

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

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**Parish Office:** Mr. Rick Timmerman, Business Manager  
Miss Patty Kinnally, Office Manager

**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 28, 2017

4:00PM Annie Mullen Memorial

## Sunday, October 29, 2017

7:00 AM Carmella Farina Anniversary

9:30 AM John "Mac" McGrath Anniversary

11:30 AM Deceased Members of the Hannigan Family Memorial

## Monday, October 30, 2017

7:00 AM Sarah "Sally" Inferrera Anniversary

## Tuesday, October 31, 2017

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

5:00PM Barbara & John Murray Memorial

## Wednesday, November 1, 2017

7:00 AM Louise Piggott Anniversary

12:10PM Salvatore Lombardo Anniversary

## Thursday, November 2, 2017

7:00 AM All Souls

## Friday, November 3, 2017

7:00 AM Eugene Gaudet Anniversary

## Saturday, November 4, 2017

4:00PM Thomas Pokaski Memorial

## Sunday, November 5, 2017

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

9:30 AM Maria & Camillo D'Angelo Memorial

11:30AM Tony & Lorraine Mavilia 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	\$ 5,611.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,732.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,057.60
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 9,400.60</b>

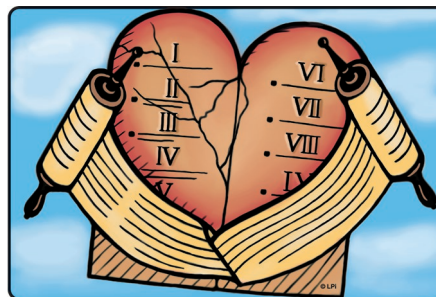
**PLEASE REMEMBER ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH WHEN PLANNING YOUR ESTATE. Thank you!**



## Prayer for Priests

Lord God, most holy,  
we approach you in gratitude for your holy ordained priesthood.  
You have called these men to be set apart and to shepherd your people, as you shepherd your entire church. We pray for them in their daily work. Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts and grace, so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand. Lead them not into temptation and protect them from the grasp of the evil one. It is through the sacraments they confer that we encounter the divine in a real and profound way. May your church never lose sight of these, your special sons, and may we, the body of Christ, never fail to cherish the gift of their lives, which they have freely given to you and your holy church. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son.  
Amen.

We are fortunate to have an exceptional group of caring priests at our Parishes. Priesthood Sunday provides us with an opportunity to simply say thank you and God bless you to them or to another priest who has had a positive impact on your life. If you have the opportunity, you can make a point of saying thank you or even send a note to Fr. Paul, Fr. Delay, Fr. Bob, Fr. Shawn, or Fr. Carlos. We are so blessed to have these priests working among us.



**He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." - Mt 22:37-39**



From the desk of the  
Pastoral Associate  
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

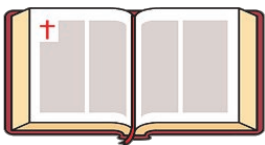
Daily Reflection for October 29, 2017, written by Nancy Shirley Of Creighton University's Online Ministries

Many times in my reflections, I refer to the Ignatian charisms or values. One of these is **Men and Women for and with Others**, and it is perfect in considering these (today's) readings. It is a mandate for all of us to treat others well, with respect and love—including family members, friends, and strangers. Our gospel completes the story, Jesus basically reiterates the message from our Exodus reading and puts it in terms that all can understand. He updates it to be contemporary yet responsive to the Pharisees testing. His teaching is consistent with the **law**, and the Pharisees are hard pressed to deny what Jesus says as being the most important. The perfect guideline/model for living a life. You shall **love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind**. Simply the greatest commandment... And then the second is how we put the first into action. We can do this through mission work or just by being present for those around us, by being kind and thoughtful to all **neighbors**, and by recognizing the opportunities to see **God in All Things**—another Ignatian charism. If we truly live this way, everything else is details.

**October 29—Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time:** In this Sunday's Gospel we find the truth that loving God isn't merely a matter of fervor in our hearts, but that it must be expressed in doing good for the sake of others.

