

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

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Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM



**Pastoral Staff:** Rev. Paul Clifford, Pastor  
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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.

**Saturday, February 6, 2016**

4:00 PM Santina Olsen Anniversary

**Sunday, February 7, 2016**

7:00 AM Marjorie, Frank & Edwin Smith Memorial

9:30 AM Bridget Twomey Memorial

11:30 AM Elizabeth Grace Goslin Anniversary

**Monday, February 8, 2016**

7:00 AM Daniel Mahoney Memorial

**Tuesday, February 9, 2016**

7:00 AM

**Wednesday, February 10, 2016**

7:00 AM Ash Wednesday

**Thursday, February 11, 2016**

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

**Friday, February 12, 2016**

7:00 AM Kathleen Walbridge

**Saturday, February 13, 2016**

4:00 PM Paul Kerr, Rita Powers & Hannah Spolsino Memorial

**Sunday, February 14, 2016**

7:00 AM Martial Speer Anniversary

9:30 AM Irene Lund Memorial

11:30AM Michael Fitzgerald Anniversary

**Ash Wednesday** is this Wednesday, February 10. This is the beginning of the Season of Lent. The following is the schedule of Masses/Services for the Braintree Collaborative:

St. Francis of Assisi Masses at 7AM, 8:45AM (School Liturgy all are welcome) and 12:10PM  
Prayer Services with ashes at 6:15AM and 4:00PM

St. Clare Masses at 9AM and 5:30PM



**Planning for Lent...**

**Small, faith-sharing groups** using *Lenten Longings* for Cycle C from Renew International are about to begin. A group for men and women begins next Monday afternoon (2/15) at 3:30 at Grove Manor. There are women's groups on Wednesday (call for start date) and Thursday (begins 2/11) nights. There is a Friday 10AM (call for start date) group for men and women in the St. Francis church hall. If you are interested in joining a small group for Lent or would like more information, please call the SFA parish office at 781.843.1332 or send an email to [lmuldoon@sfab.org](mailto:lmuldoon@sfab.org).

**The Light is on for You** for confession on Wednesday nights, beginning February 17, from 6:30 – 8PM, at Catholic churches throughout the Archdiocese. Our Lord is waiting for you!

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:

Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—80%

**Collection Report**

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 6,804.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 1,993.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 982.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 9,779.00</b>

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

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

**RESURRECTION**

*Cantata/Music Drama*

*By Bryan Jeffery Leech*

*Performed by the St. Patrick's Family Players*

Join us Sunday, March 6 at 3PM in St. Francis of Assisi church for "Resurrection", a musical cantata. This is the inspirational story of Simon Peter and the forgiveness of Jesus Christ. The performance leads the audience on an unforgettable spiritual journey with St. Peter as he faces his martyrdom. Peter recalls his own experiences with Christ as well as those he shared with Mary Magdalene and the disciples as they followed Jesus. In moving song, Peter shows the anguish for his denial of Christ and the joy that comes with the Resurrection and His forgiveness. The performance is free. A free-will offering would be welcome. Refreshments will be served in the church hall following the performance.



From the desk of the  
Pastoral Associate  
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” How often have we had the experience of working REALLY hard at something—in our faith, families, friendships, occupations and hobbies—and of either giving up or settling for less than we had hoped? Sometimes we hear and heed that little voice that tells us to keep trying; sometimes we ignore it; and sometimes there is only silence. As we begin Lent this week, let us seek out some silence to listen for what our Lord may be encouraging us to do or to refrain from doing. Maybe we need some changes, and maybe those changes start within our hearts. This Lent, let us pray for the faith and courage to cast out into the deep and know that we are never alone.




**You just never know...** Last week, we received an email at the parish office containing only the question, “Do you still create prayer cloths?” After a few exchanges, we learned that the sender had been stationed in Qatar a while back and was given a prayer square from a package sent to men and women on active duty by our SFA prayer shawl group! He found us by an on-line search and now works at a hospital in Missouri. He requested some squares and a prayer shawl to give to some of the folks there. So—a shout out to the women of our prayer shawl ministry—one of the smallest items that you create obviously made a very BIG difference in the life of the person who received it! Please keep Will and those he cares for in your prayers.



