

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 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

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

Monday, October 23, 2017

7:00 AM Nicole Levine Anniversary

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

7:00 AM Paul McDevitt Memorial

Thursday, October 26, 2017

7:00 AM Felicisima Lanot Anniversary

Friday, October 27, 2017

7:00 AM Helen Callaghan Memorial

Saturday, October 28, 2017

4:00PM Annie Mullen Memorial

Sunday, October 29, 2017

7:00 AM Carmella Farina Anniversary

9:30 AM John "Mac" McGrath Anniversary

11:30AM Deceased Members of the Hannigan Family Memorial

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—71%

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

Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 6,100.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,576.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,057.60
Total Offertory	\$ 9,733.60

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...

Thank you to everyone from our parish (with a shout-out to the confirmation students who assisted with set-up and breakdown), and especially to Lisa Berardinelli, planner and coordinator extraordinaire, for an event that illuminated the many ministries here at St. Francis, encouraged new volunteers, and provided an opportunity to connect over a cup of coffee or glass of cider. Our priests and deacons and our staff and current volunteers are here to assist you in your need and to welcome you should you decide to join us—reach us at 781.843.1332 or parish@sfab.org.



"Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:19-21

Readings for the Week of October 22, 2017

Sunday:	Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10/ 1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
Monday:	Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/ Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-8/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16
Next Sunday:	Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/ 1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40



From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon



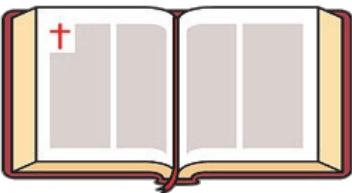
If we walk backwards through the readings for today, we can see that God does not want our money or our stuff or any of what we can't take with us when we are called from this life. What *does* God want from us? Our gratitude, and as St. Paul so eloquently writes: our prayers, our works of faith, our labors of love, and our endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ. By doing the above for God, we then, as the psalmist says, "Give the Lord glory and honor." Finally, at the end of the day, what God wants us to remember is, "I am the LORD, there is no other." At the end of this day, let us reflect on the many opportunities it provided to "give the Lord glory and honor" by what we do and say, or choose not to do or say.

October 22—Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today Jesus says: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When God is the center of our lives there is no problem with giving others their due.



Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are helping your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, and frightened to know that they belong to God.



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.



Our bereavement group meets THIS 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.



This one-time workshop, required by the Archdiocese of Boston for all clergy, staff, and volunteers, will be held here at **St. Francis of Assisi in Braintree on Wednesday, October 25 at 7PM** (781.843.1332 or lmuldoon@sfab.org). Although pre-registration is helpful, it is not required, so please feel free to join us. The information presented is valuable for parents, grandparents, and everyone who seeks to keep children safe. Please be sure to ask for a certificate of attendance to bring to your home parish.

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 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.

MASS INTENTIONS Effective **NEXT Tuesday, October 31** we will begin booking **Mass Intentions** through **September 2, 2018.**



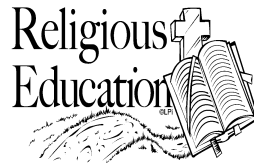
OCTOBER 22, 2017



The Annual Collaborative Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on THIS Friday 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 no later than Noon on Monday, October 23 whether or not you plan to attend.**

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 THIS 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 THIS 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.



Mrs. Diane Hopkins
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli
Phone 781.848.3238

Religious Education classes are as scheduled:

Sunday, October 22	10:30-11:30	Gr. 1-5
Class in the school.		
	5:00 – 7:00	Gr. 10
Class at St. Clare.		
Monday, October 23	3:50-4:50	Gr. 1-5
Class meets in the school.		
Tuesday, October 24	3:50-4:50	Gr. 1-5
Class meets in the school.		
	6:30- 7:45	Gr. 6-8
Classes meet in the school.		
Thursday, October 26	6:00-7:30	Gr. 9
No classes this week.		

Confirmation I (Grade 9) – Next meeting on **Thursday, November 2nd from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at St. Clare.** We had a very successful “welcome” meeting with our parents and students. Please spread the word that we are here preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Encourage your friends to come in and join us!

