

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, October 7, 2017

4:00PM Dettore, Hudson & Kershaw, Memorial
Pizzelli, Zinkiw & Kousidis Families

Sunday, October 8, 2017

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
9:30 AM Brenna Kelly Memorial
11:30 AM The Broughton Family Memorial

Monday, October 9, 2017

7:00 AM Michael Fitzgerald Memorial

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

7:00 AM Jane McDonald Memorial

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

7:00 AM Edna McDonnell Memorial

Thursday, October 12, 2017

7:00 AM Elaine McDuff Memorial

Friday, October 13, 2017

7:00 AM Harold Mallon Memorial

Saturday, October 14, 2017

4:00PM Frances O'Brien Anniversary

Sunday, October 15, 2017

7:00 AM Gina Wojciechowski and Anniversary
Mike & Lucy Del Rosso Memorial
9:30 AM Joseph D'Ambrosio Memorial
11:30AM Sheehan & Niedzwiecki Families Memorial

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—72%

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

Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 6,013.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,840.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,322.00
Total Offertory	\$10,175.00

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.



Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone...?

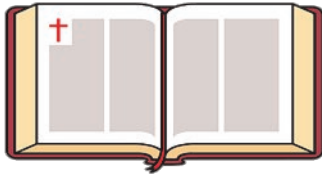
Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." - Mt 21:42ab, 43

Readings for the Week of October 8, 2017

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/
Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3-5, 8/
Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8/
Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16/
Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/
Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14,
19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon



Bible Study... Celia Sirois of CHRISM presents “Come Holy Spirit” beginning **THIS Tuesday October 10** from 7-8:30PM in the St. Francis church hall.

Sessions will then continue the same day and time through **November 14** (no meeting on 10/31) 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.

October 8—Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: The good news of this Gospel is that all we need to do is let God tend us and bring us to produce good fruit. All we need do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest. **Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned.**



How, you may ask, can I help? Well...

Our monthly Food Pantry Sunday is next weekend. Please bring with you to Mass your donations of non-perishable food, small toiletries, cleaning supplies, and paper products.

- If you prefer not to shop, you can help us with financial support. It is important to know that every penny we receive directly benefits our clients! Please place that offering (checks written to St. Vincent DePaul with SFA on the memo line) in one of the blue envelopes found in the church, and then place the envelope in the collection basket or through the rectory mail slot.
- Sometimes we find gift cards to area supermarkets, department stores, and restaurants in those blue envelopes. We pass them along to our clients who are delighted to receive them!

Perhaps you know, from within our parish, an elderly person who is too proud to ask for help or a family that might be struggling. **No one should have to decide between paying a utility bill and putting food on the table!**

Pauline Books and Media and the Daughters of St. Paul will be with us this weekend, along with some items for purchase from their Dedham store. If you are looking for that just-right, faith-based gift for a loved one (or yourself), be sure to look for them after Mass! The Daughters seek to help people connect with Jesus Christ and the Church in our secular digital culture. For more information, visit www.pauline.org.



THIS weekend 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 **THIS 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

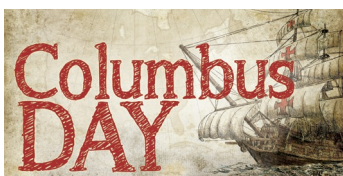


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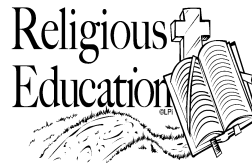
The Annual Collaborative Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on Friday, October 27 at Lombardo’s. Invitations were mailed this week. If you volunteer at St. Francis but did not receive your invitation please call the parish office at 781-843-1332.

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 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.



The parish office will be closed on Monday, October 9 in observance of Columbus Day.



Mrs. Diane Hopkins
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli
Phone 781.848.3238

Religious Education classes are as scheduled:

Sunday, October 8	10:30-11:30	Gr. 1-5
	No Class	
	5:00 – 7:00	Gr. 10
	No Class. Next class is October 22.	
Monday, October 9	3:50-4:50	Gr. 1-5
	No Class – Columbus Day	
Tuesday, October 10	3:50-4:50	Gr. 1-5
	No Class – Columbus Day	
	6:30- 7:45	Gr. 6-8
	Classes meet in the school.	
Thursday, October 12	6:00-7:30	Gr. 9
	Parent/Student Meeting	

Confirmation I (Grade 9) - PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE: We have moved our "Welcome Parent/Student Night" to Thursday, October 12th at 6:30 pm at St. Clare.

Confirmation II (Grade 10) - Next meeting on Sunday, October 22nd from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. (Mass is part of our meeting time.)

