

# 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, August 12, 2017

4:00PM Pamela Gorman Anniversary

## Sunday, August 13, 2017

7:00 AM Charlotte Rose Kelly Memorial

9:30 AM Anna Rose Berardinelli Anniversary

11:30 AM Paul Rober, Jr. & Paul Rober, Sr. Memorial

## Monday, August 14, 2017

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

5:00PM Janet Baldassini Memorial

## Tuesday, August 15, 2017

7:00 AM Virginia "Ginny" McDonough Memorial

12:10PM Jack Kenney Memorial

## Wednesday, August 16, 2017

7:00 AM Marjorie Leetch Memorial

## Thursday, August 17, 2017

7:00 AM Armand LeFave Memorial

## Friday, August 18, 2017

7:00 AM Shirley LeFave Memorial

## Saturday, August 19, 2017

4:00PM Marie Parr Spec. Intention

## Sunday, August 20, 2017

7:00 AM Emily Buglio Anniversary

9:30 AM

11:30AM Deceased Members of Westwood Family Anniversary

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	\$ 5,440.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 1,873.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,322.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,635.00</b>

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



### From Fr. Valery, SMA My Experience with Ebola, part 2

At this time, one of our confreres, Fr. David, was on holiday in Ghana. He went in the month of June thinking that he would come back by September. Due to the ban on flights, he could not come back. By the end of June, our superiors in Rome asked us to leave Sierra Leone. I answered them: "I am not." The reason is that if I went out I would not have come back to Sierra Leone and say: "God is Good, all the time," to the people. Also, I am African and Togolese which is nearby in West Africa. Ebola can reach there. Fr. Patrickson and I discussed the response we could give concerning this situation. We agreed to use our monthly allocation to get at least some water to the people who are in difficult condition. We started to give packaged water. On arrival at the quarantined house, we found the people to be in a pathetic situation, so we brought some bags of rice to give them. Meanwhile one of the friends of Fr. Patrickson in "Jesus Youth," located in India, volunteered to donate more than his one month's salary for feeding the hungry in quarantined homes. This inspired us to make an appeal to our friends all over the world through [Facebook](#). This brought us a great deal of success.

The unit of the Gulf of Guinea [SMA] appealed to all her members and forwarded their support to us through Rome. We then made an appeal to all the units. We are grateful to the units for their positive response. The continuous encouragement of the SMA, OLA, Friends of SMA, Jesus Youth, Parishes and our friends and family made us more able to help in this time of crisis.

We kept a close watch of all the Ebola outbreaks in and around our area. When there is a delay in supply of food, we reached out and gave food items to this area. When we go with food to these places, we find sick people in their houses. Until the end of November, 2014, the management of Ebola was not organized. There were not enough ambulances to respond to the crisis situation. This moved us to another step in Ebola Response. We came forward to take the patients to the Ebola Centers. At this time we started the habit of keeping a container with concentrated [0.5%] Chlorine solution at the back of the car always. There was a time when the people in a village called Campbell Town, took two of their patients in a wheel barrow to the Ebola Center. The ambulance was not able to reach them. We picked the patients from the wheel barrow and disinfected also all those who pushed the wheel barrow and

accompanied them by washing them with Chlorine [0.5% strength].

When we took the patients to the Ebola Centers, we were often rejected due to lack of space in the centers. There were times we would move from one center to another in search of space. There was a day when we picked four patients from the same family, (Father, Mother, Daughter and Son) on the main road since they were driven out by the villagers. We travelled to four Ebola Centers that were available in our district; but were rejected due to lack of space. At the end we decided to leave the patients outside the hospital and came back with a "bitter heart". Later, we were informed that they were taken in for treatment. Three of them died except the father who is an Ebola survivor.

We familiarized ourselves with the neighboring Ebola Care Center. We were able to check the number of available beds in the Center by calling on the one in charge, thus making the process easier to take the patients. When there is a delay in the delivery of food items to this Center, we come forward to provide food and water. We also provided five beds for the Center.

