

# 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.

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, September 23, 2017

4:00PM Gail Kelley Memorial

## Sunday, September 24, 2017

7:00 AM Nathan Watson Memorial

9:30 AM Victoria Fay Anniversary

11:30 AM William J. & Miriam F. Little Anniversary

## Monday, September 25, 2017

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

## Tuesday, September 26, 2017

7:00 AM Paul McDevitt Memorial

## Wednesday, September 27, 2017

7:00 AM Trish O'Neil Christiani Month's Mind

## Thursday, September 28, 2017

7:00 AM Annie Mullen Memorial

## Friday, September 29, 2017

7:00 AM Alice Murphy Memorial

## Saturday, September 30, 2017

4:00PM Agnes, Mitchell and Stanley Rakoski Memorial

## Sunday, October 1, 2017

7:00 AM Eleanor Golden Anniversary

9:30 AM Benjamin Venuti Memorial

11:30AM Marie Reis Memorial

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	\$ 5,115.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,766.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,322.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 9,203.00</b>

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



*It Takes a Parish to plan for and celebrate a ministry fair...*

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
Ministry Fair**

**Saturday, October 14 and  
Sunday, October 15**

**Join us after Mass for info, opportunities, and refreshments!**

**Calling all current volunteers—please plan to attend the fair and share your story with those who may be interested in joining us. We have openings for your help after each of the Masses on 10/14 and 10/15—more info available at 781-843-1332 or [lmuldoon@sfab.org](mailto:lmuldoon@sfab.org).**



*"He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:13-16*

## Readings for the Week of September 24, 2017

Sunday:	Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/ Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-5/ Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2-4, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/ Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jr 31:10-12ab, 13/ Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



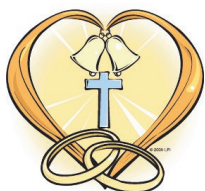
From the desk of the  
Pastoral Associate  
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

generosity

Today's Gospel from St. Matthew often evokes the response, "That's not fair!" How often have we said that? I remember saying it as a child, hearing it from our daughters, and now hearing it from the grandchildren—often over what we, as adults, would consider trivial matters. But what about when WE say or think, "That's not fair!" as a response to our own situation or that of someone else? "That's not fair!" usually indicates that we are angry with ourselves, with others, or with God when we end up on the wrong side of the coin toss or with the short straw. God, (aka the owner of the vineyard) offers eternal life to all people—even those who do not measure up to OUR definitions of worthiness!

The Old Testament reading reminds us that we mortals cannot contain God by our images and expectations of the Almighty: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways," says the LORD. "As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts." Jesus asks us, "Are you envious because I am generous?" If we take seriously our call to be imitators of Christ, let us put aside our envy and respond to the many opportunities we have each day to respond with generosity.

**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.



Keith Burns & Heidi O'Donnell III  
Richard O'Neil & Kathleen O'Neill III  
Steve Powell & Evelyn Barrales II

**September 24—Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** On September 27, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and our food pantry volunteers continue his work and mission in our parish. **This past month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to "bring good news to the poor" by providing 34 individuals and 17 families with many bags of groceries and limited financial assistance. Thank you!**

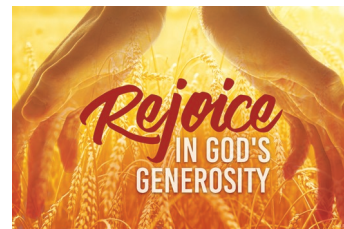


**SVDP Monthly Food Collection Sunday...** Thank you for your generous response last weekend! Just a reminder—if you know a family or perhaps a senior citizen struggling to make ends meet—folks right here in our collaborative—forced to choose between eating and some other necessary option—please call (or encourage them to call) 781.843.1332.



**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 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.

Our new **bereavement group** continues THIS Tuesday, September 26 at 1PM in the SFA church hall. We will be using the book, *The New Day Journal*, and copies will be available for new members. If you are a returning member and already have this book, we ask that you bring it with you on Tuesday. Please feel free to call or email Linda Muldoon with questions—781.843.1332 or [lmuldoon@sfab.org](mailto:lmuldoon@sfab.org).



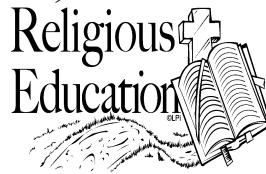


# Parish Info and events of note...

- **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...** Next meets Thursday, September 28th at 12:30PM. Come and join us when you can. (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.)
- **Our Bereavement Group ...** meets THIS Tuesday, September 26 at 1:00PM in the church hall. More information elsewhere in this bulletin.
- **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.