**SFA/SC Bereavement Group...** We resume THIS Tuesday at 1PM in the St. Francis of Assisi church hall. Enter through the side door closest to the parking lot and take the elevator or stairs to the lower level. **We will run as a drop-in group on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month from February 9<sup>th</sup> through May 24<sup>th</sup>.** Everyone is welcome—there is no need to pre-register. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the SFA parish office at 781.843.1332.

# Parish Info and events of note...

- **Prayer Shawls...** Dates for February are Monday, February 8 at 7:00PM and Thursday, February 25 at 12:30PM in the church hall.  Newcomers, novices and experts are always welcome!
- **SFA 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.
- **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. Do you hunger, do you thirst for something more? Do you want to learn about the food that endures for eternal life, to taste and see the goodness of the Lord? Maybe you have questions about our faith or your own circumstances. 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.
- **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.





From  
**Mr. Brian Cote**  
*Principal*

**Catholic Schools Week 2016** – What a fantastic week as SFA celebrated Catholic Schools Week: “A Community of Faith, Knowledge and Service.” Throughout the week, we held successful open house(s), a beautiful liturgy and many exciting activities and events that were certainly enjoyed by our entire school community. I would like to offer a word of appreciation and thanks to our best School Ambassadors, our parishioners, family members, faculty members, parents and most importantly, our students. Please Note: ***If you know of a prospective family who was unable to make our Open House and is thinking about a Catholic education for their child(ren), please have them contact us at 781-848-0842 or email Mr. Cote (bcote@sfab.org) to schedule their personal tour with the principal.*** I thank you for your continued support and efforts in assisting us to actively market and promote our school.

**SFA 2016 Holiday Calendar Winners**

On behalf of the SFA School Community, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who purchased SFA 2016 Holiday Calendars, and congratulate the winners. Your support assists us in furthering our mission of providing our students with the best Catholic education possible.

DATE	PRIZE	WINNER
Jan. 1	\$50	Dan Chu
Jan. 2	\$500	Linda Placidi
Jan. 3	\$75	George Soliman
Jan. 4	\$100	Lydia Pillai
Jan. 5	\$75	Marius Kitlas
Jan. 6	\$100	Janice Powell
Jan. 7	\$75	Nhi Nguyen
Jan. 8	\$250	Louis Rizzo
Jan. 9	\$100	Jude Iwuh
Jan.10	\$250	Theresa Truong
Jan. 11	\$75	Paul Kuttab
Jan. 12	\$100	Karen Kelly
Jan. 13	\$75	Luiz Wronski
Jan. 14	\$100	Kristen & Phil Allfrey
Jan. 15	\$75	Michael Tomeo
Jan. 16	\$500	Kathy Duffy
Jan. 17	\$75	Andres Jimenez
Jan. 18	\$100	Jen Norton
Jan. 19	\$75	Mark Flaherty
Jan. 20	\$100	Greg Paone
Jan. 21	\$75	Jorge Romero
Jan. 22	\$250	Nicholas Cocca
Jan. 23	\$100	Cheuk Shun Chan

Jan. 24	\$250	Father Bob
Jan. 25	\$75	The Barber Family
Jan. 26	\$100	Darren Belizaire
Jan. 27	\$75	Greg Jenkins
Jan. 28	\$100	Cesar Godlewski
Jan. 29	\$75	Lauren O'Brien
Jan. 30	\$50	Theresa Truong
Jan. 31	\$1000	Clint & Carah Smith



**FEBRUARY**

**Heal the Sick** (Corporal Work of Mercy)

- ◆ Take an otherwise homebound neighbor or relative for a drive where they can see the beauty of nature and God’s creation.
- ◆ Financially support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services to provide safe drinking water to those in impoverished areas.

**Instruct the Ignorant** (Spiritual Work of Mercy)

- ◆ Use time you would ordinarily spend in front of a computer or television to expand your understanding of an Asian culture and its connections to Christianity.
- ◆ Invite a representative from a missionary order that works in Asia to speak at your parish.

