

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, April 30, 2016

4:00 PM

Sunday, May 1, 2016

7:00 AM	Jack Walsh	Memorial
9:30 AM	Iolanda Cipollone	Anniversary
11:30 AM	Edwin & Eleanor Pitera	Memorial

Monday, May 2, 2016

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

7:00 AM Ruben M. Lanot Memorial

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

7:00 AM Emmett Kiley

Thursday, May 5, 2016

7:00 AM

Friday, May 6, 2016

7:00 AM

Saturday, May 7, 2016

4:00 PM Dorothy DeRoche Memorial

Sunday, May 8, 2016

7:00 AM	Mary Richards	Anniversary
9:30 AM	Donna M. Crossman	Anniversary
11:30AM	Giuseppe D'Angelo	Anniversary

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:

Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—71%

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

Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 6,048.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,944.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,185.00
Total Offertory	\$10,177.00

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



This Thursday, May 5 is Ascension Thursday, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule for the St. Francis of Assisi/ St. Clare Collaborative is:

St. Francis of Assisi

Wednesday Vigil 5:00PM
Thursday 7:00AM, 8:45AM (School Liturgy all are welcome) and 12:10PM

St. Clare

Wednesday Vigil 4:00PM
Thursday 9AM and 5:30PM



Cardinal Sean has authorized a special collection, to be taken up THIS weekend, in support of relief efforts to those areas devastated by the recent powerful earthquake in Ecuador. The Catholic organizations that have been working in Ecuador in recent years include Pro Cristo, founded here in the Archdiocese to provide medical and family support services, and Rostro de Cristo, founded by Fr. Jim Ronan of the Archdiocese. The proceeds of this special collection will be used to assist these organizations, which are now joining in the emergency response efforts, particularly with respect to medical care, and also other Catholic relief efforts. Checks should be made payable to St. Francis of Assisi with "Ecuador Collection 2016" in memo line. On behalf of Cardinal Sean, thank you for your support.



Jesus said to his disciples: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

**SFA/SC Volunteer Appreciation
Dinner Dance**

Almost 300 guests gathered at Lombardo's on Friday, April 22. We arrived early, and I gasped (OMG!) at the multitude of tables and the size of the dance floor, but it worked! The tables were comfortably spaced, a small army of servers delivered the food, Kathy Clancy and her band and others (Fr. Paul can sing!) entertained us, and there was no mistaking the sense that it was an evening for mingling and for renewing and making friendships. Fr. Paul thanked all volunteers—those very much in the collaborative eye, those who labor quietly behind the scenes, and everyone in between. Back at SFA, the various ministry schedules on the bulletin board in my office daily remind me of the importance of and the sacrifices made by our volunteers. You are appreciated more than you will ever know!



CORI collections wrapping up... 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 are required to complete a yearly renewal form. PLEASE—if you volunteer at SFA and either did not receive or have not yet returned your CORI, call the parish office, and we will make every effort to accommodate you. Returns can be made via the collection basket, the rectory mail slot, or the US mail. The goal was to complete this project by the end of April—we are almost there. Thank you for your help in keeping our children safe!



We meet **NEXT** Tuesday, May 10 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 2 meetings left—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.



David Baker & Janice Giblin II



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.



To the Parishioners of St. Clare and St. Francis:

On behalf of Regis College we would like to thank you for your generous support of our service and immersion experiences for our students. This year our students will be serving and growing in solidarity with our dear neighbors from New Orleans, Peru, Jamaica and the Native Americans living on the River Sioux Reservation.

Regis is founded on the values of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. With your support our students are able to champion those beliefs embodying loving all of God's creation without distinction. Your generosity has provided opportunities our students would not otherwise have had. For that we are grateful.

In addition I am also grateful for the worship opportunities that we share together. May our loving God continue to shower blessings upon all of us.

Fr. Paul Kilroy, Chaplain/Campus Minister, Regis College
Jeffrie Parrish, Graduate Intern





From
Mr. Brian Cote
Principal

April Showers Bring May Flowers - As we begin this month of May, we have so much to celebrate and such wonderful things happening at St. Francis of Assisi School. Many of our students in grade two will make their First Holy Communion next weekend. Throughout the month, our students in grades kindergarten through eight will be administered the NWEA MAP Spring Assessment. In addition to our strong academics, many enrichment and extra-curricular activities and programs will take place including a live performance of Helen Keller presented by Historical Perspectives for Children as well as field trips to Plymouth Plantation and Washington, DC. We will also celebrate National Teacher's & Nurse's Days; and thank our wonderful faculty and staff for their dedication and commitment as well as the many gifts and talents that they bring to SFA.

Science Fair – Congratulations to all of our students in grades 6 – 8 for their participation in our Annual Science Fair that was held this past week. All of our students did an outstanding job in preparing and presenting their individual projects. A special word of congratulations to our top three finalists in each grade level who will compete in our Regional Science Fair (Grade 6 – 1st place Daniel Murtagh (*Evaporation*), 2nd Katherine Dee (*Phonograph*), 3rd Breanna Pham (*Lotions and Potions*); Grade 7 – 1st Aiden Babiarz (*Can Soda Clean Coins*), 2nd Thao Ho (*Does a Mint Actually Cool Things Down?*), 3rd Quintin Jones (*Finding Strawberry DNA*); Grade 8 – 1st Annie St. George (*Shaking for Suds*), 2nd Bobby Hamilton (*Testing the Five Second Rule*) and 3rd Buuthien Hang (*Why Aren't All Medicines Pills*).

