

# 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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Rev. Robert Milling, Senior Priest in Residence  
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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.



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 9, 2016

4:00 PM Paul D. Carlino, Jr. Anniversary

### Sunday, April 10, 2016

7:00 AM Kenneth & Ann Rogers Memorial

9:30 AM Giacomo & Liberata DiCenso Memorial

11:30 AM Sheila Baraggia Anniversary

### Monday, April 11, 2016

7:00 AM Gertrude McIntyre Memorial

### Tuesday, April 12, 2016

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

### Wednesday, April 13, 2016

7:00 AM

### Thursday, April 14, 2016

7:00 AM Nancy Leccese Memorial

### Friday, April 15, 2016

7:00 AM Carlie Irwin Anniversary

### Saturday, April 16, 2016

4:00 PM Dennis O'Connell Anniversary

### Sunday, April 17, 2016

7:00 AM Henry & Mildred Nilan Memorial

9:30 AM Katherine & Gus Murphy Anniversary

11:30AM John Cappellano Anniversary

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:

Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—75%

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

## Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 4,926.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,038.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,185.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,149.00</b>

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



Effective Tuesday, April 19 we will begin booking Mass Intentions for the period of July 1, 2016 through April 16, 2017 (Easter Sunday). On March 1, 2017 we start booking Masses beyond April 16.

## Volunteers

Invitations have been sent out for the Collaborative Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to be held on Friday, April 22 at Lombardo's. Please RSVP no later than April 17 (whether or not you plan to attend). You can do so by returning the RSVP portion of your invitation, calling the parish office at 781-843-1332, or email [pkinnally@sfab.org](mailto:pkinnally@sfab.org). Because both parishes will attend together, we anticipate a large crowd and hope for as accurate a meal count as possible. If you volunteer at either St. Francis or St. Clare and did not receive an invitation please call the parish office so that we can include you and correct our mailing list.

**It is CORI renewal time. Please have your license with you at Mass over the next several weekends.**



*Neil Renaud & Joanna Richardson II  
Donald Wightman & Kaitlyn McSorley II*



*Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:12-13*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



*From the desk of the  
Pastoral Associate  
Mrs. Linda Muldoon*



This reflection for today was written by Andy Alexander, SJ, the Director, since 1997, of the Collaborative Ministry Office at Creighton University. We often share

excerpts from the Creighton staff in our bulletin, but this is well worth the read on this Third Sunday of Easter!

**And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."**

John 21

I really love this gospel. It is one of my favorite resurrection stories. I love the way it begins. Peter decides he is going to return to fishing - his former life. I am always struck by how quickly, after a religious celebration, even a religious experience, like Easter, that I so quickly return to my former life and its patterns. The joy of Easter doesn't seem to last, nor does its fire and mission.

I love it that Jesus re-calls Peter by repeating the way he called him the first time. (I don't know whether it is true, but I like to assume that John's community knew there was a tradition - in Luke 5 - whether they read it or not.) So, it is wonderful to imagine that Jesus calls Peter to leave his fishing and to follow him - after the resurrection - the same way he first called him. Both times, after a night of fishing, when Peter's abilities didn't net any fish, Jesus' simple direction fills the nets to bursting. And, Peter recognizes that it is his Lord, risen from the dead. It reminds me that I often need to be renewed in my call, and my ability to recognize the Lord right before me, by remembering how I was first called. I need to be re-newed and re-animated by the memory that Jesus has much more power than I do. And, especially when I sense that my nets are pretty empty, I need to jump in the water and swim to the shore to get closer to the one who can fill any empty nets - the Lord who can fill any emptiness.

When Peter gets to shore, Jesus is making him breakfast - providing food and nourishment is another reminder of who he is - and Jesus asks him to add Peter's catch to the grill. I want to never forget that my real food is from the Lord. I also want to always remember that his wonderful gifts to me will be part of that banquet.

