

# 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, 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

11:30 AM Giuseppe D'Angelo Anniversary

### Monday, May 9, 2016

7:00 AM Alice Beaulieu Anniversary

### Tuesday, May 10, 2016

7:00 AM Patricia "Pat" Salvaggio Memorial

### Wednesday, May 11, 2016

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

### Thursday, May 12, 2016

7:00 AM Olive Walbridge Anniversary

### Friday, May 13, 2016

7:00 AM Ezersmous Ngove Memorial

### Saturday, May 14, 2016

4:00 PM Roy Hendrickson Memorial

### Sunday, May 15, 2016

7:00 AM Margaret Smith Anniversary

9:30 AM Vito S. Cannavo Anniversary

11:30AM Braintree Catholic Women's Club

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:

Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—73%

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

## Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 5,702.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 2,503.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 923.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 9,128.00</b>

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

## A Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

*Author unknown—from lordcalls.com*



*From  
The clergy and staff of  
St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare  
Parishes*



*"I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one." -*

*Jn 17:22-23a*



From the desk of the  
Pastoral Associate  
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

So here we are, once again like the apostles, wondering, "Now what do we do?" "Where did he go?" "When is he coming back?" "What did he mean—'stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high'?" The apostles wondered, and they waited. Same with us. What we can do while we wait is pray the Novena of the Seven Gifts during the days between the Ascension of our Lord and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. From the EWTN site: *The novena in honor of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.* For more info: [www.ewtn.com/devotionals/pentecost/seven.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/pentecost/seven.htm).



**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 **MUST** 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 also be made via the collection basket, the rectory mail slot, or the US mail. **We are all part of a greater good—the effort to keep our children safe.**



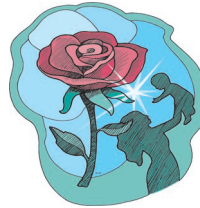
**SFA/SC Bereavement Group...** We meet THIS Tuesday, May 10 at 1PM in the St. Francis of Assisi church hall. Enter through the side door closest to the parking lot and take the elevator or stairs to the lower level. **We are a drop-in group with 2 meetings left—May 10, and May 24.** Everyone is welcome 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.



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.



**Rose-for-Life Drive**



The (annual Mother's Day/Father's Day) Rose-for-Life Drive will take place **TODAY** after all the Masses. The funds raised will help Massachusetts Citizens for Life continue its educational efforts to restore the Right to Life of the unborn, the disabled, and the elderly. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Sanctity of Life Plant Sale, Saturday, 5/21 – Sunday 5/22 St. Paul's, Hingham**

Get a jump on your Memorial Day planting and support our ministry. We will have lots of heirloom and organic vegetables, plants, ground cover, and flowers for your garden and yard. "Under the tent" on St. Paul's Church lawn located at 147 North St. Hingham, after all Masses from 9 AM Saturday to 11:00 AM Sunday. Donations of plants or flowers most welcome. Please contact Ed Boylan (749-1558 or [Boylan.family@comcast.net](mailto:Boylan.family@comcast.net)) for more information.



David Baker & Janice Giblin III







From  
Mr. Brian Cote  
Principal

**Regional Science Fair** – This past week, the 2016 Regional Science Fair was held at St. Francis Xavier School in Weymouth. Ten schools with a total of 90 students from grades 6 – 8 participated in the fair. The nine students from SFA did an outstanding job representing our school and should be congratulated for their accomplishments. I am pleased to announce with great pride that the 2016 Regional Science Fair Winner in the Grade 8 category was our own Annie St. George. Congratulations Annie!

**SFA's Spring Social** – Our Spring Social that was held last Friday evening at Great Pond Hall was a huge success that was certainly enjoyed by all who attended. It was a festive evening of fun, conversation, and laughter for family, friends, parishioners, and alumni that allowed us to celebrate our community, as well as raised financial support to strengthen the overall educational experience of our students. A special word of thanks and appreciation to our many sponsors and donors.

**Grade 8 Class Trip to Washington, D.C.** - One of the many traditions at Saint Francis of Assisi School, as well as a highlight and culminating event for our students in the eighth grade has been the class trip to Washington, D.C. We would like to wish our eighth grade students from Saint Francis of Assisi School a safe, healthy and wonderful educational experience as they embark on their trip to Washington, D. C. on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. They will return late on Thursday evening. Our students will be traveling by motor coach. Our students will also have the opportunity to visit the Statue of Liberty and the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, as a way to break up the long drive to and from Washington, D.C. Once our students arrive in Washington D.C., they will have a full and structured itinerary including visits to the US Capitol, White House, Air and Space Museum, National Archives, Natural History Museum, Arlington National Cemetery, US Holocaust Memorial, Washington Monument, World War II Memorial, MLK Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Marine Corps Memorial, FDR Memorial, Smithsonian American History and Jefferson Memorial. Once again, our prayers and good wishes for a safe trip go with them and their chaperones. Godspeed!

