

# 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, July 15, 2017

4:00PM The Marks Family Memorial

## Sunday, July 16, 2017

7:00 AM Elizabeth A. Reedy Anniversary

9:30 AM Paul Joseph Morrissey Anniversary

11:30 AM Kevin DiBona Anniversary

## Monday, July 17, 2017

7:00 AM Mary Dillon Memorial

## Tuesday, July 18, 2017

7:00 AM Patricia Daly Memorial

## Wednesday, July 19, 2017

7:00 AM Kerri Keenan Memorial

## Thursday, July 20, 2017

7:00 AM Parishioners of Sr. Francis of Assisi

## Friday, July 21, 2017

7:00 AM Katherine Logan Anniversary

## Saturday, July 22, 2017

4:00PM Thomas Hansbury Month's Mind

## Sunday, July 23, 2017

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

9:30 AM Tom Glynn Anniversary

11:30AM Adam Thomas Trudeau Anniversary

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:  
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—73%

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

## Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 5,309.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,393.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,057.60
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,759.60</b>

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



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

*Rowan Thomas Beauchamp, Francesco Matthew Despier, Maeve Elizabeth Griffin, Elyse Joanne O'Sullivan, Erikson James Taylor, Richard Thomas Stedman and Patrick Thompson Loftus.*



As part of the annual Missionary Co-Operative Program, Rev. Patrick J. Byrne, SVD, a representative of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, will speak at all Masses, the weekend of July 22/23, about the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical

Mission Societies represented here in the Archdiocese of Boston. He will share his experience in the missions with us as a way to raise awareness about the need to spread the Good News to the more than one billion people in the world who have yet to hear it proclaimed.

The Society of the Propagation of the Faith is the official mission agency of the Church dedicated to helping missionaries bring the Gospel to people in need around the world. They thank you in advance for your prayers and support.



**"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:22-23**



From the desk of the  
Pastoral Associate  
Mrs. Linda Muldoon



This coming Saturday, July 22, is the feast day of St. Mary Magdalene. This Mary is known as the apostle to the Apostles, as a witness to the death of Jesus, and as THE first public witness to the Risen Christ. Pope Francis calls Mary of Magdala the “*apostle of the new and greatest hope,*” noting that *her example is one of hope, and that her intercession helps us to live the experience of the Resurrection, because “at the time of tears and abandonment, she hears the Risen Jesus who calls us by name, and with a heart full of joy goes to announce: I have seen the Lord!”* Such is Mary’s importance to the Church, to all of us, that in June of 2016, Pope Francis, by decree, elevated her “Memorial”, celebrated every July 22, to a “Feast,” putting her on a par with the apostles. In God’s great desire for personal relationship, Jesus calls each one of us by name, but in the busyness of our lives, we often miss the moments when he does so. Jesus also stands before us and with us, but in the busyness of our lives, we often miss the moments when he does so. In the stillness of the early morning, in the silence of the night, in unanticipated joy, in deep sorrow, and in the ordinariness of our lives, Jesus calls us by name and stands with us. Let us listen for and look for him, and let us help others to know Jesus by proclaiming to them, “I have seen the Lord!”



**TODAY IS OUR MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY—**

On behalf of our pantry clients, volunteers, and staff—thank you for your participation and support!

We also gratefully accept your donations of non-perishable food items, other groceries, gift cards, etc. at the parish office during regular business hours—M-F, 9-4.

In today’s Gospel, we hear the story of the sower and we know that “**some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold.**” This week, your gifts of non-perishable food and other groceries or your financial donations together will produce fruit a hundred fold! To help financially, please use one of the blue SVDP envelopes found throughout the church (kindly write checks to St. Vincent DePaul with SFA on the memo line) and place it in the collection basket during Mass or at any time through the rectory mail slot. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity!



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 August 8 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.

**Bereavement Support Group...**

Our final meeting for the summer will be a luncheon on Tuesday, August 8, at **12NN** (note time change) in the church hall. 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).







## It Takes a Parish to Prepare for and Celebrate the Sacraments

At any given time, someone within our collaborative is preparing for a sacrament! At any given time, someone within our collaborative may benefit from your faith, your experience, and your wisdom!

Please pray and think about the difference a few more than random moments can make to help someone prepare for and celebrate a sacrament.

### 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.**



*Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!  
Thank you for the warmth of the sun  
and the increased daylight.  
Thank You for the beauty I see all around me  
and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your  
creation.*

*Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my  
friends and family,  
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.  
Draw me closer to You this summer.  
Teach me how I can pray  
no matter where I am or what I am doing.*

*Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence  
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.  
As I enjoy Your creation, create in me  
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.  
Amen.*

Ignatian Prayer



From  
*Mr. Brian Cote*  
Principal

What happens during the summer at SFA? You might think summer is a time of peace and quiet at Saint Francis of Assisi School. After all, there are no school programs to oversee, and most of our school families are vacationing or just taking time to relax and rejuvenate for the upcoming academic school year.

However, throughout the summer months, we are extremely busy at Saint Francis of Assisi School with planning, annual renovations and maintenance of our facility. In addition, our seven-week summer program takes place with an enrollment of 30+ students from SFA, as well as students from surrounding communities.