Now comes the really great part. Jesus asks Peter three times if Peter loves him. Peter is sad that Jesus asks him three times - surely remembering the three times he denied even knowing Jesus out of fear of getting caught up in his arrest and crucifixion. Each time Peter professes that he genuinely loves the Lord - not only answering the question but deepening his response each time, Jesus tells

him what the love means: "Feed my sheep." Loving Jesus means, loving those he cares for. Though I've denied knowing him time after time - or seriously forgetting about it now and again - Jesus leads me into realizing and deepening in a sense of how much I really do love him. And, the real fruit of that communion is a love which leads to imitation. If I fall in love with Jesus, I fall in love with the way he is. I fall in love with his style of loving - desiring to imitate him in feeding his sheep. My desire to be with him grows into a desire to be like him.

Finally, Jesus reminds Peter that in his past he went where he wanted to go and did what he wanted to do. This intimacy with Jesus will involve a communion with him in surrender to the Father's plan. It is so easy for me to think that my life, and its direction, is in my hands. It is consoling to accept that my life is in God's hands. That surrender is the closest way I can find the intimacy with Jesus that I really desire. When I hear Jesus say "follow me," I want to say "yes, Amen, thank you" more and more deeply, sensing what it means with deeper freedom and rejoicing at the privilege of sharing in the journey of my Savior and Lord.

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**SFA/SC Bereavement Group...** Apologies for the incorrect date that appeared last week! We meet THIS Tuesday, April 12 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.



**It's CORI time again!** As required by the Archdiocese of Boston, all clergy, staff and volunteers who minister directly to children or have the potential for interaction with children or minister to the elderly complete a yearly renewal form. I plan to be at most of the Masses this weekend to connect with whoever is on the schedule as well as anyone else on "the list"! Please be ready with your license or government-issued photo ID. If you have time during the week, another option is to stop by the parish office during business hours (M-F, 9-4), and we'll be happy to take of your CORI with you. If you received your CORI in the mail, please complete both sides and return it (along with a photo copy of your driver's license) to the parish office, attention Linda. Thank you for your help in keeping our children safe!



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

## 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.

### SFA's Got Talent Show

Come join us in watching our Stars of SFA Perform on Stage at our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual SFA's Got Talent Show on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the School Hall. We have a variety of over 30 acts. This evening promises to be Spectacular! I would like to offer a special word of thanks to our coordinators, Mrs. Wilkinson, Ms. Mackin, Ms. Aronson and Mrs. Murray, as well as our Master of Ceremonies, Mrs. Hamilton.

**St. Francis of Assisi Friar's 500 Club** – Congratulations to the winners of the St. Francis of Assisi Friar's 500 Club for the months of February & March:

February -

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Del Monaco	\$500
Mr. & Mrs. Mariusz Kitlas	\$100
Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Reyes	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Tu Dao	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fennessy	\$25
The McNeil Family	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Troy Duarte	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. John Deery	\$25


March -

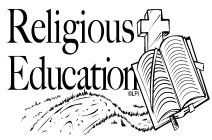
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Gichohi	\$500
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gerges	\$100
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Diaz-Lacayo	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. William Benjamin	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Medua	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Thompson	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Hans Rojas-Romero	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Neil Lacandula	\$25

### SFA's Spring Social

Join us for the SFA Spring Social on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at Great Pond Manor in Braintree. This event will feature a cocktail reception, complete with appetizers, silent auction, raffles, games, music and so much more! We have all the necessary ingredients: a good cause (our students); cocktails paired with delicious appetizers; great raffle and auction prizes (weekend/weekday stay at Golden Eagle Lodge, Waterville Valley, NH; Red Sox tickets; golfing foursomes; etc.); and most of all, good friends like yourself who believe in supporting the academic and moral education of our children. So, how can you purchase tickets for this spectacular event? Tickets may be ordered by contacting us at 781-848-0842 or online via our school's website ([www.sfab.org](http://www.sfab.org)) or [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) (simply type SFA's Spring Social into the Search of events tab). We are looking forward to seeing you at this exciting event!

## Parish Info and events of note...

- **Prayer Shawls...** dates for April will be Monday, April 11 at 7:00PM and Thursday, April 28 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.



Mrs. Diane Hopkins  
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli  
Phone 781.848.3238



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

Sunday, April 10	10:30-11:30	Gr. 1-5
Classes meet in school.		
Monday, April 11	3:50-4:50	Gr. 1-5
Classes meet in the school.		
Tuesday, April 12	3:50-4:50	Gr. 1-5
Classes meet in the school.		
Tuesday, April 12	6:30- 7:45	Gr. 6-8
Grades 6 & 7 meet in the school.		
Grade 8 meets in the church hall.		