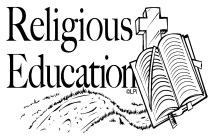


## Parish Info and events of note...

- **Prayer Shawls...** will meet Thursday, May 26 at 12:30PM. The dates for June are Monday, June 6 and Thursday, June 23. 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  
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Phone 781.848.3238



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.



Congratulations to all our young men and women who received the sacrament of Confirmation. May they flow out into the world fortified by the Holy Spirit. Congratulations also to our first group of children who received the Holy Eucharist for the first time. We pray they understand they are now walking tabernacles; carrying Christ into all they do. The world is alive with sacramental grace!



The First Communion ceremonies next weekend are as follows:

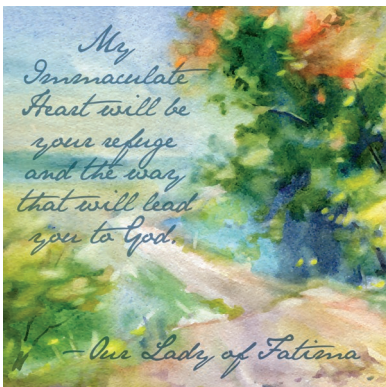
Saturday, May 14, at 11:00AM - Practice is Wednesday, May 11, at 4:00PM

Sunday, May 15, at 9:30AM - Practice is **Wednesday**, May 11, at 5:00PM.

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**The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.**

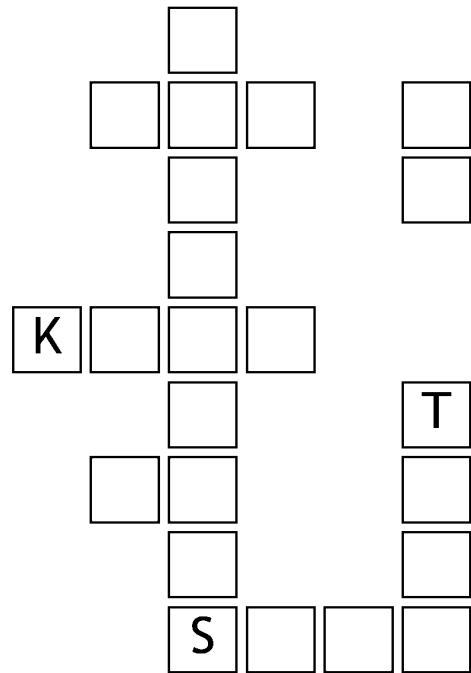
Stay Close,  
Diane and Ronna



## Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

**My followers know that you sent me.**



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### Sharing the Gospel

If pieces are missing from a jigsaw puzzle, you cannot see the whole picture. If keys are missing from a piano, you cannot hear a whole song. When Christians do not work well together, the world cannot see how great and loving God is. Jesus prayed that all of us would stay close to God and to one another. Do your part. Encourage other Christians.

### Prayer

God, I want the world to see how good you are. Help me to be good and loving to all Christians.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of you and other children from your church collecting food for the poor.

### Mission for the Week

Plan a service project with children from another Christian church in your area. Collect food for a food pantry, or sing songs to the grandmas and grandpas in a nursing home.



## 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.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary Service and Benediction** is being celebrated from 7:00 to 8:00 PM on Friday, May 13 at The Portiuncula Chapel at the Cardinal Cushing Center, Route 53, Hanover, MA. Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at that time. Free Parking is available. The 13<sup>th</sup> of the Month Service is held every Month from MAY thru OCT. All are welcome to come and share in this special Devotion to Our Blessed Mother.

### LIFT Worship Night

Join LIFT Ministries on Tuesday, May 17th @ 7pm for an inspiring night of worship at St. Paul Church in Hingham with speaker Fr. Eric Cadin. The night will include uplifting music, a relevant talk, confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and is FREE to attend and open to ALL AGES. A downloadable flyer, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on their website at [www.liftedhigher.com](http://www.liftedhigher.com). Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

**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.

### May 8 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter

Today's Gospel is the close of Jesus's final discourse to his Apostles which began in chapter 14. These are among the most touching and inspiring words of Scripture. Jesus pours out his heart, giving instructions and encouragement to his closest friends. Directing His words to His Father, Jesus prays: "And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me..." We pray for unity among Christians, but today, pray for unity within our own Catholic Church and within our parishes. Let Jesus' word inspire us to be bridge builders, right here, right now.

**The Archdiocese of Boston Black Catholic Choir** will be hosting the 21st annual concert on Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 4:30 pm. The event will take place at St. Katharine Drexel Parish, 517 Blue Hill Avenue, Grove Hall, MA. For more information, please contact The Office for Black Catholic Ministries: [Ldesroses@rcab.org](mailto:Ldesroses@rcab.org).

### Readings for the Week of May 8, 2016

- Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9/  
Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26
- Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-7/Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/  
Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-36/  
Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/  
Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12,  
19-20/Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-8/  
Jn 15:9-17
- Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or  
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24,  
35, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
- Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/  
Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,  
27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/  
Rom 8:8-17 or 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/  
Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26 or Jn 20:19-23

