

# 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 26, 2017

4:00PM Patricia Dailey Anniversary

## Sunday, August 27, 2017

7:00 AM George & Virginia Walsh Memorial

9:30 AM Louise & Alfred Hart Memorial

11:30 AM Brian Sampson Anniversary

## Monday, August 28, 2017

7:00 AM Annie Mullen Memorial

## Tuesday, August 29, 2017

7:00 AM Scot McRae Memorial

## Wednesday, August 30, 2017

7:00 AM Mary Malloy Memorial

## Thursday, August 31, 2017

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

## Friday, September 1, 2017

7:00 AM Joan Salvaggio Memorial

## Saturday, September 2, 2017

4:00PM Jean Pike Memorial

## Sunday, September 3, 2017

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

9:30 AM Joan Palmer Anniversary

11:30AM The McLaughlin Family Memorial

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:  
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—75%

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



***"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. - Mt 16:19-20***

## Readings for the Week of August 27, 2017

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8/  
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/  
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12ab/  
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17/  
Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12/  
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/  
Mt 16:21-27

# Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 5,024.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,118.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,322.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,464.00</b>

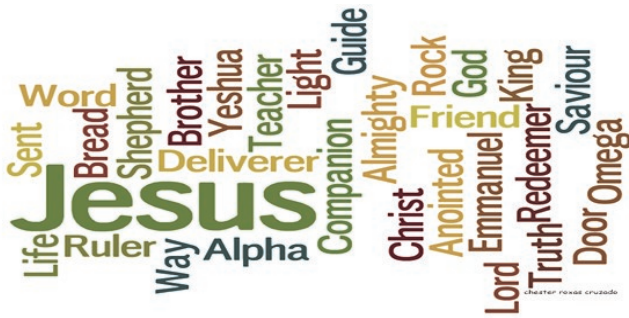


**PLEASE REMEMBER ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH  
WHEN PLANNING YOUR ESTATE. Thank you!**

*Patrick Curtin, Jr. & Jessica Cole III  
Ryan Lancaster & Maryellen Shea I*



From the desk of the  
Pastoral Associate  
Mrs. Linda Muldoon



When praying with this passage from Matthew, it stood out that “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” poses a question that is different from “Who do you say that I am?” Jesus asks the first question as though someone today might seek the results of an opinion poll. The disciples have immediate responses from readily accessible information—three distinct names and a category that could be defined as “other.” When Jesus asks the second question, the personal question, the one with the YOU in it—the only reply is from Simon Peter, and he gets it right! If you and I were among that group of disciples, without the benefit of hindsight, how would we have answered that question? A scene pops into my head where the other disciples avoid eye contact with Jesus, perhaps hoping that the teacher will not call on them! We have countless opportunities to recognize “the Christ, the Son of the living God” in our personal prayer and in our words and actions—not just in church but in every word and deed, in every interaction with the people we meet. Now more than ever, we are called to generous—and even courageous—as we bring the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, into our world.

**August 27—Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time:** Like Peter in today’s Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus’ presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us. **This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul enabled the poor to experience Jesus’ presence by supporting the families and individuals who use our food pantry with groceries, Panera donations, referrals, and limited financial assistance. It is YOUR generosity that makes this possible, thank you!**



**Palliative Care Presentation...** Are you over 18 years of age? Are you or someone you love facing medical challenges? Do you wonder what is the difference between palliative care and hospice care? Do you wonder what the Catholic Church teaches regarding health care proxy, advance directives, or end-of-life care? We invite you to a presentation and discussion at St. Francis of Assis Church Hall on Wednesday, October 4 at 7PM, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Boston Initiative for Palliative Care and Advance Care Planning. RSVP to 781-843-1332 or [parish@sfab.org](mailto:parish@sfab.org) so that we have enough materials and refreshments for everyone.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry...**

We invite YOU to become a member of a group of committed people, who meet for an hour on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7PM and on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 12:30PM in the church hall to knit or crochet prayer shawls. Come and join us when you can. Perhaps you have not used your needle-work talents in many years. If that is the case, we have assistance to get you started. If you already have the skill, you will find that it is an uplifting experience. We pray, we socialize, and we make beautiful prayer shawls. During our meetings, we have some soft spiritual music playing in the background to provide us peace and inspiration. Our completed prayer shawls are blessed and then given to sick parishioners, recently bereaved spouses, residents of the local nursing homes, and mothers of newborns. There is a loving verse affixed to each prayer shawl. Our September meeting dates are Tuesday, the 12th at 7:00PM and Thursday, the 28th at 12:30PM. (We suggest that you bring yarn, knitting needles, and/or crochet hooks. There is some yarn available; but, if you have your own, that would be most helpful.)



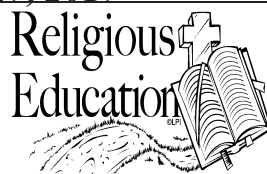
**and a high five for a job faithfully and well-done to Joe Soucar, who has retired as our cameraman at the 4PM Mass for the last several years.** Joe’s work has brought the St. Francis Mass, via the BELD channel, into the homes of those unable to join us in person. We are praying that some folks will come forward so that this important ministry to the homebound can continue. If you are comfortable with A/V equipment or would like to learn, and can volunteer some time to record an occasional Saturday or Sunday Mass, please call the parish office. Again—a huge thank you to Joe, and thank you for your consideration!

