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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:** Sundays at 2:00 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 25, 2022

5:30PM Maureen & Tim Lyons Anniversary

## Sunday, June 26, 2022

9:00AM Rinaldo & Anna Ventresca Memorial

11:30AM Michael & Sheila Lydon Memorial

## Monday, June 27, 2022

7:00AM

## Tuesday, June 28, 2022

7:00AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

## Wednesday, June 29, 2022

7:00AM Ellen Tocci Memorial

## Thursday, June 30, 2022

7:00AM Nicole Levine Memorial

## Friday, July 1, 2022

7:00AM Maria "Cathy" Leitao Memorial

## Saturday, July 2, 2022

5:30PM Robert Kerr, Sr. & Paul Kerr Memorial

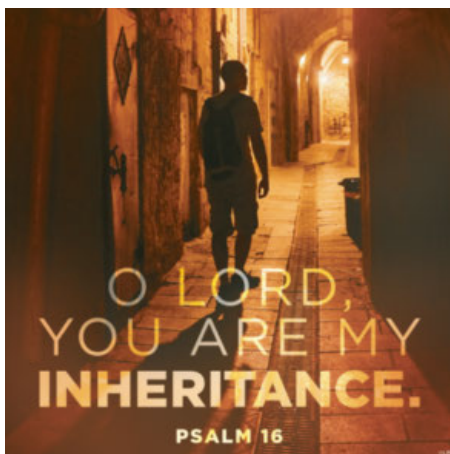
## Sunday, July 3, 2022

9:00AM Marty Murphy Anniversary

11:30AM Daniel & Madeline Wilson, William Anfield, Jr. and John B. Christian Memorial

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

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



**And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."**

**Lk 9:61-62**

### Readings for the week of June 26, 2022

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62  
 Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Mt 8:18-22  
 Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27  
 Wednesday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19  
 Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8  
 Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13  
 Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17  
 Next Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9



The Collaborative Office hours for the months of July and August are as follows:

Monday through Thursday 9AM-4PM  
 Friday Closed



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](http://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  
*Deacon Joe MacDonald*

Did you know that there is only one Church approved apparition site of the Blessed Mother in the United States? I didn't know about it either until I heard Bishop David Ricken talk about it on Catholic Radio.

She is called the "Our Lady of Good Help" and her shrine is in Champion Wisconsin. Its quite a story too. It about a young woman, Adele Brise, who was born in Belgium and emigrated to America with her parents, to a town that was then known as Robinsonville.

It was in October of 1859, while walking to church, she saw woman standing between two trees. She described the woman as being clothed in white with a yellow sash around her waist. Her head was surrounded by a crown of stars, and she had flowing blonde hair. She was enveloped in light.

My first thought at this point was this: Mary was a first century Jew living in the middle east. Its highly unlikely that she had blond hair. It's a good thing that I wasn't investigating the apparitions because I would have stopped there and said "Nope! Can't be Mary she didn't have blonde hair."

Thankfully those who were conducting the investigation were smarter than I am. It seems that whenever there is an apparition of Mary, she usually appears in a form that is familiar to the visionary. Who knows why this is so? It could be that she just doesn't want to scare anyone away.

Adele did not talk to Mary that first day. Instead, she went home and told her parents about what she had seen to which her mother responded that maybe it was a poor soul in purgatory reaching out for prayers.

Adele saw the lady again and this time when to the parish priest. He advised Adele to ask the lady who she was and what she wanted. The next time Adele saw the lady she did as the priest had instructed. It went like this:

Adele: In the name of God, who are you and what do you wish of me?

Mary: I am the Queen of Heaven, who prays for the conversion of sinners, and I wish you to do the same.

Further, The Blessed Mother asked Adele to teach the children their catechism, how to make the sign of the cross and how to approach the sacraments. Adele was not an educated woman and wondered how she could ever accomplish this task. Mary's last words to her were "That is what I wish you to do. Go and fear nothing. I will help you."

And so, Adele went from house to house. She offered to work in these homes cleaning and cooking among other tasks and her payment was only to be that they allow her to catechize their children. And a remarkable thing happened, because the parents were always within ear shot, they too were catechized, and many people came back to Christ as a result. Her efforts resulted in a boarding school and a third order of sisters to continue the work.

A chapel was built at the site and many local people went there to pray. Many miracles and healings of the body and spirit have been documented.

We have all heard of the Great Chicago Fire of October 8, 1871. That fire took 300 lives and because it was Chicago, another fire, even more devastating, was forgotten. This was the Peshtigo fire in northwestern Wisconsin. The fire burned 1.2 million acres of land and with approximately 2500 killed is the worst wildfire in American History. This fire destroyed everything and everyone in its path. And as it approached the little chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Good Help, many people in the Robinsonville area fled to the site of the shrine to pray the rosary. They brought whole families including children, babies and even pets. With Adele they prayed. They prayed kneeling and they prayed in procession asking Our Lady of Good Help to intercede with her Son, Jesus to save them from the fire. Everything surrounding them was turned to ash but before it reaches the boundary of the shrine their prayers were answered. In the middle of the worst drought in many years, the heavens opened, and the rains poured down extinguishing the fire.