Confirmation II (Grade 10) - Next meeting on **Sunday, November 5th at St. Clare from 5:00 to 7:00PM.** (Mass is part of our meeting time.) We are looking forward to seeing our young people since their retreats. Please pray that their bonding will foster growth for the pilgrimage together.

We have challenged all our young people to dive in and learn the meaning of words so they can hear the “Word of God” and understand. In today’s gospel we hear the term “hypocrite”. A hypocrite is somebody who pretends to have admirable principles, beliefs, or feelings but **behaves** otherwise. The label “hypocrite” is one label to avoid!

A good example brings about so much good. But hypocrisy brings about evil. – Pope Francis

CATECHISTS: If any Catechist has not had VIRTUS Training, please contact Diane or Ronna in the Religious Education Office. There is a training session scheduled at St. Francis of Assisi on Wednesday, October 25, at 7:00PM in the church hall.

The Thanksgiving Basket food items list has been sent out. If you have not received a list, please let us know. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Give the Lord glory and honor.

Stay close, Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli



From
Mr. Brian Cote
Principal



As most of you are aware, Saint Francis of Assisi School is a member of and accredited by New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

The goals of accreditation are effectiveness, improvement, and public assurance. Each school that is a member of NEASC is accredited using the same protocols and materials assuring that the school is faithful to its mission, conducts its programs appropriately to meet its goals and fulfills the Standards of Accreditation established by the Commission on Independent Schools. In September 2016, our faculty and staff at SFA began working on our re-accreditation process in preparation of our upcoming visit on April 29 – May 3, 2018.

NEASC is a voluntary, peer review process. As a member of NEASC, it is expected that each school participates in the process of contributing and serving on various visiting committees. Participation on a visiting committee is a worthwhile and rewarding professional experience, while also providing much needed help to member schools as they strive to improve. Two weeks ago, Ms. Julianna Gratta, our Reading and Math specialist served on a visiting committee for St. Augustine School in Providence, Rhode Island.

From Sunday, October 22nd – Wednesday, October 25th, I will be chairing a visiting committee at St. Thomas School in Sanford, Maine. During my absence at SFA, Mr. Leo Egan will serve as acting principal. Please keep both schools in your prayers and thoughts.

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

Complete the picture of the piggy bank.



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Sharing the Gospel

When you grow up and earn money, you will have to pay taxes. Taxes pay for many good things that keep us safe and healthy. When you grow up in your faith, you will want to give God some of the money you earn, because all you have is a gift from God.

Prayer

God, teach me to use money wisely so my community and my church can grow.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself putting money in the collection at church.

Mission for the Week

Take care of God's world. Together as a family, clean up trash that's lying around in your neighborhood.





From the Archdiocese of Boston

October 23 ~ Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Paul writes of his gratitude for the community at Thessalonica in the second reading today. He offers a prayer of thanksgiving for them remembering their works of faith and labors of love. His words of encouragement kept the community engaged in the work of promoting the faith and strengthening their bond of love for one another. Take five minutes each day this week to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for your parish community, praying that it will continue to grow in faith.



**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 Judice, 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




Upcoming Events



Please join us for a community rosary to be held on the grounds of St. Clare's Church on Sunday October 29, 2017 beginning at 9:30AM. Everyone is invited to attend. We will gather outdoors at the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary and water fall. In the event of inclement weather, we will gather in the sanctuary. The community rosary will be led by the Knights of Columbus Braintree Council as part of the 5th Sunday Rosary Program. A supply of rosary rings and prayer cards on how to pray the rosary will be available.

The Braintree Catholic Women's Club will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, November 8 at 1:30PM at St. Clare Parish Hall. The program for the afternoon will be "DELAYED VOCATIONS". Join us with Father Kevin Hickey, from Sacred Heart Parish in Weymouth, as he relays his journey to the priesthood later in life. Chairpersons for this event are Mary St. Jean and Marie Welch at 781-848-4856. We especially want to thank all those who attended and made our "HELPING HANDS" HURRICANE FUNDRAISER such a success. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Discern how to give thanks to God for our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter  Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 19-21, 2018 in South Kingstown, RI and Mar 9-11, 2018 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwwmema.org/>.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

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

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.

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.