

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 21, 2016

4:00 PM John Reid Anniversary

Sunday, May 22, 2016

7:00 AM Marjorie Smith Anniversary

9:30 AM Shirley Cartwright Anniversary

11:30 AM Ted, Sheila & Mark Warsheski Anniversary

Monday, May 23, 2016

7:00 AM Albert Richards Memorial

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

7:00 AM Daniel J. Mahoney Memorial

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

7:00 AM Michael Conneely Anniversary

Thursday, May 26, 2016

7:00 AM Joseph Kazanowski Memorial

Friday, May 27, 2016

7:00 AM Samuel & Patrick Mullis Memorial

Saturday, May 28, 2016

4:00 PM Mary & John Duffy Memorial

Sunday, May 29, 2016

7:00 AM Robert J. Reedy Anniversary

9:30 AM Donna Daly Anniversary

11:30AM Claire M. Cutler 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	\$ 5,335.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 3,147.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 923.00
Total Offertory	\$ 9,405.00

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



To the Blessed Virgin Mary for May

O most august and blessed Virgin Mary! Holy Mother of God! Glorious Queen of heaven and earth! Powerful protectress of those who love thee, and un failing advocate of all who invoke thee! Look down, I beseech thee, from thy throne of glory on thy devoted child; accept the solemn offering I present thee of this month, specially dedicated to thee, and receive my ardent, humble desire, that by my love and fervor I could worthily honor thee, who, next to God, art deserving of all honor. Receive me, O Mother of Mercy, among thy best beloved children; extend to me thy maternal tenderness and solicitude; obtain for me a place in the Heart of Jesus, and a special share in the gifts of His grace. O deign, I beseech thee, to recognize my claims on thy protection, to watch over my spiritual and temporal interests, as well as those of all who are dear to me; to infuse into my soul the spirit of Christ, and to teach me thyself to become meek, humble, charitable, patient, and submissive to the will of God.

May my heart burn with the love of thy Divine Son, and of thee, His blessed Mother, not for a month alone, but for time and eternity; may I thirst for the promotion of His honor and thine, and contribute, as far as I can, to its extension. Receive me, O Mary, the refuge of sinners! Grant me a Mother's blessing and a Mother's care, now, and at the hour of my death. Amen.



"He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you." - Jn 16:14-15

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



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



The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 221) teaches us that “by sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange.” Our presence at Mass gives us the most wonderful opportunity of our day or our week to share, to participate in that eternal exchange. The Old Testament readings present us with the Father’s creative action in the world and in the lives of the chosen people of Israel. The New Testament, especially the Gospels, gives us Jesus himself, Emmanuel, God with us, God’s Word among us. And the Holy Spirit dwells deeper and deeper within us as we open our hearts for the Eucharist and to bring who and what we receive into the world of our families, friends, co-workers and acquaintances. When we make the Sign of the Cross today, let’s do it slowly and with intention, mindful that we have been sealed with that cross as a sign of our faith. We can look at the cross as a hug from God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit—the God who loved us into existence, redeemed us and remains with us, and waits for us with open arms—in an eternal exchange of love.



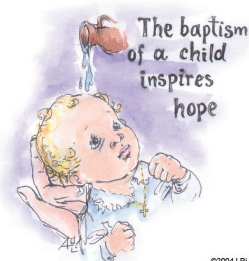
Grow in Faith and in Knowledge This Summer...

June Biblical Seminar, The Quality of Mercy, led by Professor Celia Sirois, will meet Monday evenings in June (6, 13, 20, and 27) from 7-9PM at the Theological Institute at St. John’s Seminary. This seminar is offered at **no cost** to participants. To register for this or the courses below, please visit www.sjs.edu or www.theologicalinstitute.org or call 617.779.4104, ext. 1.

The Theological Institute for the New Evangelization at St. John’s Seminary in Boston has 2 and 3 credit summer courses for laity, deacons and religious. Those who prefer to audit a course are also welcome. The offerings this summer include Apocalyptic Literature of the Old and New Testaments, Mastering the Art of Catechesis, Carmelite Spirituality, Beauty and the Bible in Balthasar, Basic Truths of the Catholic Faith, and The Changing Landscape of Grief Ministry: New Psychology and Spirituality.



