

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.



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

11:30 AM Daniel & Madeline Wilson Memorial

Monday, November 27, 2017

7:00 AM Claire Cavanaugh Month's Mind

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

7:00 AM Annie Mullen Memorial

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

7:00 AM Bernadette & Carl DiMaggio Memorial

Thursday, November 30, 2017

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, December 1, 2017

7:00 AM Daniel Dooley Memorial

Saturday, December 2, 2017

4:00PM Pamela Gorman Memorial

Sunday, December 3, 2017

7:00 AM Albert, Tecla & Steven Jolicoeur Memorial

9:30 AM Joseph Stanton Anniversary

11:30AM Richard & Margaret Keane Anniversary

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—74%

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

Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 5,198.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,366.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,322.00
Total Offertory	\$ 8,886.00

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

Schedule

Weekend Mass Schedule

Please note this schedule REPLACES the regular weekend Mass schedule for the weekend of December 23/24 ONLY

Saturday, December 23 St. Francis of Assisi 4:00PM AND 7:00PM

St. Clare 4:00PM

Sunday, December 24 St. Francis of Assisi 7:00AM and 11:00AM

St. Clare 9:00AM (only)

Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24 St. Francis of Assisi 4:00PM (Upper church only), 6:00PM and 11:00PM

St. Clare 4:00PM and 6:00PM

Monday, December 25 St. Francis of Assisi 7:00AM, 9:30AM and 11:30AM

St. Clare 8:15AM, and 10:15AM

There is no 6:00PM Mass on Christmas Night



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon



The Solemnity we celebrate today as the Church's liturgical year draws to a close is that of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. 60 Minutes recently had a segment on the Voyager I and II spacecrafts that, although launched decades ago, continue to send to NASA information from the far outskirts of our galaxy. The images showed our planet as the tiniest of dots! They also revealed the likely presence of water (life?) on some of the other planets and moons. The visuals were beautiful and humbling. And to think that our galaxy is just one of we don't even know how many in the universe places the vastness and the grandeur into even more perspective when we worship Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

In addition to the amazing science that continues to power them, there is warmth and humanity to the information-gathering mission of the Voyagers. Aboard each spacecraft are the "Voyager Golden Records" that (thank you, Wikipedia) "contain sounds and images selected to portray the diversity of life and culture on Earth, and are intended for any intelligent extraterrestrial life form, or for future humans, who may find them. Those records are considered as a sort of a time capsule." Carl Sagan noted that "The spacecraft will be encountered and the record played only if there are advanced space-faring civilizations in interstellar space, but the launching of this bottle into the cosmic ocean says something very hopeful about life on this planet." Hopeful. "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." In the midst of the enormity of his Universe, Christ the King is the Good Shepherd who cares for each and every one of us, in each and every moment of our lives.

November 26—Christ the King: Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say: "...whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Knowing that we find the face of Christ in the poor, this month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to serve 45 individuals and families, providing groceries (given by YOU), Panera "doughnations", limited assistance with monthly bills, and 35+ Thanksgiving meals. Thank You!



Thank you also to our Religious Education staff, volunteers, students, and families for the ADDITIONAL (and beautiful) Thanksgiving baskets that you assembled and donated to our parish! YOUR generosity allows us to service many last minute requests for holiday help within our parish and community. AND—of course—thank you to everyone who donated to last weekend's Food Collection Sunday.

Our bereavement group meets this 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.



"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'" - Mt 25:34-36

Readings for the Week of November 26, 2017

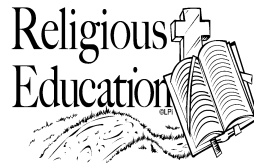
Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57-61/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/
Dn 3:62-67/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-81/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82-87/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/
Mk 13:33-37

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
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Religious Education classes are as scheduled:

Sunday, November 26	10:30-11:30	Gr. 1-5
	No classes this week.	
	5:00 – 7:00	Gr. 10
	No classes this week.	
Monday, November 27	3:50-4:50	Gr. 1-5
	Classes meet in the school.	
Tuesday, November 28	3:50-4:50	Gr. 1-5
	Classes meet in the school.	
	6:30– 7:45	Gr. 6-8
	No classes this week.	
Thursday, November 30	6:30-8:00	Gr. 9
	Classes this week at St. Clare.	



Confirmation I (Grade 9): Class on November 30. Next class is December 14.

Confirmation II (Grade 10): Next meeting - Sunday, December 17 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.**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Stay close,
Diane Hopkins and Ronna Petrilli

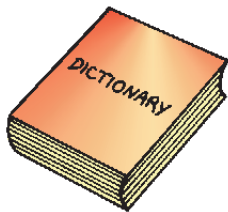




From
Mr. Brian Cote
Principal

Honor Roll – First quarter honor rolls have been announced at St. Francis of Assisi School.

