

# 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  
Rev. Donald Delay, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Robert Milling, Senior Priest in Residence  
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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.



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 23, 2016

4:00 PM Joannie Hill Memorial

### Sunday, April 24, 2016

7:00 AM Mary Dolan & William O'Sullivan Anniversary

9:30 AM Patricia Moran Anniversary

11:30 AM John Joyce Memorial

### Monday, April 25, 2016

7:00 AM Michael Stanford Memorial

### Tuesday, April 26, 2016

7:00 AM

### Wednesday, April 27, 2016

7:00 AM

### Thursday, April 28, 2016

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

### Friday, April 29, 2016

7:00 AM

### Saturday, April 30, 2016

4:00 PM Anna Majdan Memorial

### Sunday, May 1, 2016

7:00 AM Jack Walsh Memorial

9:30 AM Iolanda Cipollone Anniversary

11:30AM Edwin & Eleanor Pitera Memorial

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:

Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—69%

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

## Collection Report

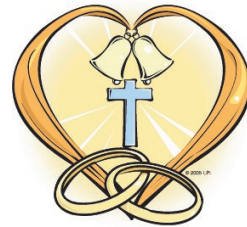
Offertory Envelopes	\$ 5,195.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,887.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,185.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 9,267.00</b>

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



*We welcome with joy into the family of the Church the following children who were baptized during the month of April, 2016:*

*Keira Lee Harrington, Alannah Kaylee Eaton, Lily Page Baczek, Riley Harrison Ostman, Isla Juliana Craven, Justin Thomas Leuken, Jr. and Mackenzie Marie Kenny*



*David Baker & Janice Giblin I*



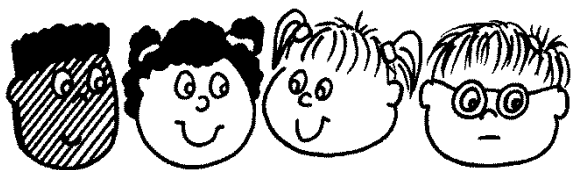
We are now booking Mass Intentions for the period of July 1, 2016 through April 16, 2017 (Easter Sunday). On March 2, 2017 [date change] we will start booking Masses beyond April 16.



**Jesus said: "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another." - Jn 13:33a, 34a**



From the desk of the  
Pastoral Associate  
Mrs. Linda Muldoon



**Did you know that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month?**

Over the past 14 years, the Archdiocese of Boston has worked diligently to create a "Culture of Protection" for all children. Policies and Procedures to create and maintain a safe environment have been in place for years. Clergy, staff and volunteers are required to read, sign and follow a Code of Ministerial Behavior. Local safe environment trainings (Protecting God's Children) are offered throughout the year at various locations throughout the Archdiocese. Yearly CORI forms for anyone with the potential for interaction with children or young people under the age of 18 have become a given for everyone in ministry. For more information on these interventions, please visit [www.bostoncatholic.org](http://www.bostoncatholic.org). Many of you are already aware of the physical modifications made to our rectory, school, religious education and worship environments. Personal safety education programs for children are standard, permanent elements of the curriculum for students in our school and religious education programs. In our Archdiocese, pretty much any adult who ministers on behalf of the parish or the school is considered a mandated reporter of child abuse. To learn more, visit [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov).

What remains to be done? The challenge is to stay vigilant and energized. It takes a village to raise a child for sure. It takes a parish, a collaborative, to ensure that every child in every program inside our buildings or on our property is safe. We invite all of our parishioners to attend a Protecting God's Children workshop—it is an eye-opening experience! We remind you to accompany your child to the restroom during Mass, or if the buddy system is an option, to please use that. During drop-off and pick-up, ensure that your child goes from your supervision to that of another trusted adult. If you notice a change in your child's behavior or if s/he tells you that a situation or an individual makes her/him uncomfortable, check it out—right away! And if you notice something or someone that just doesn't seem quite right and you don't know what to do, please inform a member of the clergy or staff—right away!



