

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 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

11:30 AM Marie Reis Memorial

Monday, October 2, 2017

7:00 AM Julie McDonagh Anniversary

Tuesday, October 3 2017

7:00 AM Kathleen Farmer Memorial

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

7:00 AM Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Thursday, October 5, 2017

7:00 AM James McDonald Memorial

Friday, October 6, 2017

7:00 AM Louis Rizzo Anniversary

Saturday, October 7, 2017

4:00PM The Dettore, Hudson & Kershaw Families Memorial

Sunday, October 8, 2017

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

9:30 AM Brenna Kelly Memorial

11:30AM The Broughton Family Memorial

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—68%

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

Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 4,944.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,972.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,322.00
Total Offertory	\$ 9,238.00

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.



"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

Readings for the Week of October 1, 2017

Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
Monday:	Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-23, 29/ Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday:	Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-7/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-6/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8-11/ Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9/ Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-37/ Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday:	Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/ Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

October 1—Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary

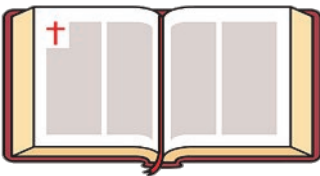
Time: The Gospel today is a great example of saying, “actions speak louder than words.” **As you put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul’s blue envelopes and then into the collection basket or through the rectory mail slot, know that you are putting your faith into action. Thank you.**



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 Assisi Church Hall **THIS 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 so that we have enough materials and refreshments for everyone.



Bible Study... Celia Sirois of CHRISM will present the course, “Come Holy Spirit” on **Tuesday evenings from October 10 to November 14**

(no meeting on 10/31) from 7-8:30PM in the St. Francis church hall. The Holy Spirit has been at work with the Father and The Son, from creation to the completion of God's plan for our salvation. This course, biblically based, will enhance our appreciation of the Spirit's role in our lives. Please bring your Bible! Refreshments will be served; registration is not required; and the suggested CHRISM offering is \$5 per session. Call 781.843.1332 for more information.



SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Collaborative Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on Friday, October 27 at Lombardo's. Watch your mailbox for your invitation.

The Daughters of St. Paul, will be here at our parish after all the Masses on the weekend of Oct. 7th & 8th. These Media Sisters will bring a wonderful selection of materials which they publish and produce. Be sure to stop by and peruse their materials: Spiritual reading, Lives of the Saints, books for Children, DVD's, music and more! These great items will assist you with the faith formation of your family so we invite you to plan on choosing something to enrich your faith or to share it with others! Additionally you can check out their website: www.pauline.org

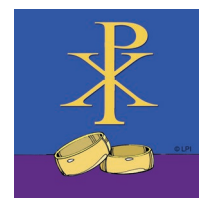


Next weekend (October 7-8) the Braintree Council , #1462, Knights of Columbus, will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll Fund Raiser for children with special needs. The Knights will be at the entrances of the church after weekend Masses to accept donations. Please be as generous as possible.

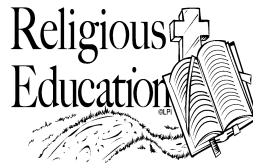
Our bereavement group continues **NEXT Tuesday, October 10** at 1PM in the SFA church hall. We are using the book, *The New Day Journal*, and copies will be available for new members. If you are a returning member and already have this book, we ask that you bring it with you on Tuesday. Please feel free to call or email Linda Muldoon with questions—781.843.1332 or lmuldoon@sfab.org.



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 info or to register, please call 781.961.5009. It will also be held at **St. Francis of Assisi in Braintree on Wednesday, October 25 at 7PM** (781.843.1332 or lmuldoon@sfab.org). 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...



Mrs. Diane Hopkins
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli
Phone 781.848.3238

- **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 Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00PM and Thursday, October 26th 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 next Tuesday, October 10 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.

Religious Education classes are as scheduled:

Sunday, October 1 10:30-11:30 **Grades 1-5**
(PC) Session. Class in school. Teachers will meet students in front pews in front of statue of Mary.

5:00 – 7:00 **Grade 10**

No classes. Next class October 22.

Monday, October 2 3:50-4:50 **Grades 1-5**
Classes in the school for those registered before Sept. 15.
After 15th start October 16

Tuesday, October 3 3:50-4:50 **Grades 1-5**
Classes in the school for those registered before Sept. 15.
After 15th start October 16

6:30- 7:45 **Grades 6-8**

No classes.

Next class October 10 for all students registered.

Confirmation I (Grade 9) Opening Meeting has been changed from October 5th to **October 12th** due to a conflict with the Freshman Parent Orientation at Braintree High School. The Meeting will take place at St. Clare in the Church at 6:30PM. Next class will be October 19, two weeks in a row.

Our **Confirmation II (10th graders)** have engaged in a retreat experience giving them the opportunity to encounter Christ in each other and at Mass. The retreat gave the young people a day of fun and common bonding around Christ. They realized they share something *divinely* special!

Confirmation II (Grade 10) will have their next meeting on Sunday, October 22nd from 6:00-7:00PM at St. Clare.

We had a wonderful time this week welcoming back our families for another year of faith exploration. The energy could fuel a rocket to heaven! If you are out there and want to join us ... come aboard! We are still in need of a 4th grade teacher for Tuesday afternoons. We also have a need for substitute teachers for Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

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!!!

Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed and loved and forgiven.