Grade 8 High Honors: Anthony Apromollo, Darren Belizaire, Kevin Hamilton, Samantha Johnson, Max McHugh and Steven Tran. **Grade 8 Honors:** Chucky Abbott, Doreen DeJean, Shane Kelly, Kayleigh Maynard, Tristan McDonough, Thomas McHugh, Mardochee Mexil, Colin Pham, and Andrew Thorn. **Grade 7 Honors:** Gianvito Montillo, Silvia Montillo, Jack Paula, and Adrian Velasquez. **Grade 6 High Honors:** Alexandra Lacandula and Evan O'Brien. **Grade 6 Honors:** Hannah Gervais, Damien Gichohi, Geovanni Graziano, Chloe Le, Natalie Nguyen, Trinitee Theus, Brandon Ton, and Ingrid Truong. Congratulations to all of these students!



Literacy Project - Recently, members of the Rotary Club of Braintree visited St. Francis of Assisi School and presented a dictionary to each student in our grade three and a thesaurus to each student in our grade five. This Literacy Program sponsored by the

Rotary Club was instituted several years ago and is a true commitment and support to all of the students within the Town of Braintree. The dictionaries and thesauruses that are provided to our students are invaluable reference tools and resources that they will use throughout their educational journey and beyond. These reference materials will be utilized on a daily basis by our students at SFA to achieve their academic potential. A word of thanks and appreciation to the Braintree Rotary Club!

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.



Our Advent Giving Tree begins THIS 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. You can help in any of the following ways.

- 1) Take a tag from the tree and purchase a requested item.
 - * 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.
 - * All gifts should be returned (left under the tree) **no later than December 10**.
 - 2) If you are unable to shop, you can make a monetary donation [**do not take a tag**] and members of the Christian Service Commission will do the shopping and wrapping for you. You may place your donation in the collection basket in an envelope marked “Advent Giving Tree Program.” Checks should be made payable to St. Francis of Assisi with “Giving Tree” on the Memo line.
 - 3) If you would like to “adopt” an entire family for Christmas, please contact Kate Waldron at 781-848-5233 or katewaldron@verizon.net.
- Thank you for your thoughtfulness.





From the Archdiocese of Boston



November 26 ~ The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Today's parable is one of the most vivid parables Jesus spoke. We will not be judged on the knowledge we have amassed, or the fame that we have acquired, or the fortune that we have gained, but on the help that we have given. The lesson is crystal clear - God will judge us according to our reaction to human need. This means giving simple help to the people we meet every day - to the hungry, the thirsty, the sick, the stranger, the prisoner - to Christ himself!

Thank you to all who contributed to last weekend's special collection to support the 2,000 retired sisters in the Archdiocese of Boston. These beloved women served us in the parishes, schools, hospitals and social services of the Archdiocese for more than 54,000 years collectively. If you were unable to give last week, know that your contribution will make a big difference. Please drop your envelope in today's basket or send your contribution to Sister Marian Batho, CSJ, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree, Massachusetts 02184. May God bless you for your ongoing prayers for and generous support of our retired 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.



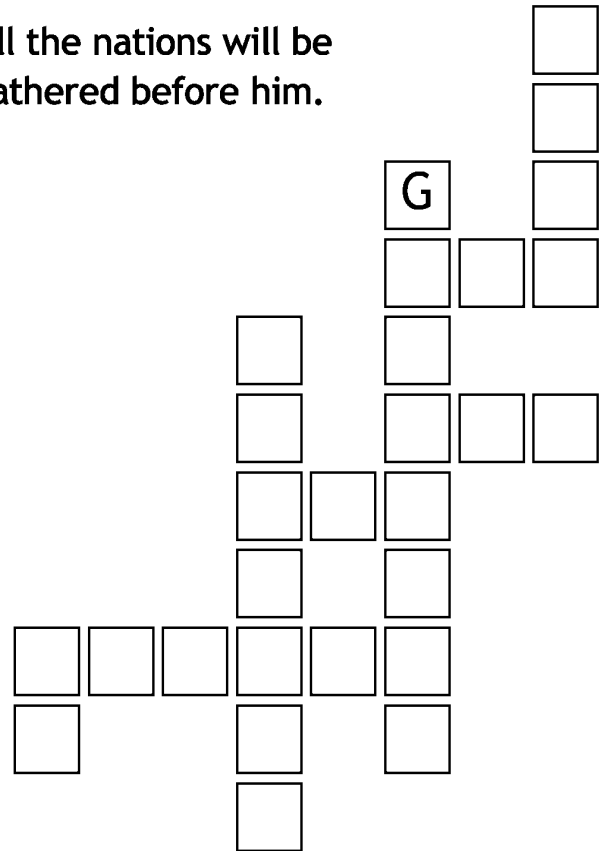
"I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD." As we celebrate Christ the King, let us also learn to serve our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 19-21, 2018 in South Kingstown, RI and Mar 9-11, 2018 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.



Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

All the nations will be gathered before him.



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Sharing the Gospel

Share food with the hungry. Give clothes to the poor. Visit people who are sick. Share the good news about Jesus with people who have made bad choices. Jesus came to forgive them. God will see the loving things you do. He will reward you one day in heaven.

Prayer

God, help me to share what you have given to me.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself visiting someone in the hospital.

Mission for the Week

Read Matthew chapter 25, verses 31 through 46 with your family. Decide how you will make a difference. Share as Jesus asks.