SFA/SC Bereavement Group... We gather THIS Tuesday, May 24 at 1PM in the St. Francis of Assisi church hall for the last meeting of this series. We encourage group members to bring a photo or memento of their loved one(s) along with their appetites as we welcome the warmer weather with an ice cream sundae! If you are mourning the loss of a loved one and need someone to talk to or perhaps some resources, please do not wait for the next group but instead feel free to call the parish office and speak with Linda.



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

*Daniel James Henning, James Trask Murphy,
Cade Geno Golden and Liam James Werner*



Would you like to see Big Papi play in his final season at Fenway Park?

How about the opportunity to stock up on groceries for your 4th of July celebration?



Would \$500 cash help with your summer vacation plans?

These are the prizes in the St. Francis/St. Clare of Assisi Collaborative Raffle. The entire profit from the raffle will be used to advance Catholic education at St. Francis of Assisi School. Raffle tickets were mailed to all registered households this past week. If you did not receive this mailing but would like some tickets, please call the parish office. **Winning tickets will be drawn after the 4:00PM Mass at St. Francis on Saturday, June 18. [Please note the date on the letter and ticket are incorrect.]** You do not need to be present to win. Be sure to include your phone number on your ticket so that we can reach you



From
Mr. Brian Cote
Principal

Where has the academic school year gone? Our grade eight students had a wonderful time last week on their class trip to Washington, D.C. In less than a month, they will graduate and go on to some of the very best public and private secondary schools in our area, including: B.C. High, Braintree High, Cardinal Spellman, Newton Country Day, Notre Dame Academy, Portsmouth Abbey and Quincy High School. I am proud of this and of all the hard work that they and their teachers have accomplished in preparing them for the next stage of their academic journey.



As a school community, we are looking forward to celebrating one of our traditions at Saint Francis of Assisi School, the May Crowning Mass, which will be held on Friday, May 27th at 8:45 AM. This is a special liturgy prepared and planned by our second and

eighth grade students; as they once again receive the Eucharist, as well as represents the last SFA school liturgy that our grade 8 students will attend before graduating.

Helen Keller Presentation – Throughout the month of May, we celebrated “Better Hearing and Speech Month.” In our observation at SFA, we welcomed Sheryl Faye presents Historical Women as she portrayed *Helen Keller: Champion of the Disabled*. In this very moving portrayal, our students relived Helen’s fascinating life through her graduation from college and the writing of her twelve books. She showed our students how she learned to speak and read in Braille, and a Braille book was made available for them to see and touch following her performance. Helen’s mesmerizing story helped our students understand and accept the different ways people do the same things, and inspired them to be the best they can be with the talents they possess.

Enroll Today

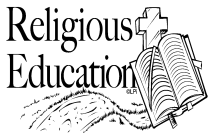
St. Francis of Assisi School is now accepting applications for all grade levels for the 2016-17 school year. For more information regarding our admissions procedure, simply visit our school’s website (www.sfab.org) or contact us at (781) 848-0842. Are you interested in learning more about what SFA has 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 Thursday, May 26 at 12:30PM. Newcomers, novices and experts are always welcome! **This will be the final meeting. We will resume again in September.**
- **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.



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.



Mrs. Diane Hopkins
Mrs. Ronna Petrilli
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The Church is basking in the glory of the sacramental graces which are flowing with each Confirmation and First Holy Communion. For the next few weeks, we will be noticing the children answer the call to “*come to the table*” where they will be unifying themselves in a most intimate way with the Lord. We pray this communion will further and more firmly join their families to the Church as well. Ask any one of these beautiful children “What comes after your First Holy Communion?” Chances are they will respond with an excited...“My second and third and fourth.... Holy Communion.” Let us pray for all our families to remain spiritually nourished at “the table”. Mostly we pray for the families who experience the grace of communion to carry that grace wherever they go. Stay open to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

