

# 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, March 26, 2016

8:30 PM Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 27, 2016

7:00 AM *Alleluia*

9:30 AM *He Is*

11:30 AM *Risen*

Monday, March 28, 2016

7:00 AM

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

7:00 AM

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

7:00 AM

Thursday, March 31, 2016

7:00 AM

Friday, April 1, 2016

7:00 AM

Saturday, April 2, 2016

4:00 PM Philip J. Landry, MD Anniversary

Sunday, April 3, 2016

7:00 AM Jamie O'Hare Anniversary

9:30 AM Nancy Gorman Anniversary

11:30AM Debra Canale Anniversary

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:

Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—67%

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

## Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 5,582.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 3,349.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,196.25
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 10,127.25</b>

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

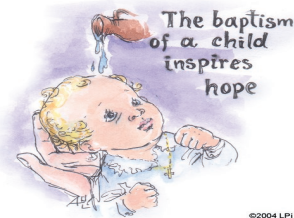


*Happy Easter from the clergy and staff of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi*

### An Easter Prayer

Raise me up! Renew my life!  
 Father of life, I see the light again!  
 I was in darkness and had lost hope  
 but Jesus Christ, your son,  
 has won out over death - *for me.*  
 I celebrate today, your love, the life you give me.  
 I feel your presence as you breathe on my mind  
 and open my heart.  
 So many times in my life my eyes are closed,  
 but today I see the risen Lord  
 in the breaking of the bread.  
 Thank you for this Easter of hope,  
 thank you for such incredible love.

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*We welcome with joy into the family of the Church the following children who were baptized during the months of January, February and March, 2016:*

*Bridget Clare Lucey, Maria Elizabeth Timulty,  
 Nicholas Paul Reggio, William Del Condon,  
 Lucas James Barrales, Alanna Madison Barry,  
 John Edward Levangie, Jr., Benjamin Arthur Sargent,  
 Everly Kathryn Kroha, Henry Michael Pesta,  
 Christopher Mark Connolly and Caoimhe Evelyn Connolly*



**The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. - Lk 24:1b-3**

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



From the desk of the  
Pastoral Associate  
Mrs. Linda Muldoon



Christ Irsiren Alleluia

**Alleluia, Alleluia!!!** Happy Easter, everybody! In the Gospels this weekend, we heard Luke and John's accounts of the discovery of the empty tomb and the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. May that empty tomb fill your hearts with joy, and may you, too, know and love our Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread. **Alleluia, Alleluia!!!**

### Celebrating the Easter Season

Easter is a seven week season of joy and grace. Starting with the Triduum in Holy Week and ending with Pentecost Sunday, this 50 day season has been called "the radiant center of the liturgical year." We keep celebrating so that we might continue to enter into the meaning of the resurrection and to deepen the way it touches our daily lives.


After Easter Week's resurrection stories, the first reading for the rest of this long and glorious season is from the Acts of the Apostles. Every day we see how Jesus' followers reacted to his death, the challenges to their witness and the unexpected courage that comes to them. John's Gospel is used for the entire Easter Season, the one time of year we can enter into his poetic and layered stories on a daily basis. Easter only begins with Easter Sunday. These daily prayers and meditations come together to remind us that Jesus is with us. He is not dead, but alive. And, that makes all the difference in the world in how much hope and courage we have, before any struggle, any possible fear of death. In these 50 days, we are Easter People!

The Easter Prayer and Season are reprinted with permission. These, and many other selections for the Easter Season, are found at [www.onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html](http://www.onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html).



Next weekend, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday and the graces promised by Jesus, in a vision to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in 1935, to those who recite the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. For more information on this devotion, visit [www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/index.html](http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/index.html). Pamphlets on the Chaplet will be available next week.

## Parish Info and events of note...

- **Prayer Shawls...remaining** date for March will be Thursday, March 31 [date change] 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.



**SFA/SC Bereavement Group...** We meet NEXT Tuesday, April 5 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 are a drop-in group that meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month through May 24<sup>th</sup>.** Everyone is welcome at any time—there is no need to pre-register. To find out if a session has been cancelled due to weather, please call the SFA parish office at 781.843.1332.



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

Lent, being a season of forgiveness, provided us the opportunity to examine our own conscience and to think about Jesus' words of forgiveness. As believers and followers of Jesus, we are called to forgive others. This week, as we listened and recalled the events of Holy Week, we were reminded of Jesus' outpouring of love and forgiveness, even up to his death on the cross.

On behalf of the SFA School Community, I want to take this opportunity to extend our wishes for a Happy Easter to all!

Wonderful and exciting things have been happening at St. Francis of Assisi School. Father Carlos Suarez, who serves as the Assistant Vocation Director for Hispanic Ministries, Archdiocese of Boston, and also resides and presides at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, led our students in Holy Hours for Vocations this past week. Also, the students in Grade 4 did an outstanding job with their presentations for the Presidential Wax Museum. They all were so impressive! Parents, faculty members and students enjoyed their walk through time and history, and meeting some of the most influential and important US Presidents who have helped to shape our world.

