

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 18, 2017

4:00PM Ernest & Alice LaVallee and
Tangney & Burke Families Memorial

Sunday, November 19, 2017

7:00 AM Vera Tsunis Anniversary

9:30 AM Michael & Ellen Killeen Memorial

11:30 AM Nancy Leccese Anniversary

Monday, November 20, 2017

7:00 AM Marjorie Leetch Memorial

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

7:00 AM Maura McNamara Memorial

Wednesday, November 22, 2017

7:00 AM Nelly McNamara Memorial

Thursday, November 23, 2017

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, November 24, 2017

7:00 AM Patricia Menadue Memorial

Saturday, November 25, 2017

4:00PM Joannie Hill Anniversary

Sunday, November 26, 2017

7:00 AM Edward & Marie Neary Memorial

9:30 AM Katherine & Francis J. Hannigan, Jr. Memorial

11:30AM Daniel & Madeline Wilson Memorial

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—72%

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

Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 4,959.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,531.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,322.00
Total Offertory	\$ 8,812.00

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



Almighty God,
you bring forth bountiful food from the earth
that our loved ones may never grow hungry.
For this, we give thanks.
You give us families that meet at this time
to reunite and be one with each other.
For this, we give thanks.
You have let us live in a land
that has unbridled opportunity and unparalleled freedoms.
For this, we give thanks.
For those who are hungry today,
we pray for their fulfillment.
For families that are separated, we pray for their unity.
And for people who live in the midst of persecution,
we pray for their deliverance.
We ask all these things through Christ,
our ever-risen Lord.
Amen.



"Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' " - Mt 25:20b-21



From
The clergy and staffs of
St. Francis of Assisi
and St. Clare Parishes



From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon



When we give a carefully chosen gift, our intent is that the recipient will appreciate it, use it, and perhaps even share it. We do not intend the gift to land in the back of a closet or in the re-gift drawer, never to be seen again. Do we appreciate, use, and share the carefully chosen gifts that God gives to each one of us? At this time of year, we focus on gratitude. As Thanksgiving approaches, in the midst of our preparation, let us take some time to reflect on how well we use, and share, the “talents” given to us by the Master.

November 19—Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: The good news of today’s Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need do is be faithful in “small matters.” The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given. **When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God’s extravagant love.**



Feeding the
Community

Our monthly Food Collection Sunday takes place this weekend, November 18/19. We are overwhelmed with donations from now through Christmas and are grateful for every single item we receive. But—if you forgot or prefer not to shop, we also welcome your financial assistance via the blue SVDP envelopes found by the doors to the church and in holders on the inside back wall. Please place gift cards, cash, or checks (written to St. Vincent DePaul with SFA on the memo line) in the envelope and then place that in the offertory basket or through the rectory mail slot. Be assured—every penny helps someone in need! If you know of a family in Braintree in need of help with the holidays, please call the parish office. Thank you.

Our bereavement group meets next Tuesday, November 28 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. This week’s focus will be on the approaching holidays. 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.

One of our Advent traditions here at SFA is the Giving Tree which will appear in church the weekend of November 25/26. More details will be available soon, but meanwhile some of our volunteers have requested that we share the following suggestions with you—thank you for your attention to them:



- If you take a tag from the tree, please **look at it before you leave church** to be certain that you are willing and able to purchase at least some of the gifts listed there. If not—simply return it to the tree and take a different card that more suits your mindset and your budget. If someone has listed a basketball, please do not substitute a board game. (Seriously—this happens!)
- Please check to see if the organization sponsoring the card has requested that you wrap the gift(s). If the tag says **do not wrap**, you can still help everyone involved in sorting and organizing by placing your purchase in a gift bag so that our volunteers can easily check the contents.
- Please **securely attach the tag** you take from the tree to the outside of the bag or package. The tags are coded by color and number and we need them back so that your gift reaches the correct organization and recipient.

Readings for the Week of November 19, 2017

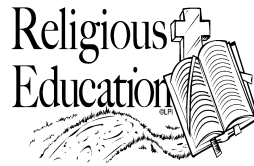
- Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/
Ps 128:1-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or
25:14-15, 19-21
- Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/
Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b,
15/Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/
Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/
1 Chr 29:10bcd-12/Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19/
Lk 20:27-40
- Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

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... Meets Thursday, November 30th 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 ... next** meets Tuesday, November 28 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
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Religious Education classes are as scheduled:

Sunday, November 19	10:30-11:30	Gr. 1-5
Classes meet in the school.		
	5:00 – 7:00	Gr. 10
Classes meet this week at St. Clare.		
Monday, November 20	3:50-4:50	Gr. 1-5
Classes meet in the school.		
Tuesday, November 21	3:50-4:50	Gr. 1-5
Classes meet in the school.		
	6:30– 7:45	Gr. 6-8
Classes meet in the school		
Thursday, November 23	6:30-8:00	Gr. 9
No classes this week.		

Thank you! to all the families who contributed to our Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive. The baskets will be brought to the altar to be blessed at the 6:00 Mass at St. Clare on Sunday, November 19. Please join us.

We wish you all a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving!!

CONFIRMATION NEWS:

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

Confirmation II (Grade 10): Next meeting - **Sunday, December, 3 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 call or written note from a parent stating that the student will not be attending the full class and can leave early.