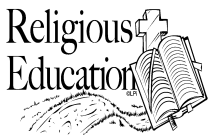
Enroll Today

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) 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.

Parish Info and events of note...

- **Prayer Shawls...** will meet 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.





Mrs. Diane Hopkins
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli
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We would like to wish our students a safe, happy and healthy summer vacation. Even though religious education classes are complete for the 2015-2016 school year, please don't take a vacation from God.

Gratitude goes out to all our religious education families and volunteer catechists for enriching the parish with new life. Although our religious education program has officially ended, we are going to stay very active in our mission to keep our faith community inspired in Jesus Christ. Please let us know what we can do to support you in your efforts throughout the summer. We hope to see you often at Mass and if our paths do not cross know that we will be keeping you in our prayers.

Congratulations and love flow out to the newly Confirmed young people in our parish. You are no ordinary individuals. You are chosen by God and thereby draped with all the grace you need to live as his chosen people. We pray that you respond to this grace for the rest of your lives. We pray that you respond not just for our sake, but for the sake of the whole world, which desperately needs more saints. Be one.

Our hearts and prayers are with you as you are sent forth with *courage, understanding, knowledge, wisdom, counsel, reverence and wonder and awe*. Let these gifts now flow out into the world. Know that you are not alone on your journey; the Church will nourish you. Believe and stay close!



Congratulations to those second graders who are receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday at 9:30. God Bless you!

The First Communion ceremonies next weekend are as follows:

Saturday, May 7, at 4:00PM - Practice is Wednesday, May 4, at 4:00PM

Sunday, May 8, at 9:30AM - Practice is **Tuesday**, May 3, at 4:30 p.m. **(Please note the change from the original schedule due to the Ascension Thursday Vigil Mass being held in the church on May 4 at 5:00)**

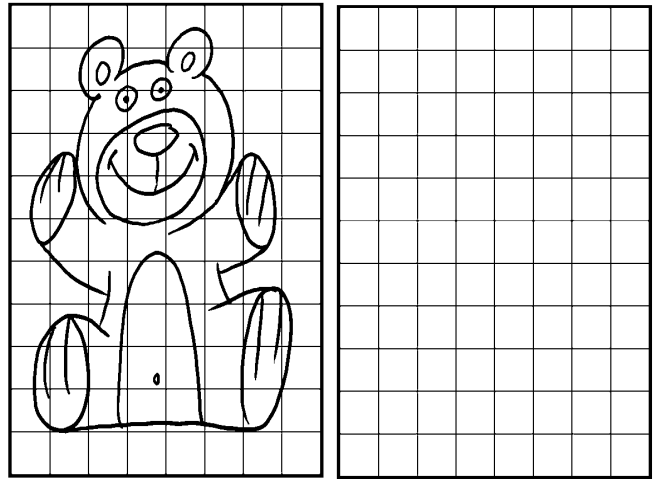
O God, let all the nations praise you!

Stay Close,
Diane and Ronna



Puzzle

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Sharing the Gospel

Jesus wants you to love him so much that you will always do what he asks. Jesus knows that if you put God first, you will have peace. Instead of wanting more toys, you will be happy to share them. Instead of wanting to get your own way, you will enjoy taking turns. You will feel good helping other people.

Prayer

Dear God, change my heart so that I want to put you and other people first.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself giving one of your own toys to a child who has none.

Mission for the Week

I will invite a friend over to play. I will share and take turns.





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.

SMA Fathers, Dedham will hold a 70th Anniversary Benefit Dance on Friday, May 20 at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park St., West Roxbury. Doors open at 7PM with dancing until midnight. Music by Erin's Melody. Admission is \$10; tickets available at the door (proceeds support SMA Fathers' missionary work). For more information contact Rev. Brendan Darcy at 781-326-3288 or Pat & Josie Casey at 781-329-0530

Early Bird Special—Men's Prayer Gathering

Next Meeting is Saturday, May 21 from 7-8:30AM. Mass and Homily: Receive the Kingdom Like a Child: Humility & Simplicity with Fr. Vincent Daily, Pastor, St. Gregory the Great, Dorchester. Meeting will be held at St. Mary of the Hills Lower Church, 29 St. Mary's Road, Milton.

Readings for the Week of May 1, 2016

- Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29
- Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1-6, 9/
Jn 15:26--16:4a
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-5/Jn 14:6-14
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/
Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 or Eph 1:17-23/
Lk 24:46-53
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10/
Jn 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9/
Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

May 1 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

Growing pains. Today we hear more about the growing pains of the early Church. The Apostles were doing something that had never been before, building a community of believers in Jesus Christ, Son of God. There were bound to be misunderstandings and differences of opinion. Today, the Church of Boston is doing something new: bringing parishes together under one pastor and leadership team, to focus on spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ – evangelization. Jesus' words in today's Gospel sustained the early Church, and us today: "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." The Holy Spirit – the Advocate – is still with us.

JESUS IN BOSTON—YOUNG ADULT EVENT

All Young Adults and College Students are invited to join us on Friday, May 6th @ 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.

CONSIDER WHAT JESUS CALLS ME TO BE AND TO DO.

Holy Communion is very definitely 'take out' Food: we are called to receive Jesus and bring Him to everyone we meet. Holy Communion is very definitely NOT fast food: Body of Christ. Amen. Out the side door. Find a Mass time that allows you to stay until the last note of the recessional! Eucharist – thanksgiving.

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.