**This past year, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to show that we indeed love our neighbors by assisting 1156 persons (individuals and families), with groceries and donated Panera products, valued at approximately \$40,600.00. All of this is due to your generous donations of groceries and your financial support of our SVDP conference. Thank you!**



**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. CHRISM offering is \$5 per session. Call 781.843.1332 for more information.

Our bereavement group will next meet on Tuesday, November 14 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](mailto:lmuldoon@sfab.org).



ALL  
SAINTS  
DAY

**Wednesday, November 1 is All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule for the collaborative of St. Francis /St. Clare of Assisi is:**

**St. Francis of Assisi**

Tuesday, October 31	Vigil 5:00PM
Wednesday, November 1	7:00AM, 8:45AM (School Liturgy all are welcome) and 12:10PM

**St. Clare**

Tuesday, October 31	Vigil 4:00PM
Wednesday, November 1	9AM and 5:30PM



**Readings for the Week of October 29, 2017**

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps

47:12-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

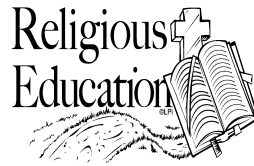


# Parish Info and events of note...

- **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.



Effective THIS Tuesday, October 31 we will begin booking Mass Intentions through September 2, 2018.



Mrs. Diane Hopkins  
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli  
Phone 781.848.3238

Religious Education classes are as scheduled:

<b>Sunday, October 29</b>	<b>10:30-11:30</b>	<b>Gr. 1-5</b>
No class. Next class is Nov. 5.		
(PC) Session-Everyone stays in church hall.		
	<b>5:00 – 7:00</b>	<b>Gr. 10</b>
No class. Next class is November 5.		
<b>Monday, October 30</b>	<b>3:50-4:50</b>	<b>Gr. 1-5</b>
No classes this week.		
<b>Tuesday, October 31</b>	<b>3:50-4:50</b>	<b>Gr. 1-5</b>
No classes this week.		
	<b>6:30- 7:45</b>	<b>Gr. 6-8</b>
No classes this week.		
<b>Thursday, October 26</b>	<b>6:00-7:30</b>	<b>Gr. 9</b>
Classes at St. Clare.		



**Confirmation I (Grade 9):** Next meeting - **Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at St. Clare** We are impressed by the seriousness of our young people. Our first meeting proves we are able to launch from a very high level. Keep up the good work! Please spread the word that we are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Encourage your friends to come in and join us!

**Confirmation II (Grade 10):** Next meeting - **Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at St. Clare (Mass is part of our meeting time.)** Please continue to pray for us as we grow closer to each other and to God.

**Our Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive is underway. If you did not receive a copy of your food list by class, please check out our website, [www.sfab.org](http://www.sfab.org), under "Activities" tab.**

**REMEMBER:**  
**Wednesday, November 1, is a holy day of obligation – All Saints Day.**

We all have the potential to become like the Saints! *The Saints were not superhuman. They were people who loved God in their hearts, and who shared this joy with others. – Pope Francis*

**I love you, Lord, my strength**  
Stay close, Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli



From  
Mr. Brian Cote  
Principal



Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Pumpkin Run/Walk for Saint Francis of Assisi School held Saturday was a fabulous and a successful event. The weather was absolutely perfect and there was such excitement and enthusiasm at this wonderful event. There are so many people to thank in making this event possible and such a great success. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and thank Mrs. Dee and Mrs. O'Leary, as well as their fantastic Pumpkin Run Committee for their many hours in planning and coordinating this event. I would like to also thank Grace White for her role as a consultant to ensure that our event ran smoothly and was successful. I would like to also offer a special word of appreciation and gratitude to all of our volunteers, as well as to the Braintree Police for their assistance in ensuring the safety of all who participated. To all of our generous family and business sponsors, we thank you for your support of this event. I would be remiss not to especially thank our community members, parishioners, faculty members, parents, family members, alumni/ae, friends and students who participated in this great event.

