but we have to love them even more," In addition to teaching "the contents" of a particular subject, teachers need to build an edifying relationship with all students, "who must feel welcomed and loved for who they are, with all their limits and potential."- Pope Francis

Together we thank our "adopted" class of youngsters for adding an abundance of gifts; curiosity, determination, and energy (mostly energy) to our wrinkles and grey hair. They revealed themselves as individuals. What gifts! We welcome all gifts!

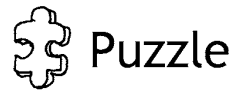
Confirmation News:

Confirmation I Soon we will be reaching out to all rising 9thth 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

Confirmation II (10th graders) preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in April 2018 will be receiving Registration materials and details regarding the **mandatory retreat taking place in September**. We are looking forward to starting the year by gathering our young men and women in a retreat setting.

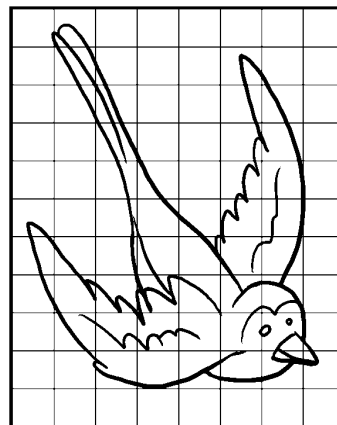
Lord in your great love, answer me.

Stay Close,
Diane and Ronna

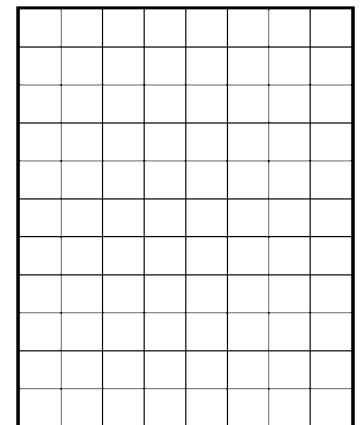


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Sharing the Gospel

You are God's special child. He knows all about you. He knows what you like to eat. He knows your favorite color. He knows how many teeth you have. He even knows how many hairs are on your head. No one in this world loves you as much as God loves you. Be sure to tell your friends how much God loves them, too.

Prayer

God, I thank you for loving me so much.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself telling a friend about God's love.

Mission for the Week

After you brush your hair, count the hairs in the brush. God knows how many hairs you lost!



From the Archdiocese of Boston

June 25 ~ Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we move into the rhythm of day to day life, it can be a challenge to hold fast to the beautiful promise of Christ's presence with us. We need to remember the consolation, the comfort, the hope and joy that we heard throughout the Easter Season. Pray for the grace of openness to the Word of God that will guide our way through the daily trials and joys of this "ordinary" time. Let us declare with Jeremiah, "The Lord is with me, like a mighty champion..." and let us take this word with us as we go through the week!



"Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known." Experience increased trust and intimacy 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://wwmema.org/>.

Readings for the Week of June 25, 2017

- Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/ Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33
Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22/ Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-4ab, 5/ Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/ Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-5/ Mt 8:1-4
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-50, 53-55/ Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/ Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42



Pray for Vocations



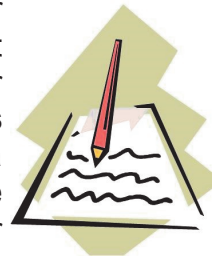
Upcoming Events



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.

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.



"Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." - Mt 10:29-31