

# 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 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

11:30 AM Claire M. Cutler Anniversary

### Monday, May 30, 2016

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Military Memorial

### Tuesday, May 31, 2016

7:00 AM

### Wednesday, June 1, 2016

7:00 AM

### Thursday, June 2, 2016

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

### Friday, June 3, 2016

7:00 AM Mary "May" Burke & Ruth McDonald Memorial

### Saturday, June 4, 2016

4:00 PM Donald Sullivan, Jr. Anniversary

### Sunday, June 5, 2016

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

9:30 AM Dot & Frank Wilhelm Memorial

11:30AM Maddalena Leccese Anniversary

Thank you for your offerings for last weekend:

Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT—63%

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

## Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 5,119.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 3,360.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 923.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 9,402.00</b>

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



**God of power and mercy,  
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.  
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our  
tears,  
that we may all deserve to be called your sons  
and daughters.  
Keep in your mercy those men and women  
who have died in the cause of freedom  
and bring them safely  
into your kingdom of justice and peace.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**



**The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 30  
in observance of Memorial Day.  
Have a safe and happy long weekend.**



**Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets. - Lk 9:16-17**


## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)



From the desk of the  
Pastoral Associate  
Mrs. Linda Muldoon

Today we celebrate the precious gift of the Eucharist, Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. One of the lines from today's reading from St. Paul resonates with me: "As **often** as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of Lord until he comes." Many of us continue to pray for the children (and their families) who received their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion over the past several weeks. Our prayer is that they (and all of us) see this beautiful sacrament not as "one and done" but as an invitation to return together **often** to the table of the Lord. As Catholics, it is this sacrament that can fill our deepest hunger for God. It is this sacrament that unites us to Christ and to each other—right here in Braintree and throughout our world. It is this sacrament that gives us food for the journey through the stuff of our everyday lives and hope that we will one day reach our eternal dwelling place. Jesus commissioned us, "Do this in remembrance of me." Let us receive him often and bring to others what he gives us to others.



 **SFA/SC Bereavement Group...** Our group is on break for the summer months. Many thanks to JoAnne Clifford, our co-facilitator, and to the men and women who shared their stories and supported one another during and outside of our sessions. I truly believe that our good and gracious God joined us around the table—in our tears and in our laughter—and that he accompanies each of us on our grief journeys. 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.

*Blessed are the peacemakers...*  
**for they will be called children of God**



**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](http://www.sjs.edu) or [www.theologicalinstitute.org](http://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.



**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 if you win.





From  
Mr. Brian Cote  
Principal

This holiday weekend, we celebrate Memorial Day and let us pray for all those who have died for their country in time of war; may they be remembered with honor in time of peace. On behalf of the administration and faculty at SFA, I want to wish all of our families and parishioners a safe, healthy and wonderful Memorial Day Weekend!

**SFA Fine Arts** – Our school provides a strong academic education that also instills into our students the love for the arts. At SFA, we have so many talented and gifted students, who demonstrate such creativity in their art work, as well as shine on stage in our drama and music programs.



Our SFA Drama Club will be presenting the musical “Beauty and the Beast, Jr” on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, and a special afternoon matinee on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm in the School Hall. Tickets will be available at the door for \$5 each or \$15 for a family. Come and support our students as they perform this classic musical.



On Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 pm and Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 pm, we will be holding our Annual Art Fair, where our hallways will be fully decorated with creative art projects completed by our students. All are welcome to attend!

## Enroll Today

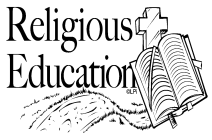
St. Francis of Assisi School is now accepting applications for all grade levels for the 2016-17 school year. For more information regarding our admissions procedure, simply visit our school's website ([www.sfab.org](http://www.sfab.org)) or contact us at (781) 848-0842. Are you interested in learning 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](mailto: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 resume again in September.** Newcomers, novices and experts are always welcome!
- **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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Congratulations to all our young disciples who have received Jesus for the first time this spring! We pray their communion will further and more firmly join them and their families to the Church. Ask any one of these beautiful disciples "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.

Watch for a special invitation for the Folk Group's last Mass before they break for the summer on Father's Day. We hope you can join us!!