**CORI collections continue...** 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. Returns from the past few weeks have been great—we're almost there! If you took your CORI form home from Mass to fill it out or 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. Returns can be made via the collection basket, the rectory mail slot, or the US mail. If you misplaced or did not receive your CORI form, we have plenty of extras, so please call or stop by the parish office Monday-Friday, 9-4. The goal is to complete this project by the end of the month—that would be this coming Saturday—thank you for your help in keeping our children safe!



**SFA/SC Bereavement Group...** We meet THIS Tuesday, April 26 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 with 3 meetings left—April 26, May 10, and May 24.** 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.



**Thank you for your help with last week's Food Collection Sunday!**

Due to your generosity and that of an anonymous parishioner from St. Clare, our shelves are well-stocked, and we have an ample supply of reserve groceries! Thank you also to JQ for bringing all the donations from the church to the pantry and to our shelf-stockers whose efforts make the work of our pantry day volunteers much quicker. If you forgot to shop, you can bring non-perishable groceries to the parish office during the week (M-F, 9-4). If you would like to help us out financially, please use one of the blue envelopes found in the holders on the back inside wall of the church. If you are writing a check, please write it to St. Vincent DePaul and place SFA on the memo line. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or the rectory mail slot. Every donation directly benefits the clients of our food pantry and the families and individuals helped by our St. Vincent DePaul Conference.





From  
Mr. Brian Cote  
Principal



Science Week is upon us at St. Francis of Assisi School. This is the week that we celebrate Science through our science fairs and special presentations.

Throughout the week, our students and teachers will decorate their classroom doors using the themes of Healthy Bodies – Healthy World. On Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, we will announce the winner of this year's contest.

Our students in grades 6 – 8 have been busy for months working on their Science Fair projects. On Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, our students will present their projects to our elementary school students throughout the morning in the church hall. All are welcome to attend! On Tuesday, our students will be formally judged with an Award Ceremony taking place at night. The top three students in each grade level will represent SFA in our Regional Science Fair on Wednesday evening, April 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis Xavier School. We congratulate all of our students for a job well done!

Our students in the elementary school will have various special Science for Kids presentations on such topics as Earth's Materials, Position and Motion, Forms of Energy and Engineering Design. In addition, our students in the middle school grades will have the opportunity to attend the Physical Science and Engineering Design programs of "Beams, Bridges and Columns" & "Lego Atoms and Molecules."

### SFA's Spring Social

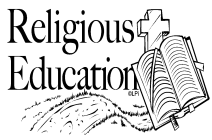
Join us for the SFA Spring Social on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at Great Pond Manor in Braintree. This event will feature a cocktail reception, complete with appetizers, silent auction, raffles, games, music and so much more! We have all the necessary ingredients: a good cause (our students); cocktails 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. 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...** will meet Thursday, April 28 at 12:30PM in the church hall. May dates will be Monday, May 2 [change] at 7:00PM and Thursday, May 26 at 12:30PM. 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.

## 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.



Mrs. Diane Hopkins  
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli  
Phone 781.848.3238



**Classes for Religious Education will resume as scheduled:**

Sunday, April 24 10:30-11:30 Gr. 1-5  
Classes meet in school. Even if they attended on April 10, Mr. Brooks would like to see his second grade students again on the 24<sup>th</sup> if at all possible.

Monday, April 25 3:50-4:50 Gr. 1-5  
Classes meet in the school.

Tuesday, April 26 3:50-4:50 Gr. 1-5  
Classes meet in the school.

Tuesday, April 26 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 Doher 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.

Confirmation is a time to reflect on the call to be a disciple; a follower of Jesus Christ. The gifts you receive from the Holy Spirit will sustain you through many challenging times. Rely on this "assist" and know that you are not alone.

When Jesus left his best friends (disciples) he shared with them..."*My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples...*"

We pray for the grace of the Holy Spirit to be present in your actions toward one another... for your actions will reveal you to the world. Stay close!