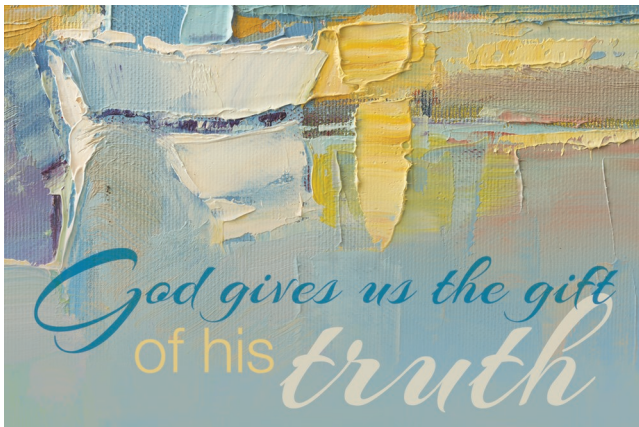
Registration forms for Religious Education year 2016-2017 will be available by June 12. We look forward to meeting in September but until then we hope to see you at the weekend Masses.

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Stay Close,
Diane and Ronna



Daniel Washburn & Jaclyn Pugsley III



Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today’s Gospel:

UNDERSTAND
SPIRIT
SHOWS

GUIDE
TRUTH
SPEAK

GLORY
MESSAGE
FATHER

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A	S	P	E	A	K	H	M	T	E	H
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Sharing the Gospel

The disciples learned a lot from Jesus, but he knew they still needed to learn more. That’s why Jesus asked God the Father to send the Holy Spirit to his friends. Jesus knew that the Holy Spirit would stay with them, to teach them everything Jesus wanted them to know.

Prayer

Dear God, I want the Holy Spirit to teach me more about Jesus, too.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of a large triangle. Inside of it, write these words: Father, Son, Spirit.

Mission for the Week

As you read a Bible story tonight before bed, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you what Jesus wants you to learn.



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.



A community rosary will be held on the grounds of St. Clare’s Parish on Sunday May 29, 2016 beginning at 9:30AM. Everyone is invited to attend. We will gather outdoors at the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary and water fall.

In the event of inclement weather, we will gather in the sanctuary. The community rosary will be led by the Knights of Columbus Braintree Council as part of the 5th Sunday Rosary Program. A supply of rosary rings and prayer cards on how to pray the rosary will be available.

ICC IRISH FESTIVAL

The Irish Cultural Center, 200 New Boston Drive, Canton is proud to announce the 2016 Irish Festival being held June 4th and 5th featuring The Wolfe Tones, John McDermott, Andy Cooney, Bartley O’Donnell, The Cunningham Family, and over 25 bands. The event will be fun for the entire family and will include Set Dancing, Genealogy, Hay Rides, Irish Food, Irish Soda Bread Contest, Great Vendors, and an Irish Mass on Sunday at 10:30AM. Please visit www.IrishFestBoston.com or call 1-888-GOIRISH (464-7474) to purchase your \$15 Advanced Tickets—Children under 12 are free. The first 2,500 guests entering each day will receive a free “Swag Bag” filled with a few goodies. Free shuttle service will be available on the hour from the Quincy Center and Braintree T stations.



From the Archdiocese of Boston

May 22 ~ The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

The Most Holy Trinity – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit is a Mystery of our faith - not to solve, but to believe and delight in. Three Persons in One God. There is no mystery in Paul’s words to the Romans, only comfort and blessed assurance: “.. affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” Hope does not disappoint!

JESUS IN BOSTON

All Young Adults and College Students are invited to join us on Friday, June 3rd @ 7:30pm for our monthly “Jesus in Boston” event. This month, we will be at Sacred Heart 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.



Readings for the Week of May 22, 2016

- Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-9/Rom 5:1-5/
Jn 16:12-15
- Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10/
Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1-4/Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/
Mk 10:32-45
- Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Ps 100:2-5/
Mk 10:46-52
- Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Mk 11:11-26
- Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/Ps 63:2-6/Mk 11:27-33
- Next Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1-4/1
Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17