–Pope Francis

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Stay close,
Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli

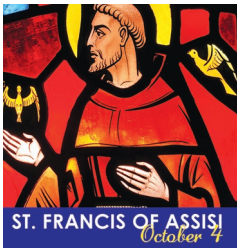


The Annual Blessing of the Animals in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will take place **THIS Sunday, October 1 at 1:00PM** on the plaza in front of the church. Owners, pets, and pet-lovers are welcome to attend. In the interest of safety for all please keep

your pets restrained or contained.



From
Mr. Brian Cote
 Principal



On Wednesday, October 4th, our school community will gather for an All-School Liturgy at 8:45AM in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This Liturgy is being planned and coordinated by our students in grade seven. All are welcome!

SFA 5th Annual 5K Pumpkin Run/Walk

Calling all runners, walkers and sponsors! Join us at the 5th Annual Saint Francis of Assisi School Pumpkin Run-Walk on Saturday, October 21st 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. 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 10th. 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 / mjsele@hotmail.com or Brian Cote at 781-848-0842 x12 / bcote@sfab.org.

St. Francis of Assisi Friar's 500 Club – How would you like the possibility of winning \$500, \$100 or 6 prizes of \$25 every month for the next twelve months? If so, St. Francis of Assisi School invites you to participate in our Friar's 500 Club by purchasing a 500 Club Ticket for only \$60. Since tuition does not cover the full operating costs of our school, we must rely on various fundraising efforts. The families of our school community are required to purchase four tickets per year, which may be sold to friends and relatives. Once again thank you for your continued support of our school and Catholic education. To join our Friar's 500 Club and purchase your ticket, simply provide us with your name, address, and telephone number along with your \$60 payment (checks made payable to St. Francis of Assisi School) to St. Francis of Assisi Friar's Club, 850 Washington Street, Braintree, MA 02184.

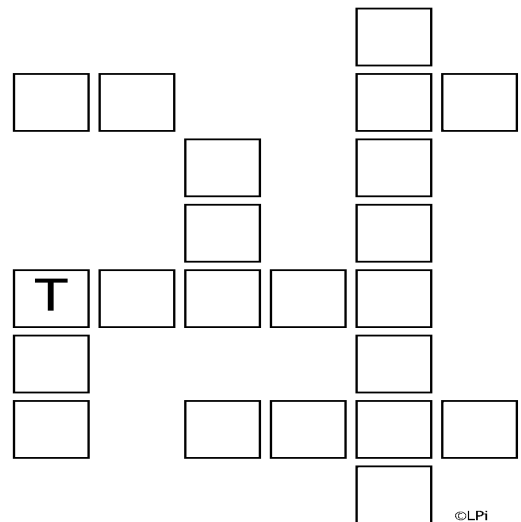
Enroll Today – St. Francis of Assisi School is now accepting applications for all grade levels for the 2017-18 school year. For more information regarding our admissions procedure, simply visit our school's website (www.sfab.org) or contact us at (781) 848-0842. Are you interested learning more about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

Go and work today in the vineyard.



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Sharing the Gospel

Maybe you have heard that actions speak louder than words. It means that the things you do are more important than the things you say. Show kindness to others. Trust God. He wants what is best for you, so find out how to work for God. Then do what he asks.

Prayer

God, I want to show you that I love you.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself washing the dishes.

Mission for the Week

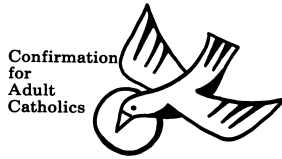
Show kindness to a friend. Help someone pick up a mess they made, just because you love Jesus.



From the Archdiocese of Boston

October 1 ~ Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians gives strong encouragement to the disciples of his day: "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." And what was the attitude of Christ? It is that Jesus was humble, obedient to God's will and never putting himself above others. As you think about Christ's attitude and his way of relating to God and to others, do you strive to have this same attitude in your life? Ask for the grace you need to grow more like Christ in all things.



Do you know of anyone who has postponed receiving the sacrament of Confirmation? Contact Mary Ellen Cassani at 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 for further details or to register. This class is intended for adults who have already been Baptized and received First Holy Communion.



"Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths." Explore the paths with your spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next 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 them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

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/ or call [508-801-2485](tel:508-801-2485) or [508-996-1039](tel:508-996-1039).



Upcoming Events

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.



A Magic Show (for adults) will be held on Saturday, October 21 at 7:00PM in St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall. This is a Fundraising Event sponsored by the **Catholic Daughters**. It's an amazing, entertaining and dazzling show! Jack Ryan is past president of Boston's Society of American Magicians and has performed for many major organization. Don't miss this performance filled with classic magic and "magic of the mind". Tickets are \$10.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

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

Cardinal Spellman—Thursday, October 19 at 6:30PM. For more information call 508-583-6161 or visit the website at www.spellman.com.

Catholic Memorial School—Sunday, October 15, 2017 from 10:00AM-12:00PM for the Middle School and 2:00-4:00PM for the High School. Please visit our website at www.CatholicMemorial.org or call Admissions at 617-469-8019.

Fontbonne Academy —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.

St. Sebastian's Needham -Thursday, October 19 from 5:30-8:30PM For more information call 781-247-0125 or visit the website www.stsebastiansschool.org.

Ursuline Academy—Sunday October 22, 11AM – 2PM. For further information, please call 781-493-7727 or visit www.ursulineacademy.net to pre-register for the Open House.

Xaverian Brothers High School -Grade 7-8, Sunday, October 22 9 - 11AM; Grade 9-12, Sunday, October 29 9-11 a.m. Register online at www.xbhs.com/openhouse or call 781-326-6392.