Our young people demonstrated an openness to encountering the Lord. During last weekend's retreat held at St. Francis of Assisi something very beautiful happened. A funeral and two (2) weddings took place in the church directly above the young people who were bonding in the church hall. One young man suggested we pray for the deceased, so together we prayed. Later in the day, we were able to celebrate the newlyweds as they left the church. *We could feel the grace flowing from the sacraments.*

"The sooner you start taking your spiritual life seriously, the happier you will be." –

Taken from Dynamic Catholic's *Decision Point*

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Stay close,
Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli





From
Mr. Brian Cote
Principal

“Pinwheels for Peace” – September 21st was International Peace Day and the students at SFA joined the Pinwheels for Peace Project this year to share symbols and words of peace with our SFA School community.

Pinwheels for Peace is an art project started in 2005 by two teachers in Florida as a way for student to express their feelings about what’s going on in the world and in their lives. Last year, more than 4.5 million pinwheels were spinning in the wind, across the United States, Great Britain, South America, Australia, the Middle East, Canada, Africa, Europe and Asia; pinwheels all over the world! Pinwheels of all shapes and sizes – colorful pinwheels, decorated with drawings, paintings, collages, photographs – pinwheels with words of peace and harmony written on them.

Over the last couple of weeks, many of our SFA students created a pinwheel in Spanish class with Spanish words and symbols of peace and displayed them around our school playground as we continued to be true to our mission by imitating St. Francis of Assisi as “instruments of peace.”

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!

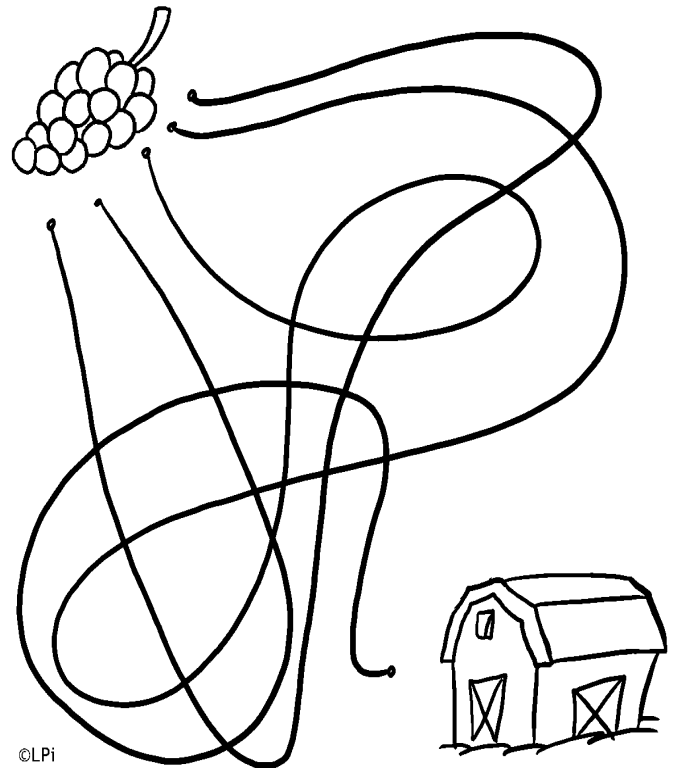
In addition to runners and walkers, we need sponsors! Please consider being a family or business sponsor; your name will be listed on the back of the Race Tee-Shirts. What a Great Way to Advertise your Business! Deadline is October 10th. For more information, please contact Kim Dee at 617-639-7642/kimdee421@gmail.com,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



Puzzle

Help the grapes find their way home.



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Sharing the Gospel

You are God's child. He made you and he loves you. Make sure you act like God's child. He created a beautiful world for you to live in. God expects you to take care of it. God also created people to live around you. Love them. Then you will make God happy.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to take care of your world and love the people around me.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself picking up your room.

Mission for the Week

Recycle paper, plastic and glass at home, instead of throwing it away. Recycling is a great way to take care of God's world.



From the Archdiocese of Boston

October 8 ~ Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” These words from today’s scripture are once again words of encouragement and comfort. We know what it is like to rely on God and to place before him all our cares and worries and to experience peace in his presence. As Christ’s disciples, offer words of reassurance to a person you know who is worried or anxious.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

with **Cardinal Seán O’Malley, O.F.M. Cap.**
for Couples Celebrating Their

25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 3:00pm

Holy Name Church, West Roxbury

To Register, Contact Family Life Director, Liz Cotrupi at
617.746.5801

Or www.BostonCatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass



Do you know of anyone who has postponed receiving the sacrament of Confirmation? Contact Mary Ellen C a s s a n i a t

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.



“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” Listen with your spouse for God’s message of love by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Oct 21-22, 2017 in Contoocook, NH and Dec 8-10, 2017

in Quincy, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.



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 **THIS 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 **Friday, October 20 [correction]** 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.