**More next week—stay tuned!**



*From the desk of the  
Pastoral Associate  
Mrs. Linda Muldoon*

**August 13—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** In this Gospel, Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" **Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will bring them faith and hope!**



**Protecting God's Children...** This one-time workshop, required by the Archdiocese of Boston for all clergy, staff, and volunteers, will be held at St. Mary's in Randolph on Saturdays, August 26 and September 16 from 9-11:30AM and on Tuesday, October 17 from 6:30-9PM. For more information and to register, please call 781.961.5009. You need attend just one of the sessions, and please sure to ask for a certificate of attendance to bring to your home parish.

## 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 ...** resumes in the Fall please watch the bulletin for future updates. 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.



**Your help needed...** to tend the plants and flowers inside and outside of the church. What an opportunity to honor Francis, our patron saint, by caring for some of the beauty of God's creation! Our current volunteer will gladly mentor individuals or teams willing to share a bit of their time with our parish family. Please call the office (718.843.1332) for more information.





**An Opportunity to Obtain an Indulgence...** Under the mandate of Pope Francis, the Church's centennial celebration of Our Lady of Fatima provides a special opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence from Nov. 27, 2016 to Nov. 26, 2017. The *Catechism of the*

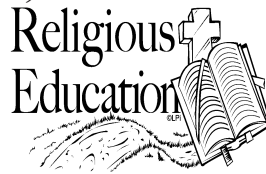
*Catholic Church (CCC)* defines INDULGENCE as "the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven. A properly disposed member of the Christian faithful can obtain an indulgence under prescribed conditions with the help of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints. An indulgence is partial if it removes part of the temporal punishment due to sin or plenary if it removes all punishment." The language in the definition that appears in the *U. S. Catholic Catechism for Adults* is more user friendly: "The remission of temporal punishment due to sin, granted to the faithful who recite specified prayers, visit a specified place of pilgrimage, or engage in a specified act of charity; punishment is remitted through the power of the Church and in the mutual exchange of spiritual goods, particularly the merits of Christ and the saints." For more information, do an internet search of the name of either catechism, and then select [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) where you will be able to view them on-line. Both catechisms are also available for purchase on-line and at bookstores. *Following the Masses this weekend, we invite you to gather in front of the Fatima statue to pray together the prayers for the Fatima Indulgence.* One of our parishioners has graciously prepared a worship aid for all to use.

**Palliative Care Presentation...** Save the date of Wednesday, October 4 at 7PM at SFA to hear Diane McCarthy, RCAB Parish Education Coordinator, explain the difference between palliative and hospice care and how to begin the conversation and seek treatment as a patient, family member, or health care provider.



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!



Mrs. Diane Hopkins  
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli  
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We hope you are all enjoying the warmth of summer and the freedom to relax and wander a bit. We have been hard at work planning a year of faith filled enrichment.

We have recently mailed out the details of the **Confirmation Retreat** and the assignment of dates (either Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> or September 30<sup>th</sup> depending on their last name). The retreats will take place from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm in the church hall at St. Francis of Assisi. Please look for the information and read the instructions carefully. We know when the school year starts our families will be busy getting back into routines. We want to be helpful in the process of "re-entering fall."

**Pink Registration Forms for Confirmation Program (Grades 9 & 10) .**

**Blue Registration Forms for Grades 1-8.**

Registration forms can be downloaded on line at [www.sfab.org](http://www.sfab.org). Click on Religious Education window and then click on Class Times tab. Near end of page you will see Registration Grades 9 & 10 and Registration Grades 1-8. Click on the appropriate icon.

Fall will be here before you know it. Please submit your registration forms as soon as possible so that the opening of the school year runs smoothly. We appreciate your cooperation.



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.

**Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

Stay Close,  
Diane and Ronna





From  
Mr. Brian Cote  
Principal

It is hard to believe that summer is quickly coming to an end and a brand new academic school year will be upon us within a few weeks. The beginning of any new school year always brings a sense of excitement and eagerness, as well as presents opportunities for various beginnings—new classes, new faces, sometimes—new courses, and often—new materials.

Some of our teachers are beginning to return to prepare their classrooms for the arrival of our students. This past week, our seven-week summer program ended with a field trip to Canobie Lake Park. I would like to extend a special thanks and appreciation to Ms. Julianna Gratta for her leadership in coordinating this program, as well as to all of our staff members who assisted in making this program once again truly successful, engaging and fun-filled for our students

School will begin on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> for students in grades 1 – 8. The first couple of days (Wednesday and Thursday), will be early dismissal days at 11:30 a.m., with faculty meetings and professional development opportunities held in the afternoons. Our pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs will begin on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.



