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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 six 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.

Food Pantry: Thursdays – please call the Parish Office one day in advance.

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, June 21, 2021

7:00AM

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

7:00AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

7:00AM

Thursday, June 24, 2021

7:00AM

Friday, June 25, 2021

7:00AM

Saturday, June 26, 2021

5:30PM Laurence A. Beauchesne Memorial

Sunday, June 27, 2021

9:00AM Patrick Holland Anniversary

11:30AM Mary E. Tricomi, Rosemarie Roche
And Philip D. Walling, Sr Memorial

Thank you for your offerings for the last weekend:

Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT 87%.

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

Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 3,448.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 914.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 2,512.08
Total Offertory	\$ 6,874.08

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



From the clergy and staff of the Collaborative of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare

"God our father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the god of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen"



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.

TWELFTH 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.

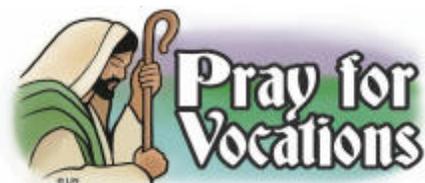
In this year of Saint Joseph, who was always a faithful observer of the sabbath, we chose Father's Day as an appropriate day to encourage all of our people, and especially our families, to return to the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

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





“Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Quiet! Be still!” The wind ceased and there was great calm. They were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?” - Mk 4:38c-39, 41

St. Francis of Assisi
Dominic Anthony Despier
Robert Owen Kenney

St. Clare
Anthony Cole Federico
Genevieve Noelle Schmoeger

Readings for the week of June 20, 2021

- 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
- Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20
- Thursday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
- Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [4]/Mt 8:1-4
- Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/Mt 8:5-17
- Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/ Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43



Congratulations to the following from our collaborative who have received his First Holy Communion! Please keep him in your prayers.

St. Francis of Assisi
Lucas Hearn



St. Clare
William P. Trainor
Ernest Perreault



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.

Marriage & Banns

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

Chidie Okpoebo & Katharine Atkins-Pattenson

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.



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.



If you plan to travel this summer or have the opportunity to sneak away for the weekend, here is something to place in your suitcase or your smart phone. To find the Mass closest to your location, visit www.masstimes.org. When you make your reservations, please remember to reserve some time for the Lord. Summer blessings! **Be sure to call the parish you plan to attend to verify their Mass times. Be safe!**



From the
Archdiocese of
Boston

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!



In the Gospel today, Jesus calms the sea and then asks the disciples "Why are you lacking in faith." In our life's journey, we also must learn to believe in God's presence and to trust in his care.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to continue show God's love and care to others by assisting families, providing food, and money for utility and rent bills.

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://wwmema.org/>.



Happy Father's Day! Take time for your marriage by attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on Thursdays/Mondays Jul 8-29.



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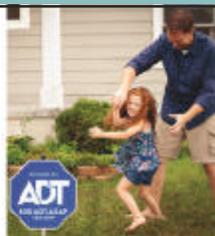
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