

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, 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

11:30 AM Tony & Lorraine Mavilia Memorial

Monday, November 6, 2017

7:00 AM John & Joseph Odenweller Memorial

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

7:00 AM Marjorie Leetch Memorial

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

7:00 AM April McGrath Memorial

Thursday, November 9, 2017

7:00 AM Joan Newcomb Month's Mind

Friday, November 10, 2017

7:00 AM Charles Edmund Burke, Jr. and Frances "Irene" Burke Memorial

Saturday, November 11, 2017

4:00PM James Michael Conroy Memorial

Sunday, November 12, 2017

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

9:30 AM Mary & Daniel Sullivan Anniversary

11:30AM Edward Chisholm Anniversary

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—73%

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

Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 5,905.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,610.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,057.60
Total Offertory	\$ 9,572.60

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



We welcome with joy into the family of the Church the following children who were baptized during the month of October, 2017:

Fiona Clare Ryan, Nora Elizabeth Whalen, John Selden Connolly, Jr., Caiden Francis Owen and Connor George O'Dwyer.



Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice." - Mt 23:1-3

Readings for the Week of November 5, 2017

Sunday:	Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12
Monday:	Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde-3/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13



*Sean Joyce & Janelle Jackson III
Nicholas DiLorenzo & Heather Cloran II*

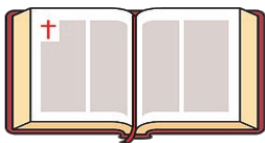


From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon



How timely the readings for today! As we deal with the aftermath of yet another terrorist attack, Malachi, a prophet from the Old Testament asks, "Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?" And in the Gospel, Jesus himself tells us, "You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers." May the true word of God work in us who believe as we remember the many innocent victims of terrorism at home and in foreign lands—those who lost lives and loved ones and those in need of physical, emotional, and spiritual healing. Let our prayer for them be from our psalm today—that in the LORD they have found their peace.

November—Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time: In the Gospel today, we hear the good news that when we keep our focus on God and serve one another, God exalts us! As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them.



Bible Study... Celia Sirois of CHRISM presents "Come Holy Spirit" on Tuesdays from 7-8:30PM through November 14. 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 next 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.



The Annual Thanksgiving Toy Drive will be conducted at the 8:00AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 23). Please

bring a new/unwrapped toy or game which will be presented during the offertory. These gifts will be distributed to needy children in our community.

Our Advent Giving Tree begins Thanksgiving Weekend (November 25-26). Our Christian Service Commission needs your help in providing gifts for many families who are unable to purchase even essentials for Christmas gifts. More information will be available in the upcoming weeks.



Upcoming Events

The Braintree Catholic Women's Club will hold their next meeting THIS 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.



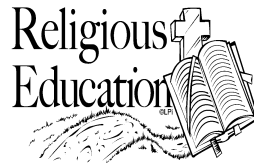
Are you interested in Catholic social doctrine, liberal arts, and pro-life activism? Mass. Citizens for Life invites you to participate in the nation's first Pro-Life Social Doctrine Certificate Program. Let's explore the conditions for a pro-life renewal of the American republic with such authors as Aquinas, Dante, and Maritain. All are welcome to attend the second session of this innovative formation opportunity, on Saturday, November 11th, at the MCFL office in Charlestown. Information can be found at masscitizensforlife.org/certificate.

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, November 14th at 7:00PM.** 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, November 14 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.



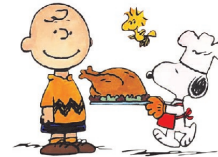
We are now booking Mass Intentions through September 2, 2018.



Mrs. Diane Hopkins
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli
Phone 781.848.3238

Religious Education classes are as scheduled:

Sunday, November 5	10:30-11:30	Gr. 1-5
(PC) Session-Parents and students go to the church hall for a surprise presentation.		
	5:00 – 7:00	Gr. 10
Class at St. Clare.		
Monday, November 6	3:50-4:50	Gr. 1-5
Class in the school.		
Tuesday, November 7	3:50-4:50	Gr. 1-5
Classes in the school.		
	6:30– 7:45	Gr. 6-8
Class in the school.		
Thursday, November 9	6:30-8:00	Gr. 9
No classes this week.		



Items for Thanksgiving Baskets are due by Wednesday, November 15, at 3:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION NEWS:

Those Confirmation students, who signed up to assemble the Thanksgiving Baskets, please meet at St. Francis of Assisi School at 5:00 on Wednesday, November 15.

Confirmation I (Grade 9): Next meeting - Thursday, November 16th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at St. Clare

Confirmation II (Grade 10): This Week - Sunday, November 5th 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. Next meeting is November 19; Thanksgiving Baskets will be presented at Mass.

Our young people are busy making the spiritual and corporal works of mercy tangible in the world. Pray for them to experience God in their midst.

"I am not sure exactly what heaven will be like, but I know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, he will not ask, 'How many good things have you done in your life?' rather he will ask, 'How much love did you put into what you did?'" – Mother Teresa

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Stay close, Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli



From
Mr. Brian Cote
Principal

November begins with All Saints' Day on the first and All Souls' Day on the second. Veteran's Day is celebrated on the eleventh and Thanksgiving is on the twenty-third. It certainly will be a month of saints, souls, giving thanks, and providing prayer and community service to those in need.