## ENROLL TODAY

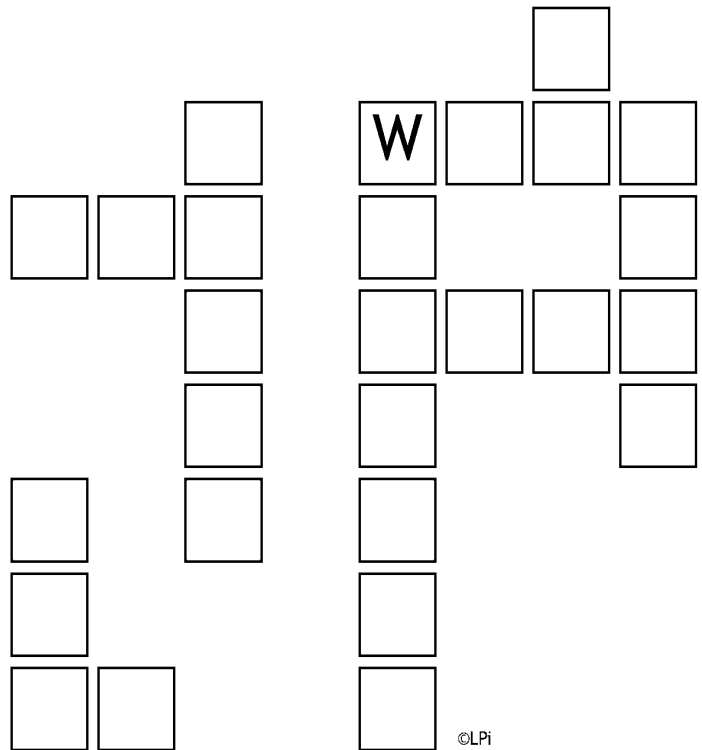
St. Francis of Assisi School is now accepting applications for all grade levels for the 2017-18 school year. For more information regarding our admissions procedure, simply visit our school's website ([www.sfab.org](http://www.sfab.org)) or contact us at (781) 848-0842. Are you interested in learning 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.



## Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

**Jesus went out to them,  
walking on the lake.**



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### Sharing the Gospel

One night the disciples were caught in a storm, out in the middle of a lake. The winds were strong. The waves crashed against their boat. But Jesus was so powerful, he walked on that stormy lake. Then he completely stopped the storm. No problem you have is ever too big for Jesus. He can do anything. Put all your trust in him.

### Prayer

Jesus, I thank you for showing me how powerful you are.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus walking on water.

### Mission for the Week

When you are afraid, ask Jesus for help. Remember how powerful he is.

**August 13 ~ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The reading from the first Book of Kings recounts the prophet Elijah's encounter with God. Much to his surprise, God did not come to him in the wind or the earthquake, rather God came in a tiny whispering sound. In the Gospel we hear that even Jesus needed to take time apart to be in God's presence. Our lives are busy and noisy for lots of reasons. The scriptures today give an invitation to turn off our devices and sit quietly with God. Doing so, may be just what is needed to face the storms of life that come our way.

**PROJECT RACHEL POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREATS**

*God's forgiveness knows no bounds* – Pope Francis. The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a *Come to the Waters of Healing* one-day retreat. Fall dates are September 16, October 14 and November 11. Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).



"After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave." Help each other hear God's plan for 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/>.



*Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" - Mt 14:28-30*



**Tuesday, August 15 is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule for the collaborative of St. Francis /St. Clare of Assisi is:**

**St. Francis of Assisi**

Monday, August 14 Vigil 5:00PM  
Tuesday, August 15 7:00AM, and 12:10PM

**St. Clare**

Monday, August 14 Vigil 4:00PM  
Tuesday, August 15 9AM and 5:30PM



**Readings for the Week of August 13, 2017**

- Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9-14/  
Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
- Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/  
Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/  
Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1  
Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28  
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/  
Ps 45:10-12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/  
Lk 1:39-56
- Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17/  
Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-6/  
Mt 18:21--19:1
- Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22,  
24/Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/  
Mt 19:13-15
- Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/  
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

**Wedding  Banns**

Patrick Curtin, Jr. & Jessica Cole I