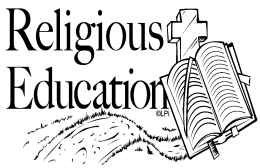
**For the year of Mercy in the season of mercy: Mother Olga speaks on God’s Mercy in the Jubilee Year of Mercy on Monday, February 22, 2016.**

Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart, is foundress and mother servant of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth. Mother Olga will speak at the Church of the Sacred Heart in North Quincy, 386 Hancock Street, on February 22, 2016 at 7 P.M. Mother will offer a reflection on God’s Mercy in the light of this Jubilee Year of Mercy that Pope Francis has declared for 2016.



**The Little Black Book**, containing six-minute reflections on the weekday Gospels of Lent, is available . Feedback received from Advent suggested that something pocket or purse-sized worked well for most people, and so we hope that this option will enrich your Lenten prayer.

**Lenten Moments of Mercy** is a free daily e-mail series from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday that delivers reflections based on the Scriptures of Lent, shares the inspiring words of Pope Francis, and suggests Lenten actions and prayers. To sign up or learn more, visit [www.loyolapress.com/lenten-moments-of-mercy.htm](http://www.loyolapress.com/lenten-moments-of-mercy.htm).



Mrs. Diane Hopkins  
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli  
Phone 781.848.3238

**Religious Education Classes will meet as scheduled:**

Sunday, February 7 10:30-11:30 Gr. 1-5

Parent/Child session. Parents please bring children over to school and then return to Church Hall for guest speaker.

Sunday, February 7 5:00—7:00PM Gr. 10

No class this week.

Monday, February 8 3:50-4:50 Gr. 1-5

Classes meet in the school.

Tuesday, February 9 3:50-4:50 Gr. 1-5

Classes meet in the school.

Tuesday, February 9 6:30- 7:45 Gr. 6-8

Grades 6 & 7 meet in the school.

Grade 8 meets in the church hall.

Tuesday, February 9, 2016 6:00 – 7:30 Gr. 9

No classes this week.

**Confirmation II (grade 10)** Next meeting is Sunday, February 21 at St. Clare in the church hall from 5:00 to 7:00PM.

**Confirmation I (Grade 9)** Next meeting is Tuesday, March 1 at St. Francis of Assisi in the church hall from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

The journey of faith during the preparatory phase of Confirmation is not just something we do “on the side of *real life*”; it has everything to do with discovering the very meaning of life itself and learning how to live it to the fullest. A significant part of this process of transformation is for the young people to discover the *community* within Catholic life and to experience our patience, our willingness to listen, and to know our genuine concern for them. We pray that the Holy Spirit will work with us so we can all be a part of bringing these young men and women to where God wants them to be.

*In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.*

**Stay Close,**  
Diane and Ronna



**If you are a registered parishioner** who utilizes the parish envelope system or the EFT option and would like a copy of your total contributions for 2015 please call the parish office

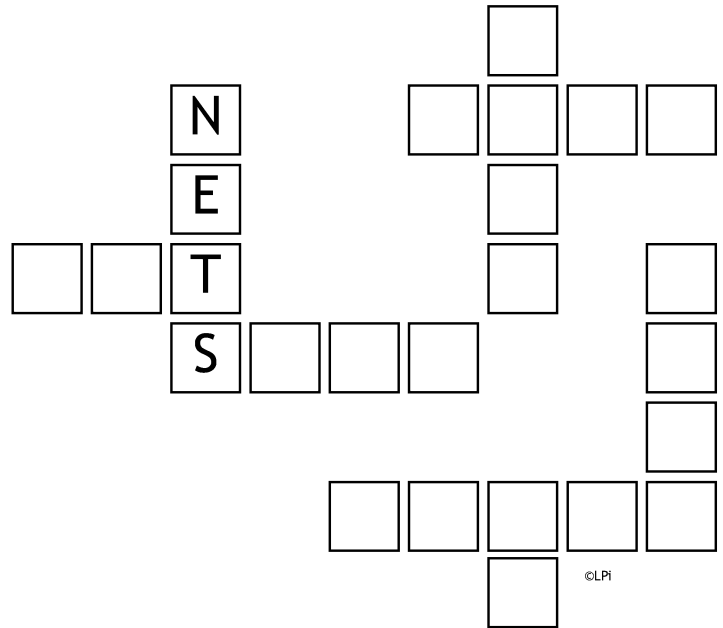
at 781-843-1332. If you do not currently utilize the parish envelope or EFT/online giving system, but would like to; or if you have any questions regarding your statement, please contact Patty Kinnally in the parish office.