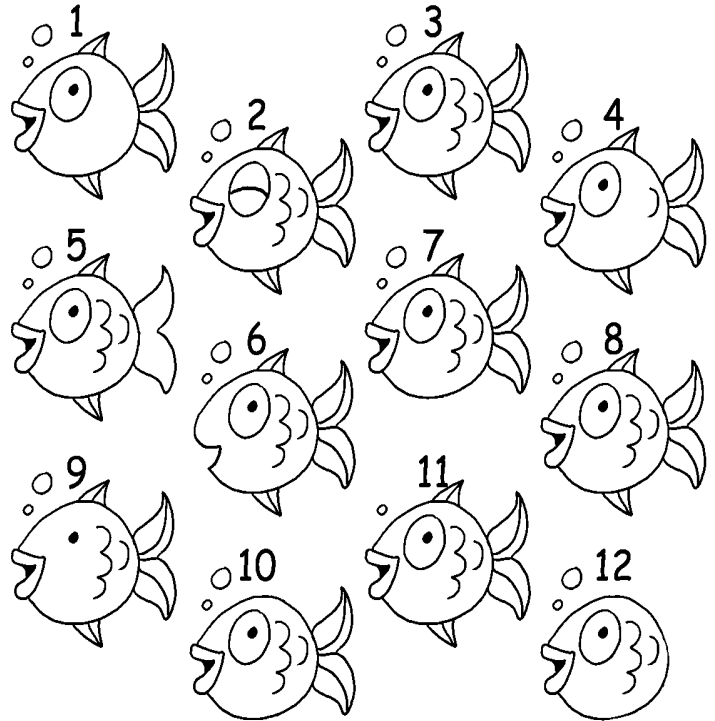
**You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.**

Stay Close,  
Diane and Ronna



## Puzzle

Find the identical fish!



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ANSWER IS NUMBER THREE AND NUMBER EIGHT

### Sharing the Gospel

Jesus told his friends to give a whole crowd of people something to eat. All they had was a little fish and bread. How could they possibly feed all those people with so little food? God gave them what they needed to help other people. When you want to help other people, trust God to give you what you need.

### Prayer

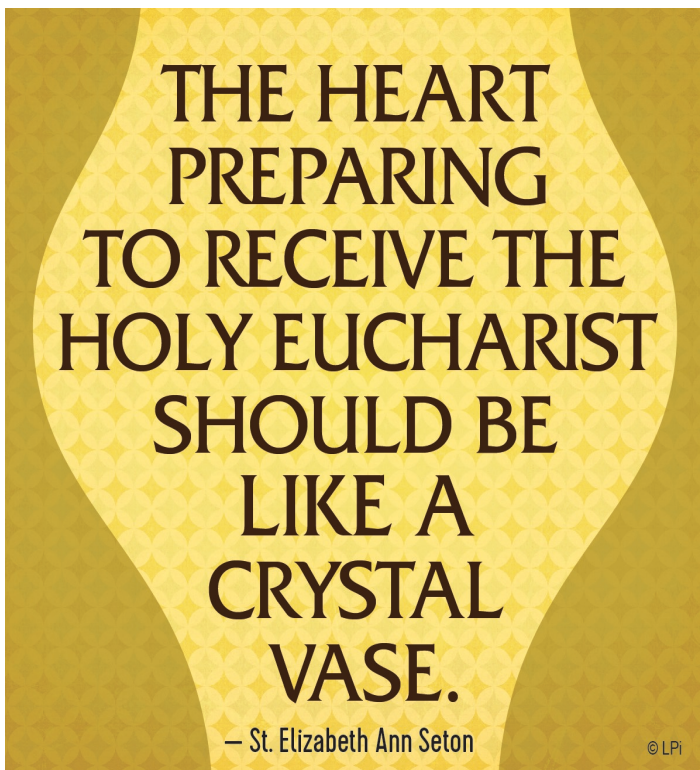
Dear God, with your power I can really help other people.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself sharing your lunch with a friend.

### Mission for the Week

If God has blessed your family with plenty of food to eat, make sure you also give food to people who are hungry.



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From the Archdiocese of Boston



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.



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 29, 2016

- Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1-4/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17
Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/Ps 91:1-2, 14-16/Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/ Is 12:2-6/Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1-2/ Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/ Mk 12:28-34
Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5b-11/ Lk 15:3-7
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-17, 22/ Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:17-24/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/ Gal 1:11-19/Lk 7:11-17

Rev. Christopher W. Bae, Rev. Matthew J. Conley, Rev. Patrick J. Fiorillo, Rev. J. Thomas Gignac, Rev. Stephen R. LeBlanc, Rev. Huan D. Ngo, Rev. Thomas M. Olson, Rev. Kevin Staley-Joyce and Rev. Thomas R. Sullivan were ordained as priests of the Archdiocese of Boston, by Cardinal Seán O'Malley at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross last Saturday, May 21. "We pray that God grants them good health, joy in their daily ministry and the loving support of the Catholic family every day of their priesthood." Cardinal Seán O'Malley

