

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 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

11:30 AM Edward Chisholm Anniversary

Monday, November 13, 2017

7:00 AM Mary McManus Memorial

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

7:00 AM Sally Nilan Month's Mind

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

7:00 AM Joan Newcomb & Frederick Boussy
Month's Mind
Anniversary

Thursday, November 16, 2017

7:00 AM The Leonard T. Connolly Family Memorial

Friday, November 17, 2017

7:00 AM Mary McCaughey Anniversary

Saturday, November 18, 2017

4:00PM Ernest & Alice Lavelle and Margaret & Joseph Tangle Memorial

Sunday, November 19, 2017

7:00 AM Vera Tsunis Anniversary

9:30 AM Michael & Ellen Killeen Memorial

11:30AM Nancy Leccese Anniversary

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	\$ 5,605.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,863.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,322.00
Total Offertory	\$ 9,790.00

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



Prayer for Veterans

Heavenly Father,
on this day, help us remember those who gave of themselves to keep us safe and secure. Enkindle in our consciences a desire to serve those who served their country selflessly. Give us the grace to aid those who have given aid and protection to us and others both here and overseas. Let us never forget the causes for which they fought or the bravery they showed on the battlefield. May we always be mindful of those who paid the price for our freedom, just as your Son gave his life to free us from the bondage of sin. Amen.



"The bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:10b-12

Readings for the Week of November 12, 2017

Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
Monday:	Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-10/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-19/ Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Wis 6:1-11/Ps /Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/ Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-5ab/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/ Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8
Saturday:	Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 98:1-6/Mt 14:22-33
Next Sunday:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/ 1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon



Today's first reading is from the Book of Wisdom, and the Gospel is the story of the wise and foolish virgins. Wisdom, we read, "is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her." Let us be seekers, let us ask our gracious God for the gift of Wisdom, and let us worthily and lovingly use this gift to be prepared and to remain awake for the coming of the Bridegroom.

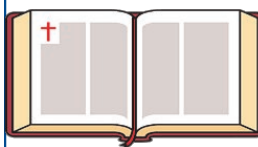
November 12—Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today's Gospel Jesus challenges us to "stay awake" by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually. **Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul blue envelope so that those who are struggling will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thank you!**



Our monthly Food Collection Sunday takes place next weekend, November 18/19. We of course welcome your donations of non-perishable food items, small toiletries, paper goods, and cleaning products. At this time of year, it is important for everyone who supports our pantry to know that **your generosity**, via the blue envelopes, allowed us to purchase 35 Thanksgiving meals (frozen turkeys included) that we will distribute to our pantry clients on Monday, November 20. Those meals are supplemented by the holiday baskets created by some of the students in our religious education program. That said, as you can see, we anticipate an abundance of food donations! If you like to shop for our pantry, and with the temperature dropping, this might be the month to consider purchasing instant coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and soup! If you know of a family in Braintree who may need some help with this holiday, please call the parish office. Thank you.



Nicholas DiLorenzo &
Heather Cloran III



Bible Study... with Celia Sirois of CHRISM concludes this Tuesday, November 14, from 7-8:30PM in the church hall with the last session of "Come Holy Spirit." This course, biblically based, has enhanced 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, 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.



Thank You

Thank you to the individuals and families who attended last Saturday's **Mass of Remembrance** for those buried from St. Francis of Assisi over the past year. Our priests, deacons, and bereavement ministers appreciated the opportunity to reconnect with you; and we encourage you to call if we can be of further help to you. No one grieves in the same way, and there is no predictable time line on the journey! Thank you also to Diane Hopkins and the confirmation students who gave some of their Saturday to assist us!



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

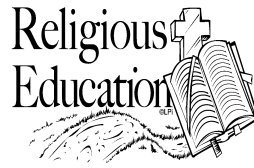
Please bring a new/unwrapped toy or game which will be presented during the offertory. These gifts will be distributed to needy children in our community.

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.



Giving Tree

Parish Info and events of note...



Mrs. Diane Hopkins
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli
Phone 781.848.3238

- **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... Meets THIS 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 THIS 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.