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.



Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Stay close,
Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli



From
Mr. Brian Cote
Principal

At St. Francis of Assisi School ... Together, We Give Thanks! As we celebrate Thanksgiving this week, it is a time when most Americans sit down to a feast table with turkey and all the trimmings. In the midst of our feasting, it can be easy to forget the millions of people who did not have a place at a table during this or any other time of the year. As we prepare for the upcoming holiday season, we are constantly reminded of how fortunate and blessed we are. During this month of November, the St. Francis of Assisi School community held a dress down day, as well as collected non-perishables and supermarket gift cards to assist in providing holiday food items for families in need. These community service outreaches will assist and support the efforts of St. Vincent de Paul (SFA) and Braintree Holidays.



Thanksgiving gives us the opportunity to stop and thank God for our many blessings, that focus on God, our family, and our many gifts. On behalf of the St. Francis of Assisi School Community, we want to wish all of you a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

Calling all SFA Alumni!

At SFA, we would like to give thanks for all of our parents and students, both past and present who make up Saint Francis of Assisi School Community. As we gather to give thanks at the Thanksgiving table this year, it is an ideal time for our school to continue our efforts in reaching out to our Alumni.

St. Francis of Assisi School currently offers to its alumni four great ways to stay connected so that you can receive news about our school, alumni events, and alumni news. But, we need your help by updating your contact information by:

- ◆ Completing our on-line Alumni Update Form located on our school's website (www.sfab.org/sfabschool);
- ◆ Joining our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sfabraintree
- ◆ Sending your current contact information (name, address, city, state, zip, telephone, year of graduation) and email address as well as news about what you have been up to alumni@sfab.org; or
- ◆ Contacting us at (781)-848-0842.

Help us spread the news to other SFA alumni and parents of alumni and we look forward to reconnecting with you. Thank you for staying in touch.

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.



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.

COMMUNITY FAMILY FUN CHRISTMAS PARTY - Saturday November 25, 2017 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Thayer Public Library/Logan Auditorium. Admission is free and includes arts and crafts and a visit by Santa. We will also be collecting donations for "Coats for Kids". Hosted by the Braintree Knights of Columbus. For more information contact Stephen Kennedy at (617) 291-0619.





From the
Archdiocese of
Boston

November 19 ~ Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

God has given each of us different gifts. It is not the number of gifts/talents that matter. What matters is how each one of us uses the gifts God has given. God never demands from us what we do not have; but God does demand that we use to the full the gifts which we do possess. Today's parable tells us that whatever our gift or talent, be it little or big, great or small, we must lay it at the service of God. Where are you putting your gifts at the service of God and others?

Weekend of November 18-19, 2017

Today's **second** collection helps to provide for the needs of our 2,000 retired sisters. These beloved women served people in the parishes, schools, hospitals and social services of the Archdiocese for more than 54,000 years collectively. Please take this opportunity to thank the sisters who embraced the call to serve us so faithfully over the years. In their time of need now, every contribution makes a difference. Today, 80% of the sisters' healthcare and retirement expenses go unmet by social security benefits. Thank you for your generosity and prayerful support of the sisters.

FIAT!

Have you ever wondered if God is calling you to be a religious sister? If so, Fiat is for you. Fiat is a discernment group for single women considering a vocation to religious life in the Catholic Church. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine, 1105 Boylston St., Boston. Sister Patricia Boyle, CSJ will speak on "Prayer: Our Relationship with God." If you are interested in attending, please respond to Sister Marian Batho, CSJ, Delegate for Religious, Sr_Marian_Batho@rcab.org or call 617-746-5637.

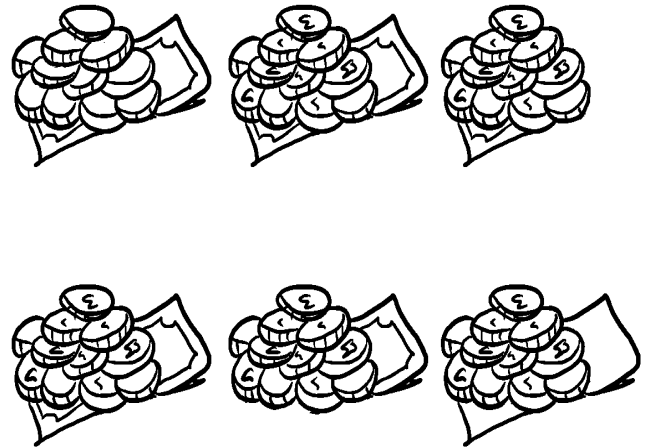


"When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls." Spouses, find value in one another by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 19-21, 2018 in South Kingstown, RI and Mar 9-11, 2018 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.



 **Puzzle**

Find the two that are the same.



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Sharing the Gospel

You can choose to waste your time, your money and your special talents. You can be selfish with them, too. Or, you can use those gifts from God to spread good news about Jesus. When you choose to use your gifts for God, and he will fill your heart with joy.

Prayer

God, help me to use my time, my money and my special talents for you.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself helping a younger child learn how to tie their shoes.

Mission for the Week

God has given your family money. Use some of it to buy food for a needy family.