Veteran's Outreach – Ms. Michelle Christy, the Recreation Director of Grove Manor in Braintree reached out to SFA in preparation for their upcoming Annual Veteran's Recognition. There are approximately 30 WWII Veterans that reside at this assisted living facility. Our students were asked to draw pictures, make cards, or write a letter in giving thanks to these veterans who served our country.

SFA Celebrates Veterans Day with America's White Table—By tradition, branches of the U.S. military set "America's White Table" for dinner on Veterans Day in remembrance of all veterans. This year for Veterans Day, Saint Francis classes will set two White Tables to honor all veterans. One will be set in the school lobby and another will be set in the school cafeteria. Classes will be reading a story written by Margot Theis Raven called America's White Table which shares the details of the White Table tradition. Classes will be discussing the sacrifices veterans made while serving in wars, such as missing the chance to attend college and leaving their families.



Each item on the table has a specific meaning.

- ◆ A **white candle** symbolizes peace.
- ◆ A **white cloth** honors a soldier's pure heart when our country calls him/her to duty.
- ◆ A **slice of lemon** shows a captive soldier's bitter fate.
- ◆ **Grains of salt** symbolize the tears of waiting families.
- ◆ **Empty chair** represents the missing soldiers.
- ◆ A **turned over glass** stands for the meal that won't be eaten.
- ◆ The **black napkin** signifies the sorrow of captivity.
- ◆ A **red rose** represents the hope that all missing soldiers will return.

Dress Down Day

Also in observance of Veterans Day, SFA will also be sponsoring a **red, white, and blue dress down day** (optional) on **Thursday, November 9th**. We will be collecting \$1.00 from students to donate to the Wounded Warrior Project. The mission of the Wounded Warrior Project is to foster service members in our nation, raise awareness of the needs of injured service members, and help injured service members aid and assist each other.

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.

OPEN HOUSE

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Catholic Memorial School is hosting an Information Night on **Wednesday, November 15, 2017** from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm. Information Night is an opportunity for families to learn more about CM through small classroom presentations of your choice. Presentations will touch on all aspects of student life. Student led tours are available. **Visit our website at www.CatholicMemorial.org or call Admissions at 617-469-8019.**

Matignon High School Open House will be held on Thursday, November 9 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. and is a fun and interactive way for prospective families to see our facilities and learn about academics and curriculum face-to-face with our faculty and staff. Prospective families can take a guided tour, meet coaches and current parents, learn about financial aid and scholarship opportunities, and explore our various programs, sports, clubs, and activities. Visit www.matignon.org/openhouse for more info!

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



From the
Archdiocese of
Boston

November 5 ~ Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Scribes and Pharisees made religion all about observing thousands upon thousands of rules and regulations. Jesus scolds the Scribes and Pharisees in today's gospel for making religion an intolerable burden and warns against following their example. He wants our faith to lift us up not weigh us down. He wants it to give us joy, not be a burden. The commandments that Jesus challenges us to live by are love of God with our whole being and love of neighbor. These commandments may not always be easy, yet if we follow the example of Jesus we will not be led astray.

PROJECT RACHEL HEALING RETREAT

"Attending the Project Rachel retreat was like finding the final piece in a spiritual puzzle... My hope is that every woman on this journey will one day find her puzzle completed and know that God is always waiting with outstretched arms to welcome you home." The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a *Come to the Waters of Healing* one-day retreat on Saturday, November 18. Location is confidential. Limited to ten participants. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or 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

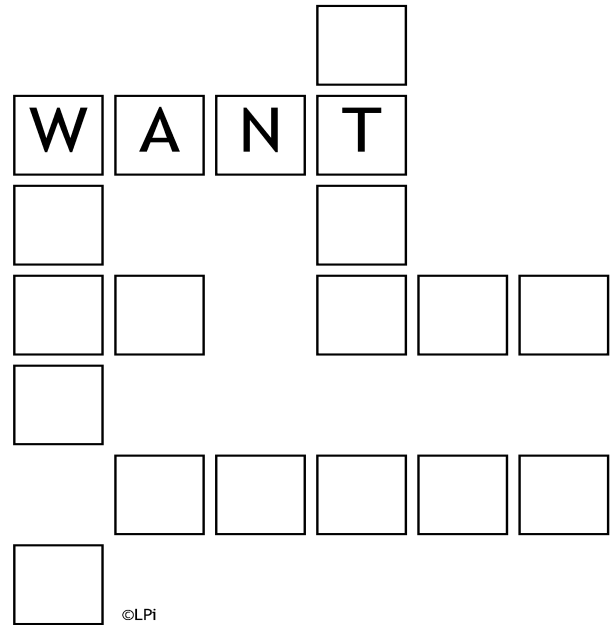
Or www.BostonCatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass



Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

I want to stay with you today.



Sharing the Gospel

Zacchaeus had gotten very rich by taking money from his neighbors, so nobody liked him. He was very lonely and sad. When Jesus talked to him, Zacchaeus felt special. When Jesus ate dinner with Zacchaeus, Jesus showed that he was a real friend. When Zacchaeus felt God's love, he was truly happy for the first time. Jesus gave him what he really wanted - friendship - so he gave extra money back to his neighbors.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to see that real happiness comes from loving Jesus, not money.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Zacchaeus happily giving money back to his neighbors.

Mission for the Week

Read today's Gospel with your family. Write down three things you can do each day to spend more time with Jesus as your friend.