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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, June 12, 2021

5:30PM Catherine T. Cowley Anniversary

Sunday, June 13, 2021

9:00AM Laurie Melchionda Anniversary

11:30AM Alice Kelley Anniversary

Monday, June 14, 2021

7:00AM Mary Lerner Memorial

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

7:00AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

7:00AM

Thursday, June 17, 2021

7:00AM

Friday, June 18, 2021

7:00AM

Saturday, June 19, 2021

5:30PM Lorraine McGrath Memorial

Sunday, June 20, 2021

9:00AM Mary, Andrew & John Forti Memorial

11:30AM Angelo Baiungo Memorial

Thank you for your offerings for the last weekend:

Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT 84%.

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

Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 4,003.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 1,276.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 2,512.08
Total Offertory	\$ 7,791.08

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



My brothers and sisters,
This past week many of you may have received a letter asking your support of the 2021 Catholic Appeal. Over the last year, we have witnessed just how important Central Ministries are in supporting not just our parish, but all parishes and schools within our Archdiocese. As we move forward through this pandemic, we are so grateful to have a team of experts that help us ensure your safety. Every gift makes a difference. Please consider making your gift today by visiting www.bostoncatholicappeal.org or by scanning the QR code above. Your gift has an immediate impact on our parish and the work of our Church. Thank you for your generosity. As I mentioned in March and on several other occasions, we will be having an in-pew appeal this weekend.

In His service and yours,
Fr. Paul Clifford



As of May 29, masks are no longer required for vaccinated people in the State of Massachusetts. The State does advise that non-vaccinated people continue to wear masks.

Anyone who wishes to do so should feel free to continue to wear masks as long as you like. You will be respected if you choose to do so.

Please see the following letter from Cardinal Sean O'Malley regarding the lifting of the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation.

If we become aware that a COVID positive person has attended Mass an announcement will be posted on the collaborative's website.

Mass reservations are no longer required.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Brothers and Sisters,

"Without the Lord's day, we cannot live!" His Holiness, Pope Benedict, in his homily at the Cathedral of Saint Stephen in Vienna on September 9, 2007, quoted the Abitinian Martyrs, who during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian were arrested for celebrating Sunday Mass. The martyrs responded to the magistrate: "*Sine dominico non possumus!*" – without the Lord's day, we cannot live! The Pope went on to say: "For these Christians, the Sunday Eucharist was not a commandment, but an inner necessity. Without him who sustains our lives, life itself is empty. To do without or to betray this focus would deprive life of its very foundation, would take away its inner dignity and beauty."

Aware that the opportunity to participate in Sunday Mass is increasingly available and increasingly safe for our Catholic people, we are joining dioceses in the Boston Province (Boston, Fall River, Springfield, Manchester, and Portland) in lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation, effective the weekend of June 19 and 20, 2021.

We are mindful of the Lord's statement: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Mt 18:20). While we certainly can pray alone, there is both strength and blessedness in communal prayer.

We do also note that attendance at Mass is our way of following the Third Commandment of the Decalogue: "Remember the sabbath day – keep it holy. For six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy." (Ex. 20:8,11)

We call to mind the many times we see Jesus observing the sabbath by going to the synagogue and teaching there (Mt 13:54, Mk 1:21-28, Lk 4:16-30, Jn 6:22-59). It is a desire of every Christian to conform his or her life to the life of Jesus, and Jesus went to the synagogue on the sabbath.

Most significantly, receiving the Eucharist is the center of every Catholic life. The Lord commands us to take and eat, and to do it in memory of Him. (Mt 26:26-30, Mk 14:22-26, Lk 22:14-20, 1 Cor 11:23-26, CCC 1324). The Eucharist is food for our difficult journey through life, filling us with joy and strengthening us to embrace our suffering. It transforms us from the inside out and creates a unity among us that is a strong witness to the whole world.

Therefore, it is with great confidence and trust in the Lord that we reinstate this Sunday Mass obligation. It has been a long, difficult year. People have experienced great pain and suffering throughout this pandemic. Loss of life has been immense. People continue to recover from the long-term effects of the coronavirus.

