

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

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Mrs. Diane Hopkins, Religious Education
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Collaborative Office: Mr. Kevin Mercier, Business Manager
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evening – 5:30 PM
Sunday – 9:00 and 11:30 AM
Weekday – Monday thru Friday 7:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday – 12:30 to 2:00 PM
Other times by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage: A minimum of ten months notice is required. Please call the Collaborative 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 Collaborative Office to register.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion Calls: Please notify the Collaborative Office if anyone is hospitalized or unable to attend Mass because of illness.

Community Meetings: School Hall Alcoholics Anonymous – Friday 8:00 PM
(Suspended due to Coronavirus)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 22, 2021

5:30PM John Reid Anniversary

Sunday, May 23, 2021

9:00AM Alfred Santosuosso Anniversary

11:30AM Albert Augenti Anniversary

Monday, May 24, 2021

7:00AM Daniel Mahoney Memorial

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

7:00AM

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

7:00AM Special Intention

Thursday, May 27, 2021

7:00AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, May 28, 2021

7:00AM

Saturday, May 29, 2021

5:30PM John Keaveney Memorial

Sunday, May 30, 2021

9:00AM Anna Tingley Memorial

11:30AM John & Teresa Allen Memorial

Thank you for your offerings for the last weekend:

Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT 85%.

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

Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 3,508.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 951.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,914.67
Total Offertory	\$ 6,373.67

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



Fr. Shawn will be leaving us to become the co-administrator of St. Jude Parish in Waltham. **His new assignment will begin on June 1, 2021.** Fr. Shawn has been a blessing to our collaborative. We will surely miss him. Please join us in wishing him well after the following Masses:

Saturday, May 22 after the 8:00AM at St. Clare

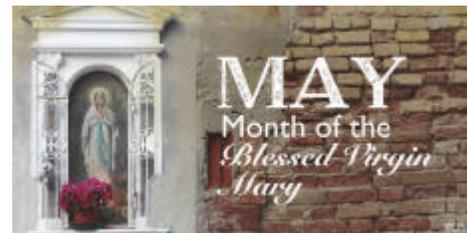
Saturday, May 22 after the 5:30PM at St. Francis

Sunday, May 23 after the 7:45AM at St. Clare [added]

Saturday, May 29 after the 4:00PM at St. Clare

Sunday, May 30 after the 6:00PM at St. Clare

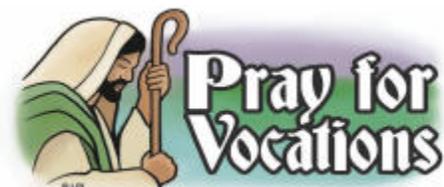
Location of these gatherings is dependent on the weather.



Please join us **THIS Monday** night at 6:45PM, as we pray the Scriptural Rosary followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in honor of our Blessed Mother. We will meet **(in person)** at St. Francis of Assisi church. In keeping with the COVID protocols please remember to wear your mask and sit in the marked pews.



Reminder to parents—If you were unable to make the First Communion parent meetings last Monday, please contact the collaborative office at 781-843-1332 to arrange a meeting time to learn about the process and pick up the materials.





From
Deacon Joe MacDonald

We often hear about celebrities who make these “confession” interviews on TV or write books, and they reveal some deep dark secret or medical condition.

Well, I’m going to make my own confession. I’m going to tell you about a condition I suffer from. It’s one of those things no one ever wants to talk about. It’s very common; in fact, I’m sure I share this malady with people here this morning. If there is a family with three children one of them is at high risk for this condition. Are you ready?

I suffer from something called middle child syndrome. For those among you who are first born or last born in the family, middle child syndrome usually results in a person feeling left out, ignored, unappreciated. That’s because the oldest and the youngest always get the attention.

That is, I think, how most of us treat the Holy Spirit – like a middle child. For most of us, the Holy Spirit is underappreciated. We rarely pray to the Holy Spirit. We ignore him and it’s easy to see why. Jesus after all was human. We can put a face on him. The Father, well all of us have an understanding of what father means and we’ve got those paintings at the Vatican showing the Father as an old man with a beard.

But the Holy Spirit? It’s hard to wrap our heads around that. How can we have a relationship with someone we can’t experience with our senses? We can’t see him. We can’t touch, taste or smell him. And we used to call him the Holy Ghost – Yikes!

But we really need to come to know the Holy Spirit. We need to understand that He is every bit as important as the Father and the Son. He is just as much God. And he is just as much with us as Jesus is and the Father.

Who is the Holy Spirit? The Spirit our inspiration and guide. The Holy Spirit is the one who brings us to understanding and reveals the truth to us. The Holy Spirit makes us holy and is the one who moves our love into action.

I’ll tell you this, when I find out I’m preaching on a certain Sunday and I look at the readings, I don’t have a clue where I might go with it. Until I bring the scripture to prayer. And then something comes to me. Then I can work with it. I can assure you that when I’m through I wonder where it came from. It comes from the prompting of the Holy Spirit, at least if it’s a good homily. I’m certain we have all had similar experiences if we take the time to notice.

- That good deed that we never expected to do – Holy Spirit.

- The opportunity to be with someone in need – Holy Spirit
- The desire to be with God in prayer – Holy Spirit
- That unexpected feeling of joy or peace even when things are at their worse – Holy Spirit.
- The ability to have faith when everything seems at a loss – the Holy Spirit.

When we love even when we aren’t loved back – Holy Spirit.