Following the run/walk, a post-party was enjoyed by all. We had music provided by DJ Gerard, a visit from "Wolfie" our Mascot, pumpkin decorating, pizza, chances at our Plinko game, dunk the principal and parents in the dunk tank, lots of chances to win fabulous raffle prizes, and Michaela's Photography that captured the memories. Medals were awarded to the top three male and female winners; overall winner in each of the grade levels; Best Costume and the Homecoming Award for a former SFA student in grade 9 or above. The winners were as follows:

**Overall Male Winners:**

John Deery 18:45.9; Manny Paula 20:56.1; and Marc-Andy Mexil 21:14.6.

**Overall Female Winners:**

Lindsey Tertan 22:17.1; Nicole Yun 26:39.1; and Natalie Pereira 27:10.8

**Grade Level Winners:**

Joseph MacQuarrie 30:07.0; Vincent Russo 32:49.2; Gwendolyn Bradbury 34:35.5; Chase Mazzeo 31:46.3; Patrick Crisman 26:55.2; Natalie Pereira 27:12.6; Andrew Marcotte 26:52.0; Kyle Benjamin 22:46.9; Jack Paula 24:23.8 and Shane Kelly 25:42.8

**Homecoming Award: Caroline Kelly 28:18.2**

**Best Costume: Nicole Yun (Surf and Turf)**

Congratulations to all of our winners!

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



## Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

GREATEST  
LAW  
LOVE

LORD  
HEART  
SOUL

MIND  
NEIGHBOR  
YOURSELF

T	R	E	W	A	H	C	I	H	C	E
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### Sharing the Gospel

When you have a choice to make, think about what God wants. Make sure your choices are good and that they help other people. When you follow God's example, you will be ready to love other people. With God's help you can be gentle, forgiving and kind.

### Prayer

God, help me to love you and other people more and more every day.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself praying to God for someone who hurt your feelings.

### Mission for the Week

As a family, help an elderly person in your neighborhood. Help them clean up their home or their yard.



From the  
Archdiocese of  
Boston

### October 29 ~ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus doesn't mince words in today's gospel. "The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments" - love God with your whole being and love your neighbor as yourself. There is no wiggle room in how we are to behave and how we are to treat one another. As his disciples, let us pray for the grace to be faithful to living according to these commandments in all areas of our life.

The Pro Life Office and Project Rachel will sponsor two **Masses of Remembrance and Healing for Pregnancy and Infant Loss** during the month of November. A special invitation is extended to parents, grandparents and siblings who grieve the death of children as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion or early infant death. These losses may be recent or extend over many years. The Masses will take place on **All Souls' Day, Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** at Bethany Chapel in the Pastoral Center (66 Brooks Drive, Braintree) and **Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** at St. Patrick's Church in Natick (44 East Central Street, Rt. 135). The guest homilist will be Rev. J. Bryan Hehir, Secretary for Health & Social Services of the Archdiocese of Boston. A light reception and opportunity for Sacramental Reconciliation (Confession) will also be available after Mass. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).



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](http://www.BostonCatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass)



Pray for  
Vocations



## Upcoming Events

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.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." Learn how to better love your spouse 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://www.mema.org/>.

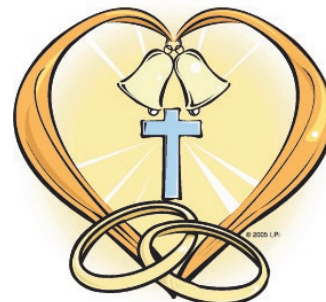


### HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

**Archbishop Williams High School** - Thursday, November 2(6pm-8pm).

**Notre Dame Academy**—Wednesday, November 15 from 6-8PM. For further information call 784-749-5930 ext. 2234 or visit [www.ndahingham.com](http://www.ndahingham.com).

**Xaverian Brothers High School** - Grade 9-12, Sunday, October 29 9-11 a.m. Register online at [www.xbhs.com/openhouse](http://www.xbhs.com/openhouse) or call 781-326-6392.



Sean Joyce & Janelle Jackson II  
Nicholas DiLorenzo & Heather Cloran I