

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 14, 2017

4:00PM Frances O'Brien Anniversary

Sunday, October 15, 2017

7:00 AM Gina Wojciechowski and
Mike & Lucy Del Rosso Anniversary
Memorial

9:30 AM Joseph D'Ambrosio Memorial

11:30 AM Sheehan & Niedzwiecki Families Memorial

Monday, October 16, 2017

7:00 AM Antonio & Eleanor Corbo Memorial

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

7:00 AM Karen McElarney Memorial

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

7:00 AM Thomas Conneely Anniversary

Thursday, October 19, 2017

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, October 20, 2017

7:00 AM Mary Odenweller & Family Spec. Intention

Saturday, October 21, 2017

4:00PM The Dulong Family Memorial

Sunday, October 22, 2017

7:00 AM Julie Ann Corcoran Anniversary

9:30 AM Chester Daiute, Jr. Anniversary

11:30AM Anna & Louis Penzo and
Paul Huling Memorial

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—74%

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

Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 5,188.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,295.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,057.60
Total Offertory	\$ 8,540.60

**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**

**THIS WEEKEND!!!
Saturday, Oct. 14 and
Sunday, Oct. 15**

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

**Calling all current volunteers—please join us
and share your story with those who may be
interested in learning more or volunteering.**



**"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who
gave a wedding feast for his son. Tell those invited:
'Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and
fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come
to the feast.'" - Mt 22:2, 4bc**

Readings for the Week of October 15, 2017

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14,
19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/
Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-6ab/
Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-9, 42-43/
Lk 12:8-12

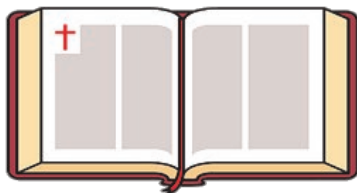
Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10/
1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21



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

Such contrast today between the reading from Isaiah, Psalm 23, and St. Paul's letter to the Philippians with our Gospel from Matthew. How does God speak to us in this arrangement of readings? We have the Lord "providing for all people" and "saving us." We have refreshment, guidance, accompaniment, anointing. We have humility, abundance, and full supply of what is needed. Sounds like we're all set... But then the Gospel tells us, "The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come." The longer option goes on to describe "wailing and grinding of teeth." Maybe we're not so all set...

My reflecting led me back to today's response in Psalm 23: "I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life." That's the house I want to live in, where God provides for me and gives to me a full supply of all that is needed. But wait... our God is a God of relationship! Relationships require the investment of all parties. Have I invited God into my house? What in my actual house suggests that God dwells there? What in my mind and heart and soul reflects God's presence? Is God invited into my relationships with family, friends, and co-workers? When I enter God's house at St. Francis or St. Clare or wherever I attend Mass, is my "house" worthy to receive the Eucharist? Time for some fall cleaning...



Bible Study... Celia Sirois of CHRISM presents "**Come Holy Spirit**" on **Tuesdays** from 7-8:30PM 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.

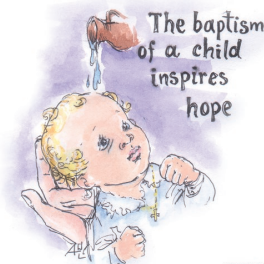
October 15—Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say: "Many are invited, but few are chosen." To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?



Our bereavement group will next meet on Tuesday, October 24 at 1PM in the SFA church hall. We are using the book, *The New Day Journal*, and copies are available for new members. If you are a returning member and already have this book, we ask that you bring it with you. 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.



We welcome with joy into the family of the Church the following children who were baptized during the months of August and September, 2017:

Jerielle Meagan Noblejas, Jack Henry Ordway, Stephen Michael Foley, Charlotte Brady Pratt, Nolan John O'Driscoll, and Shea Nancy Norton.



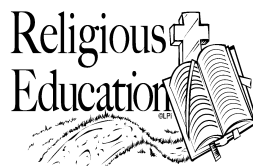
Parish Info and events of note...