Fire in the Old Testament was a sign of God’s presence. Moses noticed the burning bush on the mountain and was moved to go see what it was. The story of that first Pentecost tells us about tongues of fire coming upon each of the disciples gathered in that upper room. The fact that this flame came and rested on each believer tells us something that affects our lives and our faith. Those people in that upper room were all the believers that were in the world at that time and the Holy Spirit was given to each one. That same spirit has been given to each of us through baptism and confirmation and fills the hearts of the faithful with the POWER of His divine love. By the way the Greek word used for power can also mean dynamite. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit and that power comes from Divine Love., and it is dynamite! It was Divine Love that filled that upper room as it fills this church today. It was Divine Love that caused each pilgrim in Jerusalem to hear Peter in his or her own language. It was Divine Love that converted the hearts of those who heard that message. And it is Divine Love that moves each of us to God’s service.

Shortly after the Lord’s own Baptism, His first public act as recorded in scripture was to go to the synagogue where he picked up a scroll and read these words. (Is 61:1-2)

“The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God, to comfort all who mourn.” Then he said, “Today this scripture passage has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

My friends because of our own Baptism and Confirmation we can take that same scripture and say with confidence that this passage is also fulfilled in us. Each of us can say with Christ that the Spirit of God is upon US. He has sent US to bring good news. He has sent US to heal the broken hearted. He has sent US to proclaim liberty and freedom to captives. We are sent by God’s Holy Spirit to bring comfort to those who mourn; healing to those who are sick; to prophesy; to preach; to teach; to be the presence of Christ in a world that is hungry for His presence.

MAY 23, 2021

Because the Holy Spirit dwells in us we can walk out the doors of this church today with a sense of mission. And to fulfill that mission we need the guidance and prompting of the Holy Spirit. Let me suggest that we take the gospel acclamation we heard today and personalize it and make it our own. Make it part of our daily prayer. Let's call on the Holy Spirit, that forgotten and neglected third person of the Blessed Trinity, "Come Holy Spirit, fill the heart of your faithful one and enkindle in me the power of your divine love."



"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me." - Jn 16:12-14a

Readings for the week of May 23, 2021

Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/ Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/ Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

Check out our new collaborative website—www.braintreecatholic.org.



Sunday Masses continue with limited seating to provide safe social distancing for all in attendance. We remind you: You must **book a seat(s) for the Mass** you want to attend. There are two methods for booking a time. You may only book times for yourself and members of your household.

On-line booking is found at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a45a5a722a4f49-braintree> (regular weekend Mass)

Phone Booking

- Dial 781-843-1332 and Press 3
- Follow recorded instructions
- Provide your Name, Phone#, Church, Mass Time and the total # of household members coming to Mass. Hang up after you are done with your message

The cut-off times for Mass Reservations are as follows:

- 2:00PM Saturday for the Saturday evening Masses
- 10:00PM Saturday for the Sunday morning Masses
- 2:00PM Sunday for the Sunday evening Mass

You are required to wear a mask at all times in accordance with COVID-19 Order No. 31. You do not have to wear a mask if you have a medical or disabling condition that prevents this. Children under 2 do not require a mask; Children ages 2-5 is up to parental discretion.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

St. Francis of Assisi
Lynette L. Haughton
Marie Reale
Frederick Leo
Nicole A. Sorensen

St. Clare
Marie Bishop

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Parish Info and events of note...

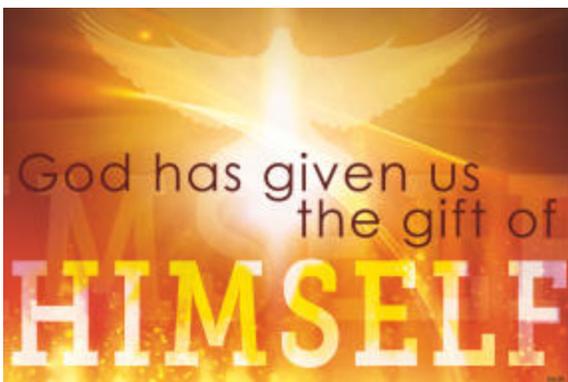
- **St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry** Open Thursdays from 10AM-12NN. If you need groceries, please call on Wednesday so that we can be prepared for your visit. Referrals and limited financial assistance are available for parishioners in need. Please call the parish office for more information.
- **Parish Prayer Line...** To be placed (or to pray) on the parish prayer line, please call the Collaborative office.
- **Military Service...** If someone you know is deployed and you would like their info to appear on the blue board in the church, please call or email the parish office. If you are aware of needed updates to the board, please let us know that as well. Thank you.



*From St. Francis of Assisi
Santiago Frederick Darling
Emily Maureen Nashawaty
Julian Nicholas Thomas*



We are now booking Mass Intentions through Sunday, June 27, 2021. To schedule a Mass or for further information please call the Collaborative Office at 781-843-1332. *Please do not leave this information on the Mass Reservation line.*



*From the
Archdiocese of
Boston*

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Fiat, a gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to the next meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. (ET) on Zoom. The topic will be **Community Life**. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ at marian.batho@csjboston.org or 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.

May 30 ~ Solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity

Listen intently to the readings at Mass this weekend, they leave no room for doubt as to the message. YOU have been commissioned, right along with the disciples to. . . Go... Baptize... Teach. All strong imperatives. Perhaps even more important – is the last line in the gospel: "... I am with you always, until the end of the age." Evangelization is the work of the whole Church – and that includes you. He is with you ALWAYS, no matter the times or circumstances. So - take Christ's commissioning to heart and spread the Good News!



May 23 - Pentecost:

Today as we celebrate Pentecost the Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others, especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives. **This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able bring the love of God to the poor by assisting families, providing food, and for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!**



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