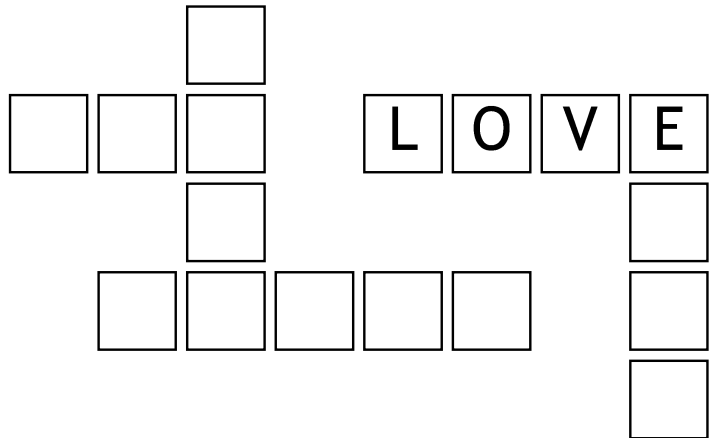
***I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.***

Stay Close,  
Diane and Ronna

 **Puzzle**

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

**You must love each other.**



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**Sharing the Gospel**

Jesus gave his disciples a new rule. He told them they had to love each other, just like he loved them. What did Jesus mean? Jesus was very patient with his friends. He forgave his friends when they let him down. Jesus comforted his friends when they were afraid. Most of all he helped them grow closer to God.

**Prayer**

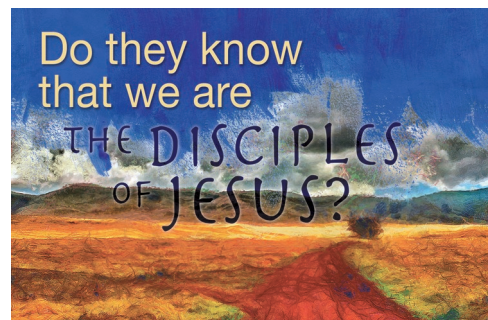
Dear God, help me to love my friends like Jesus did.

**Something to Draw**

Draw a picture of yourself talking to a friend who is afraid.

**Mission for the Week**

I will follow Jesus and forgive those who have hurt me.





## From the Archdiocese of Boston

### 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.

**Braintree Catholic Women’s Club** will hold their final regular meeting of the season on Wednesday, May 11 at 1:30PM at St. Clare’s parish hall. The installation of officers for the years 2016-2018 will be held along with the presentation of scholarship awards to two high school graduating students from Braintree. The chairpersons for this event are Margaret Hart, 781-849-1755 and Marie Connelly, 781-843-1965.



### Readings for the Week of April 24, 2016

- Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-13/Rv 21:1-5a/ Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
- Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/ Mk 16:15-20
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13, 21/ Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/ Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1-3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/ Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29



### April 24 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

Paul and Barnabas tell the other disciples, “It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.” The Church is undergoing many hardships today, too. What will turn the tide? In 51 words from today’s Gospel – a bit longer than a Tweet - Jesus gives a simple command: “...I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” Ah, but here’s the rub, it may not be as simple as it sounds. Read carefully: “As I have loved you...” Jesus is ‘kicking it up a notch’. Not just love one another, but love as He loves. This can be hard work, and it may take practice, but here’s the payoff, “This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

### Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage and Mass for the Sick and their Caregivers

Cardinal Seán invites those who are sick and in need of healing to join him at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> for Mass at 11:30. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered for those who are seriously ill and in need of the Lord’s healing. For more information please visit [www.bostoncatholic.org/healing](http://www.bostoncatholic.org/healing). Those wishing to be anointed are invited to register by calling (857)302-HEAL. Come and join us as we celebrate the Lord’s mercy!

**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 Wednesday, April 27 at Holy Family Parish, Duxbury.

**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, April 27, 2016, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine, 1105 Boylston St., Boston. Sister Kellee Fletcher, CDP will share her vocation story. 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.

**Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Seán on Mercy** – Cardinal Seán has written a **Pastoral Letter for the Year of Mercy** to all Catholics in the Archdiocese. “**God’s Mercy Runs to Meet Us**” shares key insights on mercy and asks all Catholics in the Archdiocese to take 7 steps to celebrate the Year of Mercy. Please read the letter online at [CardinalSeansBlog.org/YearofMercy](http://CardinalSeansBlog.org/YearofMercy).