Classes for grades 9 & 10 are complete for this year.

**The last Confirmation of the St. Francis/St. Clare of Assisi Parishes** will take place on **Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am** in the church at **St. Clare**. Please meet downstairs with your Sponsors at 10:15. Bishop John Dooher will be meeting with you prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Confirmation Practice** is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the Church at St. Clare. It is important for your sponsor to be with you at this practice.

Congratulations to our newly Confirmed. May the Holy Spirit gently guide these young people ever closer to the Church so they may recognize the Lord, grow in unity and follow in love.

In the prayerful words of Rod Stewart....

*May the Good Lord be with you down every road you roam.  
And may sunshine and happiness surround you when you  
are far from home.*

*And may you grow to be proud, dignified, and true.*

*And do unto others as you'd have done to you.*

*Be courageous and be brave ... and in my heart you will  
always stay forever young....*

*May your guiding light be strong.... Amen*

The Catholic Parishes of Stoughton are pleased to present **Mother Olga**, founder of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth on **April 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** at **Immaculate Conception**, 122 Canton Street, **Stoughton**. The event is free, handicapped accessible, and within walking distance of Stoughton commuter rail. For more info: [www.stoughtoncatholic.org/781-344-2073](http://www.stoughtoncatholic.org/781-344-2073).

***I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.***

Stay Close,  
Diane and Ronna

 **Puzzle**

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

FISHING	JUMPED	CHARCOAL
CATCH	DRAGGED	APPEARED
BOAT	BREAD	RAISED

J E S U L B R E A D T  
R C A T C H A R T R O  
I H S D P L E A S A L  
N A G **F I S H I N G** H  
E R T S H O R S O G F  
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**Sharing the Gospel**

After Jesus rose from the dead, he must have looked very different. Jesus helped his apostles catch a lot of fish, just as he had done before. Jesus invited his friends to eat with him, and he still broke his bread to share it in the same way he always had. The disciples still recognized Jesus by the things he did.

**Prayer**

Dear God, help me to always recognize Jesus.

**Something to Draw**

Draw a picture of Jesus cooking fish for his friends.

**Mission for the Week**

Invite a friend over to eat dinner with your family, so you can share food just like Jesus did.



from  
the Archdiocese of  
Boston

**CDA COURT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI'S** fund-raiser "**Meet Julia Child**" - starring Lynne Moulton, has been scheduled for Sunday, April 17th, from 1:30 to 4:00PM at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, 856 Washington St., Braintree. Included is the entertainment, a light luncheon, raffle, and bake sale. Tickets are \$20/pp and are available at the Braintree Town Clerk's Office or by calling Nancy at 781-413-1872.

**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.



### Bus Trip to Divine Mercy Shrine, Stockbridge, MA

Wednesday June 1, 2016—Bus leaves St Clare's 8:45 AM—Leaves Shrine 5:00 PM—Returns 8:00 PM to St. Clare's. Cost: \$50.00 per person. Bring your own lunch and beverage. There is no food there. They have a room where we can eat but no food or beverages. For reservations or information call Marge at 781-843-8817.



### April 10 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

When ordered by the Sanhedrin to stop teaching about Jesus, Peter said, "We are witnesses of these things" and "they left...rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor" for Jesus' name. The Gospel today is a magnificent example of God's mercy. Three times Peter denied Jesus, but now, Jesus gives him three opportunities to profess his love. Our God of Second Chances is never far from us. As Pope Francis says, it is we who move away from Him. The last words of this passage are directed to Peter, the disciples, and all of us who call ourselves Christian, "Follow me!"

### New Annulment Workshop

In this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has created new norms for the processing of annulments. If you, or someone close to you, longs to be reconciled with this issue, a workshop presented by the Metropolitan Tribunal explaining this process and answering your questions, will be held at 7:00PM on Wednesday, April 13 at St. Jerome Parish, Weymouth and Wednesday, April 27 at Holy Family Parish, Duxbury.

### AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH

#### Archdiocese of Boston – Men'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 date for the **Men's Cursillo Weekend** is: **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).



**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.