 **Puzzle**

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

**Let your nets down to catch some fish.**



**Sharing the Gospel**

Jesus was powerful enough to control the fish in the sea! Peter caught no fish by himself one night. With Jesus' help, Peter caught more fish than his boat could carry. When Peter saw what Jesus did, he was afraid. How would you feel?

**Prayer**

Dear God, your power is so amazing!

**Something to Draw**

Draw fish swimming into Peter's net.

**Mission for the Week**

With your parents, try turning on a lamp while it isn't plugged in. It doesn't work, does it? That's how we need to be plugged in to God, to do his work. Without him, what we try will never work.





from  
the Archdiocese of  
Boston



**February 7 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Here it is, Saint Paul gives the Corinthians – and us – the fundamental teaching of the Church: Jesus Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised from the dead on the third day. Switch, now, to the conversation between Jesus and Simon Peter in the gospel. Peter, ever the Everyman says skeptically, "... at your command I will lower the nets." Look what happens: a catch filling two boats, and the assuring words, "Do not be afraid". On the heels of this assurance is a task: "from now on you will be catching men ... they brought their boats to the shore, left everything and followed him." Our job today is to proclaim, without fear and with confidence in Jesus Christ, our fundamental belief: Jesus Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised from the dead on the third day. Let's lower our nets!

**PROJECT RACHEL**

During the Year of Mercy, *Project Rachel* extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of abortion to experience God's Mercy at a one-day retreat for hope and healing. Retreats will held at confidential locations on Saturday February 20, March 19 and June 4. Referrals for sacramental reconciliation to specially trained priests are also available throughout the year. For more information, contact *Project Rachel* at 508.651.3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH  
Archdiocese of Boston – Men's and Women's Cursillo**

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. It is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church, in order to deepen your own faith and strengthen your ability to be witnesses of Christ in the world.

The dates for the **Cursillo Weekends** are:

**Women: March 3-6, 2016**

**Men: April 21-24, 2016**

The weekend runs from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and is held at the Campion Center in Weston MA.

For information and registration, please check the Boston Cursillo Website: [www.bostoncursillo.org](http://www.bostoncursillo.org) or call the Office of Spiritual Life at 617-779-3640 or email us at [spiritual\\_development@rcab.org](mailto:spiritual_development@rcab.org).



The **BRAINTREE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB** will hold a "Friends of the Unborn Baby Shower" on Wednesday, March 9 at 1:30PM at St. Clare's Parish Hall. The Guest Speaker for the event will be Joan Bailey, Executive Director of the Friends of the Unborn Crisis Pregnancy Center. Members are asked to bring an unwrapped baby gift or necessary baby items or make a monetary donation to help support this critical program. For more information please contact Mrs. Margaret Hart at 781-849-1755. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

**THE BRAINTREE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB** has two \$1,000 scholarships available to High School Seniors who are graduating in the year 2016. One will be awarded to a Braintree High School graduate and the other will be awarded to a Braintree Senior graduating from a Catholic High School. Notices for this scholarship have been sent to all participating schools in the area. The deadline for this scholarship is February 19, 2016. Please contact the guidance department of your school requesting an application or call Mrs. Margaret Hart, BCWC Scholarship Chairperson. Tel # 781-849-1755.

**Readings for the Week of February 7, 2016**

- Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-5, 7-8/1  
Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
- Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-10/  
Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3-5, 10-11/  
Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: J1 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/  
Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32
- Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/  
Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13



**Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11**