**SAVE THE DATE** - Join us for the SFA Spring Social on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at Great Pond Manor (formerly Emerald Hall). This event will feature a cocktail reception complete with appetizers, silent auction, raffles, games, music and so much more! The Spring Social promises to be a festive and fun-filled evening that allows us to celebrate our community as well as raise financial support to strengthen and enhance our high quality programs at SFA. More information and details regarding this event will be forthcoming!

**SSPSL Champs** - Congratulations to our 5th/6th Boy's Basketball Team who earned the title of the 2015 – 2016 SSPSL Champions. Unfortunately, on Saturday afternoon, they were defeated by St. Raphael of Medford in the 2016 Archdiocesan Basketball Tournament. Our boys played hard and we are truly very proud of their accomplishment of entering into this game undefeated. At the conclusion of the game, each one of our players was awarded a medal and the school was awarded a trophy. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and commend our players and coach (Mr. Scott Cunningham) for all of the sacrifices, hard work and dedication that it took for this absolutely fantastic season. Also a special word of thanks to all of our parents, faculty and school community for their continued support of our team! Congratulations SFA!

# Enroll Today

St. Francis of Assisi School is now accepting applications for all grade levels for the 2016-17 school year. For more information regarding our admissions procedure, simply visit our school's website ([www.sfab.org](http://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](mailto:bcote@sfab.org). We look forward to possibly serving your family in the spiritual, academic, and social development of your child.



**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.



**“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and halleluiah is our song.”** — Pope St. John Paul II

## Readings for the Week of March 27, 2016

- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/  
 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or  
 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or  
 Lk 24:13-35
- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/  
 Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/  
 Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/  
 Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27/  
 Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-21/  
 Mk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/  
 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31





### Divine Mercy Novena

In this designated Jubilee Year of Divine Mercy by Pope Francis, all are invited to pray the Mercy Novena starting Monday, March 28 through Saturday, April 2 at 3:00PM in the Chapel at Sacred Heart Church (lower level), 55 Commercial St., Weymouth Landing. Questions: call Ann 781-337-7056.

**Divine Mercy Sunday, Regional Celebration:** April 3rd at Sacred Heart Church 12:45-2PM—Reconciliation: 2PM—Holy Mass; 3PM Exposition of The Most Blessed Sacrament Divine Mercy Chaplet, Veneration of Divine Mercy Image; and Veneration relic of Saint Faustina, 3:45 to 4:30PM – Reconciliation resumes. Questions: Ann call 781-337-7056



**The Braintree Catholic Women's Club** will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, April 16 at 1:30PM, St. Clare's church hall. The regular business meeting will take place before the program. [Note change of program]. The game Left, Right and Center, will be the program for the afternoon. Be sure to bring your quarters to participate in the fun. For more information contact chairpersons for this event Gilda Mullen at 781-843-8588 or Marie Connelly 781-843-1965. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

### BRAINTREE WOMEN'S CLUB

The Braintree Women's Club is pleased to sponsor a \$1,000.00 scholarship for a Braintree woman. This "Women Helping Women" scholarship is based on financial need, educational and occupational goals. This scholarship goes only to a Braintree woman who has either delayed entering college for a specific reason or who would like to return to an academic program.

All Braintree women interested in applying for this award are encouraged to email Lucille Barton at [jeblab@beld.net](mailto:jeblab@beld.net) or write her at 75 Amherst Road, Braintree, MA 02184. All applications are confidential and must be submitted by April 15, 2016.



from  
the Archdiocese of  
Boston

**March 27 ~ The Resurrection of the Lord**  
In Acts Peter reminds us: "He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God" You don't have to preach, just tell your story – the story of how God works in your life. This is the day the Lord has made, rejoice and be glad. This is not just good news, it is Good News. Share it!



## Your Easter Offering

At Easter, we honor and thank our 614 priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. Our priests celebrate our joys, comfort us in times of crisis or sorrow, and are there during the ordinary and extraordinary moments of life. Together, they represent thousands of years of dedicated service to Christ and to all of us. Remember priests who have made a meaningful difference in your life, and consider honoring them with a generous gift to today's collection for the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust. All are welcome to make a gift online at [clergyfunds.org](http://clergyfunds.org), or use the donation envelopes that will be provided. On behalf of the priests who have devoted their lives to serving the Church, thank you for your prayers and generous support.

### FIAT

Fiat is a discernment group for single women in the Archdiocese of Boston who are considering a vocation to religious life. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 2016, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine, 1105 Boylston St., Boston. Sister Margaret Michael, FSP will speak on the topic, "Mercy and the Call." If you are interested in attending, please respond to Sister Marian Batho, CSJ, Delegate for Religious, [Sr\\_Marian\\_Batho@rcab.org](mailto:Sr_Marian_Batho@rcab.org) or call 617-746-5637.

### JESUS IN BOSTON

All Young Adults and College Students are invited to join us on Friday, April 1st @ 7:30pm for our monthly "Jesus in Boston" event. This month, we will be at St. Leonard's Church in Boston's North End. This is a great way to strengthen your interior life through the sacraments and to meet new people spending time in fellowship with other Catholic young adults. Join us for Eucharistic adoration, Mass, Confession, great food and even better people! For more information please email Mike Drahos at [MDrahos@rcab.org](mailto:MDrahos@rcab.org).