## Parish Info and events of note...

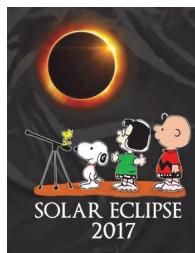
- **St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry...** We are open Thursdays from 10AM-12NN and 2-4PM. If you need groceries, please call on Wednesday so that we can be prepared for your visit. Referrals and limited financial assistance are available for parishioners in need. Please call the parish office for more 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.



**Looking for a few more green thumbs...** 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 (718.843.1332) or email ([parish@sfab.org](mailto:parish@sfab.org)) the office for more information.



Mrs. Diane Hopkins  
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli  
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Yes, I got caught up in the solar eclipse! Who wouldn't? After all, the "news" screamed to take the time to look to the sky in witness. *In witness to what exactly?* So, I looked to the sky, and I got chills at the magnitude of the universe. But something greater happened than chills. I thought... "Wow, it appears the entire country is **united** in this eclipse." There is no hatred or division in this eclipse. We are all looking in the same direction...together. Maybe we should have an "eclipse experience" everyday!

Looking to the sky was more than an exercise in solidarity; it was an opportunity for renewed inspiration in the mystery of a God who authors it all! The kind lady on the street who shared her glasses with me whispered "The sun is the center of our universe and it is brilliant!" I whispered back, "God gave us that brilliant sun and for this we revolve around Him." Maybe my whisper sent a ray of hope out into the universe like the eclipse brought hope to me in a united humanity. The existence of God is tangible by a sun we can see and feel. So I pray for each of us to have a moment when we look out beyond ourselves, feel the presence of God and whisper in awe ...we are united together in God. Warmly, Ronna

Thank you to all families who have returned registrations forms. If you need to reach us regarding the Confirmation Program or the upcoming retreats, please feel free to contact us at [dhopkins@sfab](mailto:dhopkins@sfab) or [rpetrilli@sfab](mailto:rpetrilli@sfab) or call 781-848-3238.

**Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Stay Close,  
Diane and Ronna



**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 Saturday, September 16 from 9-11:30AM and again 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.



From  
Mr. Brian Cote  
Principal

As most of you are aware, St. Francis of Assisi School is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. (NEASC). Accreditation has two purposes: quality assurance and school improvement. Our school was last evaluated for accreditation during the spring of 2008, and another evaluation is scheduled for April 29 – May 3, 2018.

Last school year, we began the 18-month process of preparing for our upcoming visit by undergoing a structured self-study, that examines every aspect of school life, assesses compliance with the NEASC Standards, and sets goals for school improvement.

School will begin on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> for students in grades 1 – 8. The first few days (Wednesday - Friday), will be early dismissal days at 11:30 a.m., with faculty meetings and professional development opportunities 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.



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!



### Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

JOHN	Father	Christ
prophets	blessed	revealed
Peter	Elijah	Jeremiah

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### Sharing the Gospel

God had sent great prophets to his people. Jeremiah, Elijah, and John the Baptist were faithful to God. They told God's people to love each other. But God's people would not listen. That is why God sent his Son Jesus to be your Savior. With Jesus' help, you can turn back to God. Because of Jesus, you can love others. Because of Jesus, you can look forward to heaven.

### Prayer

God, I thank you for sending your Son, Jesus to be my Savior.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus in heaven, holding out his hand to you.

### Mission for the Week

Tell God you are sorry for your sins. Ask God to help you follow Jesus' example.



## From the Archdiocese of Boston

Confirmation  
for  
Adult  
Catholics



### August 27 ~ Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel is so familiar that it may be easy to just let Jesus' question go quickly by without taking the time to answer him - "Who do you say that I am?" Do you respond with the conviction of Peter - "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God"? This Gospel invites you today to take a few minutes to consider your relationship with Jesus and how you might answer his question. It is then that you are able to proclaim to others who Christ is and his importance in your life.

The Dominican Sisters of Peace will be offering a Discernment Weekend on September 8 - 10, 2017 at Rosary Manor, 1 Rosary Drive, Watertown. Join other single Catholic women between the ages of 18 - 45 who wish to explore contemporary Dominican vowed life. This weekend will introduce you to the Dominican Sisters of Peace, their ministries, prayer and community life. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sister June Fitzgerald, OP at [jfitzgerald@oppeace.org](mailto:jfitzgerald@oppeace.org) or 570-336-3991.

### 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).



Help discover the keys to 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/>.



### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Do you Know of anyone who has postponed receiving the sacrament of Confirmation? Contact Mary Ellen Cassani at [maryellen.cassani@gmail.com](mailto:maryellen.cassani@gmail.com) to receive up-to-date information on when classes begin or just to have your questions answered.

The Fall Adult Confirmation program begins Sunday October 29 with the 5:00pm Mass at Saint Jerome Church. Class follows in the Church Hall. Please email [maryellen.cassani@gmail.com](mailto:maryellen.cassani@gmail.com) for further details or to register. This class is intended for adults who have already been Baptized and received First Holy Communion.

### ALPHA IS COMING!

Alpha is a program that invites participants to encounter Jesus in a new and personal way and discover answers to questions such as:

"Is There More to Life Than This?"

How Does God Guide Us?

Why and How Should I Read the Bible?

All are invited to an introductory dinner and presentation on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> to discover if Alpha is right for them! Dinner will take place at St. Joseph's Parish, Holbrook in the St. Charles Hall from 6:30-8pm. For more info or to confirm for dinner email: [alpha@stjosephholbrook.org](mailto:alpha@stjosephholbrook.org)