**The Annual Blessing of the Animals** in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will take place next **Sunday**, October 1 at 1:00PM on the plaza in front of the church. Owners, pets, and pet-lovers are welcome to attend. In the interest of safety for all please keep your pets restrained or contained.



Mrs. Diane Hopkins  
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli  
Phone 781.848.3238

Sunday Faith Formation begins on Sunday, September 24, with a Parent/Student Meeting in the church hall after the 9:30 Family Mass, for those registered by September 15.

Religious Education for Grades 1-5 begins on September 25 and 26. We will start with a Parent /Student Meeting in the church hall at 3:50 for those registered by September 15.

Religious Education for Grades 6, 7 & 8 begins on Tuesday, September 26. We will start with a Parent/Student Meeting in the church hall beginning at 6:30 for those registered by September 15.

**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

Classes for those students in Grades 1-8 who did not register by September 15 will start as follows:

- Gr. 6, 7 & 8 will start October 10
- Mon. – Gr. 1-5 will start October 16
- Tue. – Gr. 1-5 will start October 17

**We are in need of CATECHISTS**

- Monday - we need (2) Grade 1 Catechists
- Tuesday – we need (1) Grade 1, (1) Grade 2 and (1) Grade 4 Catechists
- Thursday – we need (4) Grade 9 Catechists



**The Religious Education Program relies on volunteers to share their time and faith with the children of our parish. We have a wonderful team. We hope you will join us!!!**

**Confirmation I (Grade 9) - PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!! - We have moved our "Welcome Parent/Student Night" to Thursday, October 12th at 6:30 at St. Clare** due to a conflict with a Freshman/Parent Orientation at Braintree High.

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." Please call on us for anything. Our website has the overall **calendar** for **September and October** under the **Class Times** tab.

*The Lord is near to all who call upon him.*

Stay close,  
Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli



From  
**Mr. Brian Cote**  
*Principal*

**Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate** – This past Tuesday, the 8th grade students from Quincy Catholic Academy, St. Paul, St. Jerome, Sacred Heart and St. Francis of Assisi Schools participated in a collaborative field trip to the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate. Through their participation, Deliberation, Negotiation, Debate and Role-Play were the tools our students used to engage in the Senate Immersion Module (SIM). At the Edward M. Kennedy Institute’s full-scale reproduction of the U.S. Senate Chamber, our students experienced this hands-on approach to learning about representation and the legislative process. Using tablet technology, our students worked together to create a bill. This institute is dedicated to educating the public about the important role of the Senate in our government, encouraging participatory democracy, invigorating civil discourse, and inspiring the next generation of citizens and leaders to engage in the civic life of their communities.



**SFA 5<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Pumpkin Run/Walk**

Calling all runners, walkers and sponsors! Join us at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint Francis of Assisi School Pumpkin Run-Walk on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at SFA. The event consists of a 5K Run or Walk with a Post-Race Party, Raffles and Awards for the Winners. Register today at [racewire.com](http://racewire.com). The First 100 registrants receive a Free Tee-Shirt! The cost is \$20 for an adult, \$10 for a youth (under 18) and \$50 family maximum. Day of the Run/Walk entries will also be welcomed! Come support our school!

In addition to runners and walkers, we need sponsors! Please consider being a family or business sponsor; your name will be listed on the back of the Race Tee-Shirts. What a Great Way to Advertise your Business! Deadline is October 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Kim Dee at 617-639-7642 / [kimdee421@gmail.com](mailto:kimde421@gmail.com), Mari-Joy O’Leary at 617-271-3705 / [mjesele@hotmail.com](mailto:mjesele@hotmail.com) or Brian Cote at 781-848-0842 x12 / [bcote@sfab.org](mailto:bcote@sfab.org).

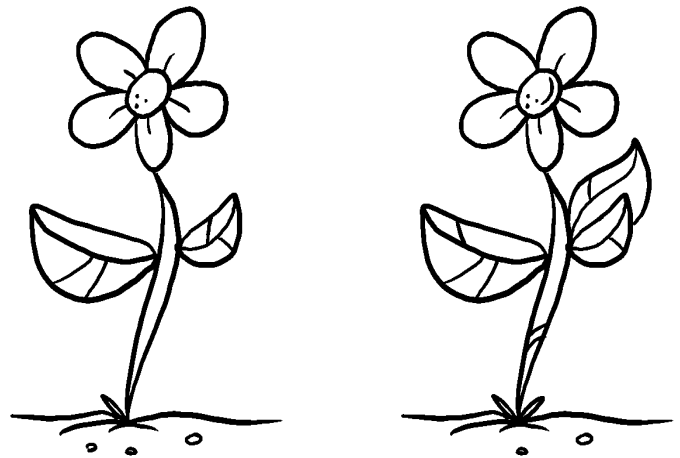
**Enroll Today** – St. Francis of Assisi School is now accepting applications for all grade levels for the 2017-18 school year. For more information regarding our admissions procedure, simply visit our school’s website ([www.sfab.org](http://www.sfab.org)) or contact us at (781) 848-0842. Are you interested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