- **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, 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 Tuesday, October 24 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 Collaborative Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on Friday, October 27 at Lombardo's. Invitations have been sent. If you volunteer at St. Francis but did not receive your invitation

please call the parish office at 781-843-1332. **Please RSVP whether or not you plan to attend.**



Mrs. Diane Hopkins
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli
Phone 781.848.3238

Religious Education classes are as scheduled:

Sunday, October 15	10:30-11:30	Gr. 1-5
No Class. Next class is October 22 in the school.		
	5:00 – 7:00	Gr. 10
No Class. Next class is October 22.		
Monday, October 16	3:50-4:50	Gr. 1-5
Class meets in the school.		
Tuesday, October 17	3:50-4:50	Gr. 1-5
Class meets in the school.		
	6:30- 7:45	Gr. 6-8
No classes this week.		
Thursday, October 19	6:00-7:30	Gr. 9
Classes Meet at St. Clare.		

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

“The sooner you start taking your spiritual life seriously, the happier you will be.”

– Taken from Dynamic Catholic's *Decision Point*

***I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.***

Stay close,
Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli



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.



From
Mr. Brian Cote
Principal



Scholastic Book Fair

This coming week, our school will be hosting its Scholastic Book Fair in the lower church as one of the vehicles to promote literacy and reading. More importantly, books are an investment in your child's education and future. We would like to extend a word of invitation to our parishioners on Wednesday evening, October 18th from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. to come and browse at the various selections. All are Welcome!

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. We look forward to possibly serving your family in the spiritual, academic, and social development of your child.



 Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

wedding	banquet	king
servants	field	ready
guests	invited	business

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Sharing the Gospel

Imagine how it would feel to be invited by a king to come to his palace for a party! Well, you have been invited! God wants you to come. People who ignore God will not go to heaven. Don't ignore God. Say "yes" to his invitation. Go to God's party in heaven!

Prayer

Thank you for inviting me to heaven, God. I want to go!

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself at a party in heaven with God.

Mission for the Week

As a family, plan a special party. Let each person make their favorite foods and play their favorite music. Heaven will be even better!



From the Archdiocese of Boston

October 15 ~ Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
The readings today remind us of the generosity of God who provides for us “a feast of rich food...” We are so fortunate to be able to gather at the table of the Lord to receive the Body of Christ in Holy Communion. This simple but rich food nourishes our lives giving us all that we need to be the body of Christ for others. This week, pray for the grace to extend an invitation to someone to “come to the feast” and join you at 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

SPECIAL RESPECT LIFE MONTH PRESENTATION

As part of Respect Life Month, the Pro Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston is sponsoring a special presentation entitled **“Eli’s Reach: Learning to See How Support of Persons with Disabilities Is a Blessing and Not a Burden”** on Sunday, October 22 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Our Lady of the Presentation Lecture Hall of St. John’s Seminary (680 Washington Street, Brighton). Eli is a remarkable 8 year old boy with spina bifida. Eli’s dad, Chad Justice, will tell the amazing story of how many hearts and souls have been touched by Eli, beginning even before he was born. It is a story of faith, of courage, of solidarity -- and certainly one of living out the gospel message “Be not afraid”. All are welcome. Admission is free. For more information, contact the Pro Life Office at 508.651.1900 or ProLifeOffice@rcab.org



“On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples.” Learn how to put aside the veils and masks that prevent true intimacy with your spouse 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://wwwmema.org/>.



Upcoming Events



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.

NEW FAITH BASED CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

“...pray for each other so that you may be healed.

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

A new **Faith Based Cancer Support Group** is meeting at **Saint Helen’s Church Hall** (behind Saint Helen’s church) at **383 Washington Street Norwell** (Route 53) on the third Wednesday of each month.

This is a non-medical group that is based on Christ the healer and rooted in scripture and prayer. Come join us **Wednesday, October 18th at 7:15 PM.** Inquiries to lindadyr24@verizon.net.

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.

Notre Dame Academy—Sunday, October 22 from 1-3PM and Wednesday, November 15 from 6-8PM. For further information call 784-749-5930 ext. 2234 or visit www.ndahingham.com.

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.