The heroes among us — our nurses, doctors, first responders and all medical professionals — were a source of enormous comfort. Priests brought the Sacrament of the Sick to COVID patients. Now we are able to join together, remembering the lives changed and the sacrifices made. Let us gather together again in joy, as one people united around the Eucharist.

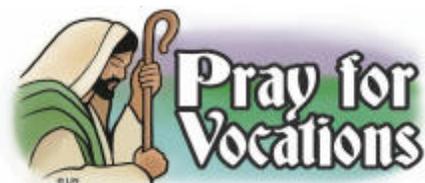
In this year of Saint Joseph, who was always a faithful observer of the sabbath, we chose Father's Day as an appropriate day to encourage all of our people, and especially our families, to return to the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have been recently exposed to COVID or any other communicable illness; those who are confined to their homes or to hospitals or other facilities due to illness, infirmity, frailty, or age; and those who are not yet able to be vaccinated, due to age or any health consideration. Parishioners should consult their local pastor if they have questions about the obligation.

To all of those who have not been able to be with us during this last year, we look forward to welcoming you back to the celebration of the Mass.

Thank you, and God bless you.

Cardinal Seán





“This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land...Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come.” - Mk 4:26, 28-29

Readings for the week of June 13, 2021

- Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
- Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15
- Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
- Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34
- Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/ Mk 4:35-41



*Archdiocese of Boston
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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.



We are now scheduling Mass Intentions through Sunday, January 9, 2022. To schedule a Mass or for further information please call the Collaborative Office at 781-843-1332.



*St. Francis of Assisi
Wesley Michael Flaherty
Dominic Mark Precetaj*

*St. Clare
Genevieve Noelle Beach
Anthony Cole Federico*



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.



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June 13~ Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

This parable about the mustard seed is a reminder to us about our role in the work of evangelization. "It is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." Many of us shy away from sharing our faith with others. However, if each one of us is courageous enough to share our faith with one person, who then shares with one person, who shares... That is what evangelization is all about. It is telling the stories of God working in our lives, of prayers asked for and answered, of feeling the presence of Jesus with us. Share the "mustard seed" of your faith and watch to see how it will grow!



June 13 - Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel, Jesus says: "This is how it is with the reign of God. A man scatters seed on the ground. He goes to bed and gets up day after day. Through it all the seed sprouts and grows without his knowing how it happens." **Through your almsgiving you are sowing seeds that grow far greater than you know. The coins placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring Christ love and compassion to the poor.**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwwmema.org/>. Is your marriage bearing great fruit? Find out how to have a fruitful marriage by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on Thursdays/Mondays Jul 8-29.



Early Bird Special - Boston & South Shore Men's Prayer Gathering—**Saturday, June 19, 2021—7:00-8:30 AM;** Remote Meeting by Zoom - BYOC – Bring your own coffee!!

Next meeting: **Eucharistic Miracles**—Jesus is real and wants a relationship with you! And so He comes to us at communion and allows us to consume Him. He is never so real as when the priest performs the consecration. Do you know about some of the recent (since 2000) miracles where consecrated hosts have turned to flesh? What does this say about our God who wants to be so close to us??? Join us to hear about some of these miracles.



June 13, 2021 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, "do small things with great love." This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God's kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people's faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God's kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!

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Fill this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Jesus used stories when he spoke to the people.

MISSION
Memorize John 3:16 this week. Let God's love sink into your heart. Treasure what you learn from Jesus.



Sharing the Gospel

Think of how much you have grown since you were born. To see you now, it is hard to imagine you ever wore baby clothes. God's kingdom started out small, and it keeps growing, too. God's kingdom needs people like you to love Jesus and to learn from him. Let God's word sink into your life. As you grow closer to Jesus, God's kingdom will grow.

Prayer

Jesus, help me learn from you and love you, so that God's kingdom will grow.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself reading your favorite Bible story about Jesus.

Mission for the Week

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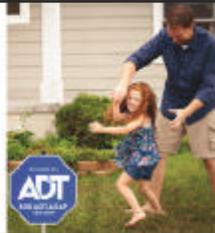
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