**“School Nurse Position Available”** – St. Francis of Assisi School is currently seeking a full-time nurse to join our school for the 2017–2018 academic school year. The school nurse is responsible for maintaining the school’s health policies and programs. The primary role is to promote health education and to provide preventative health services to facilitate the physical, cognitive, emotional, and social growth of our students. If interested in applying, please send a letter of interest, resume and license(s) to Brian Cote, St. Francis of Assisi School, 850 Washington Street, Braintree, MA 02184 or via email [bcote@sfab.org](mailto:bcote@sfab.org). For more details regarding this position, contact Brian Cote at 781-848-0842 x12 or via email.



**Puzzle**

Find 8 differences.



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**Sharing the Gospel**

Whether you work for God your whole life, or whether you just got started, God will reward you in heaven. God doesn't want you to compare yourself with other people. God just wants you to love him with your whole heart.

**Prayer**

God, help me to be ready when you ask me to work for you.

**Something to Draw**

Draw a picture of yourself telling a friend at school about Jesus.

**Mission for the Week**

Say a special prayer for each person in your family.



From the  
Archdiocese of  
Boston



## Upcoming Events

### September 24 ~ Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The parable in today's gospel has many explanations. In it Jesus presents a lesson for his first disciples as well as for his disciples today. It is almost as if he is saying, "Everyone, no matter when they come to the faith, is equally precious to God." As Christ's disciples today, we need to celebrate each new generation and culture that comes to the faith. If we are to be the evangelizing parish that God intends, we need to welcome all those who come to our parish, not excluding anyone with a different language or religious practice, but rather see them as "equally precious to God."

Confirmation  
for  
Adult  
Catholics



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.



"Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near." Encourage those moments by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Oct 21-22, 2017 in Contoocook, NH and Dec 2-3, 2017 in

BREWSTER, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at <https://www.mema.org/>.



## Pray for Vocations

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The **BRAINTREE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB** will hold a "Welcome Back Helping Hands Luncheon" to help support the victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. This event will be held on Wednesday, October 11 at 1:30PM in St. Clare Parish Hall, 1244 Liberty Street, Braintree. A chicken parmesan luncheon will be served by Fasano's Catering. Tickets for luncheon will be \$20. Please make checks payable to Braintree Catholic Women's Club and send to Mrs. Natalie Shaughnessy, 206 Linden Pond Way #132, Hingham, MA 02043. The deadline is Monday, October 2. For more information please call Mrs. Frances Buonopane at 781-843-3738. The speaker for the afternoon will be "Janelle, From Heaven's Kitchen with Janelle". All are welcome.

**Fatima Centennial Event:** Saturday, October 7, 8 AM-5 PM at Stonehill College, Easton, MA, "FATIMA: THE PROMISE and OUR PART IN THE PLAN." Amazing Marian evangelization event. Be part of the Fatima Centennial and blessings. Limited seating. Call now! For details and tickets go to [LivingFatima.com/October7/](http://LivingFatima.com/October7/) or call [508-801-2485](tel:508-801-2485) or [508-996-1039](tel:508-996-1039).

**HIGH SCHOOL FAIR**—Local-area Catholic High Schools present information at a High School Fair hosted by Archbishop Williams on Sunday, October 1 (11am-1pm).



**Archbishop Williams High School** (Grades 7-12) Open House--Sunday, October 22 (11am-1pm) and Thursday, November 2(6pm-8pm).

**Cardinal Spellman** Thursday, October 19 at 6:30PM. For more information call 501-583-6161 or visit the website at [www.spellman.com](http://www.spellman.com)

**Catholic Memorial School** is hosting its annual Open House on Sunday, October 15, 2017 from 10:00AM-12:00PM for the Middle School Program and 2:00-4:00PM for the High School Program. Please join us for student-led campus tours. Meet faculty, staff, coaches, students and parents to discuss programs and answer questions. Please visit our website at [www.CatholicMemorial.org](http://www.CatholicMemorial.org) or call Admissions at 617-469-8019.

**Fontbonne Academy** Open House—Thursday, October 12, from 6-8PM and Sunday, October 15, from 11AM- 2PM Contact the Fontbonne Academy Admissions Office for more information: 617.615.3014 or [admissions@fontbonneacademy.org](mailto:admissions@fontbonneacademy.org).