Religious Education classes are as scheduled in the school unless otherwise stated:

Sunday, November 12	10:30-11:30	Gr. 1-5
	No classes this week.	
	5:00 – 7:00	Gr. 10
	No classes this week.	
Monday, November 13	3:50-4:50	Gr. 1-5
Tuesday, November 14	3:50-4:50	Gr. 1-5
	6:30– 7:45	Gr. 6-8
Thursday, November 16	6:30-8:00	Gr. 9
	Classes at St. Clare.	



Items for Thanksgiving Baskets are due by **THIS 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 5:00PM on Wednesday, November 15.

Confirmation I (Grade 9): Class Thursday, November 16. Sunday, November 19, Mass at 6:00 at St. Clare with the 10th Grade.

Confirmation II (Grade 10): Next meeting - Sunday, November 19th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at St. Clare (Mass is part of our meeting time.) We will be attending the 6:00 Mass as an entire Confirmation Program. If a student is not attending the full class, we need a written note from a parent stating that the student will not be attending the full class and can leave early. During this Mass, Thanksgiving baskets will be brought to the altar at the offertory.

Our young people are busy sharing their hearts and hands in the world through their service. 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



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

All Parishioners of the collaborative of St. Francis and St. Clare - **THE FAMILY ROSARY** sponsored by the Confirmation class is on Monday, November 20, at 7:00PM at St. Francis. Please join us for this wonderful way to pray and give thanks.



From
Mr. Brian Cote
Principal

Goal! – Our students not only strive to excel academically, but will soon light up the stage with their talents. Our SFA Junior Drama Club, which consists of 30 of our students in grades 1 – 3, has been working diligently for the last couple of months under the direction of Mrs. Lucia Murray and Ms. Sarah Murray learning their music, lines and choreography in preparation for their upcoming performance. On Friday evening, November 17th at 7:00p.m. in our School Hall, our SFA Junior Drama Club will present the musical “Goal!” The musical features 5 original songs representing musical styles from Latin to Rap and Pop to Broadway. Soccer is the setting for this musical that not only celebrates the beauty and glory of the sport, but also the value of good sportsmanship, setting goals, and being a part of a team.

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.**

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

Upcoming Events



Braintree Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration

Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 7:00PM
All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church
196 Elm Street, Braintree
Hosted by The Braintree Interfaith Clergy Association



Boy Scout Troop #138 Annual Wreath Sale will take place after all Masses Thanksgiving weekend at both St. Francis and St. Clare. We will also be selling wreaths from 1-4 at St Francis on Saturday Nov 25th. Please shop local and support Boy Scout Troop #138. There will be: Red Sox, Patriots, and Bruins sports wreaths, and a variety of hand crafted wreaths. Thank you for supporting scouting.

Early Birds Men’s Group—Next meeting: November 18—Topic –Protestantism at 500 Part 2: Luther’s Halloween Heritage. The Early Birds meet from 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM, on the third Saturday of each month. The St. Mary of the Hills Parish Community in Milton is the host, in the lower church, at 29 St. Mary’s Road in Milton. Call 617-696-3170 for more information.

“Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” Let us appreciate 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://www.mema.org/>.





From the
Archdiocese of
Boston

November 12 ~ Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The parable in today's gospel points out the tragedy of unpreparedness. It can be so easy to let our spiritual lives take a back seat to all the pressures in daily life. It is not that we don't want to pray or go to Confession, or attend Mass. We even know the difference it makes when we do take time to prepare our hearts and draw close to God. What are we waiting for? The invitation is there for us today. Don't put it off – take time in prayer this week so you are prepared for His coming.

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

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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| VIRGINS | WISE | WEDDING |
| LAMPS | OIL JARS | DOOR |
| FOOLISH | BRIDEGROOM | WATCH |

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Sharing the Gospel

Make sure your heart is ready for Jesus. One day Jesus will come back. If your heart is empty and dark - without love - you will be left out. But if your heart is filled with God's love for other people, Jesus will bring you into heaven with him forever.

Prayer

God, fill my heart with your love. I want to be ready for Jesus.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself helping your parents set the table because you love Jesus.

Mission for the Week

As a family, go through your closets and drawers. Take out all the clothes you don't wear anymore. Then donate them to charity.