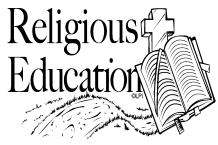
Currently, all the floors in our classrooms and offices are being stripped and waxed by the Bostonian Cleaning and Restoration, Inc. Offices and storage closets are being re-organized. Monthly and yearly calendar planning is taking place, as well as designated professional development opportunities for our faculty being arranged. Most of the textbooks and supplies have been ordered and are arriving daily by UPS.

All these things are being accomplished to provide our students with the best Catholic education possible.



## 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 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](mailto:bcote@sfab.org). We look forward to possibly serving your family in the spiritual, academic, and social development of your child.



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You only need to stand near the ocean to feel the power of the universe and a closeness to the one who created it.



God Grant me ...  
Serenity to accept the things I cannot change  
Courage to change the things I can  
and Wisdom to know the difference.

Registration forms have been sent out in the mail. If you have not received one, please contact us immediately.

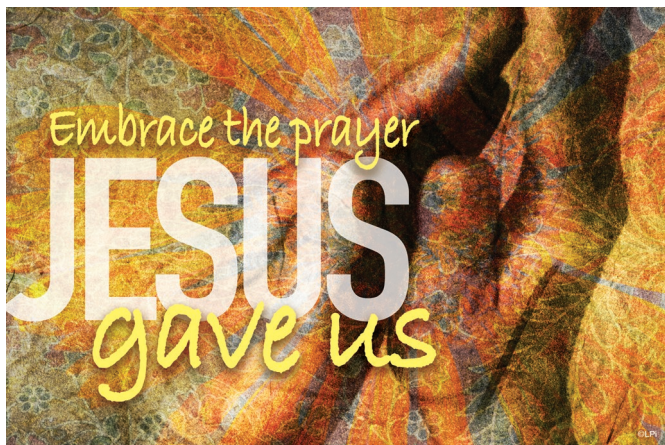
**Registration forms for Confirmation Program (Grades 9 & 10) (pink).**

**Registration forms for Grades 1-8 are (blue)**

If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education office at 781-848-3232. Summer hours are Monday-Thursday 10:30-2:30. If we are unable to answer your call, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

***The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.***

Stay Close,  
Diane and Ronna



## Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

farmer	rocky	birds
soil	thorns	choked
root	path	seed

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sede     \_ \_ \_ \_

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### Sharing the Gospel

The farmer is God. The seed is God's Word. That makes the soil your heart. If your heart is angry or stubborn, God's Word can't sink in. If your heart is shallow, God's Word can't take root. Instead, you will worry about getting power or riches. If your heart is discouraged by people who hate God, your faith will choke. If your heart is soft, God's Word will change your life, and it will show.

#### Prayer

God, help my heart to be soft. Help your Word to change my life.

#### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of a seed growing in good soil.

#### Mission for the Week

Visit a garden center. Learn why plants need good soil to grow.





## From the Archdiocese of Boston

### July 16 ~ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

How appropriate the scriptures for this weekend! For the gardeners among us, seeds that were sown weeks ago are beginning to bear fruit. We look forward to the produce that will come. Each week at Mass, God's word, as seed, is sown in our hearts. Is there a word that God has spoken to you that has not yet born fruit or achieved the end that God intended? Pray for the grace to respond to that word today.



"... my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." Discover how God's loving words can help us show his love for us and the world 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://wwmem.org/>.

As you plan your summer vacation or have the opportunity to sneak away for the weekend, here is something to pack in your suitcase along with your sunscreen, or in your smart phone! To find the Mass closest to your location, visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).



When you make your reservations, please remember to reserve some time for the Lord!

### Readings for the Week of July 16, 2017

- Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18-23/  
Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
- Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-8/  
Mt 10:34--11:1
- Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/  
Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7/  
Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27/  
Mt 11:28-30
- Friday: Ex 11:10--12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15,  
16bc-18/Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/  
Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10,  
15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or  
13:24-30



## 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](http://www.massprolife.com/2017summeracademy) or call 617-242-4199 and ask for Maria.

**Franciscan Feast of the Portiuncula** (Our Lady of the Angels) will be celebrated at an Annual Outdoor Mass on Monday, July 31 at 6:30PM at the Cardinal Cushing Center, Route 53 in Hanover. Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition and the Divine Mercy Chaplet begin at 3PM in the Portiuncula Chapel. Both the Rosary and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place between 3:30 and 5:30PM. Reposition will be at 5:30. In the event of rain or extreme heat, Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary of the Sacred Heart, Route 139 in Hanover.



**Our Lady of Fatima...** Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady of Fatima which you may gain on **Sunday, August 13th!** To obtain the plenary indulgence, the faithful must visit with devotion a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration in any church on the 13th of each month from May through October this year. There they shall devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary, recite the Creed, pray an Our Father, and invoke Our Lady of Fatima. Those unable to travel to a church due to age, illness, or other serious cause may pray before a statue of Our Lady of Fatima in their homes. **The ordinary conditions for a plenary indulgence** must also be fulfilled: be in a state of grace, receive Holy Communion, sacramentally confess sins (within 20 days), be completely detached from all sin, and pray for the intentions of Pope Francis (suggested: an Our Father and a Hail Mary.) JOIN US after all the Masses on Sunday, August 13th, on the right side of the church where our statue of Our Lady of Fatima is displayed, as we offer our prayers to God and honor Mary. To help you obtain the indulgence, additional confession times (TBD) will be available.