Today this is the first and only Church approved Marian apparition site in the country. It is called the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help. If nothing else, it's a very cool story about our Blessed Mother's love for her children. If you would like to learn more or make a pilgrimage to the shrine you can visit their website [Championshrine.org](http://Championshrine.org) or Google Our Lady of Good Help.



The Braintree Knights of Columbus Council #1462 will meet at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for July 12th at 7:00PM.





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*Adeline Mary McLaughlin*



*St. Clare*  
*Eamon O'Toole*  
*Celia Ranieri*  
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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.***



**As of Tuesday, June 28** we will begin booking Mass Intentions **through May 31, 2023**. To schedule a Mass or for further information please call the Collaborative Office at 781-843-1332.

# CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the following young people who were confirmed last Friday at St. Francis of Assisi! Please keep them in your prayers.

- Jack Amante
- Lorelai Banville
- Thomas Barry
- Abigail Bemis
- Thomas Bousaleh
- Olivia Choukas
- Isabella Corcoran
- Michael Crowley
- Ricky Dever
- Anthony DiVito
- Ryan Doherty
- Liam Evans
- Eamonn Fennell
- Finbar Holland
- Ashlyn Hough
- Alex Howlett
- Brooke Hubbard
- Matthew Keegan
- Abigail Kostas
- Jenna Lagos
- Connor Lane
- Andrew Madden
- William Marston
- Tess Marston
- Brayden Mastrogiacom
- Ryan McCarthy
- Sean Meade
- Sean O'Rourke
- Mark Parsons
- Joseph Pendergast
- Julia Perfetti
- Vincent Reen
- Eleanor Sampson
- Makayla Schell
- Joseph Schwartz
- Thomas Sheehan
- Amelia Trotta
- Allie York



Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth.



June 27 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time:  
In today's Gospel we see how in faith, Jarius asked Jesus to heal his daughter and how Jesus then answered his prayer. In prayer we also come to know that we are loved by God, and in that trust we ask for healing for ourselves, our loved ones and all those who are suffering.

**This week, please join with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in praying for the healing of all those who are ill and especially those who have no one to pray for them.**

Pantry donations can be dropped off at the St. Francis of Assisi rectory during normal business hours (Monday through Thursday [Summer Hours] 9-4). **Blue envelopes are in holders on the back inside wall of the church. Please use them for your cash, check (written to St. Vincent DePaul with SFA**

**on the memo line), or gift card—and place them into the collection basket or through the rectory mail slot. Thank you.**

## 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.



### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vatelle at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

Don't look at the past, it's gone. Look forward with an open heart and mind to the future with your spouse - share an experience with each other. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.



From the  
Archdiocese of Boston

### June 26 ~ Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's gospel, Jesus extends an invitation to a few people to follow him. They are disheartened by the demands that being a disciple requires and made excuses not to follow him. Are we like that? Do we offer excuses or put obstacles in the way of following Jesus? Discipleship requires that we be people who pray daily, recognize the need for Confession, put Christ at the center of our life, are generous with our time and treasure, willingly serve the Church, and most important of all invite others to know Jesus better. If doing these things seems too difficult, start one step at a time. Offer no excuses instead choose two of these practices as the way you will strengthen your discipleship, your following of Jesus.



**Portincula Chapel, a National Shrine at Cardinal Cushing Centers, Route 53, Hanover, MA is offering the Following:**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet and Rosary—3:00—6:00PM on First Fridays, July 1, August 5, September 2 and October 7 2022.

Candlelight Vigil Rosary to Honor Our Lady of Fatima every 13th of the Month; May through October, 2022—7:00-8:00PM. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Rosary—Benediction.

Please come to experience the Blessings for this special devotion as we join together with others to offer thanks to our Lady of Fatima for mediation for the whole world through God's Grace.

Devotions sponsored by St. Mary of the Portincula & Mary Queen of Peace Orders of Franciscan.





**June 26, 2022 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

And to another he said, "Follow me." In every moment of every day, in every circumstance and experience, God is calling us. We can easily get distracted and not hear it or simply ignore it, pretending it wasn't even heard. When we do hear it and favorably respond, there are some conditions that must be met. Jesus makes it clear that once we say yes to his invitation, we must stay focused and forge ahead. We cannot keep looking behind or worry about unfinished business. There are some tasks, and discipleship is one, that require our full devotion.

There are many "masters" vying for our attention. We need something or someone to give us direction. Human nature requires it. Our motives and actions reveal what has our allegiance. It is tempting to give ourselves to masters that lure us with intriguing promises. When given the choice between a "master" that promises worldly success, abundant wealth, status, privilege, and security versus a "master" that asks for self-sacrifice, hardship, suffering, ridicule, and death, to whom do we go? While the promise of immediate pleasure is enticing, there is always a catch. For all that secular masters can promise, they always keep us looking behind, checking on ourselves, second guessing choices, calculating options, and being slaves to excessive worry. Our guard can never come down. Only one master really promises life: Jesus Christ. Hearing his call, we either trust him or we don't.

Saying yes to following Christ does come with a risk. But it also comes with the brightness of future hopes and dreams. There is no need to keep looking behind. Sins are forgiven and regrets serve no effective purpose. God is not there. He's moved beyond all that stuff. God is in the today and the tomorrow and what he can continually do with our daily affirmation to follow Him. All we need to do is be obedient. St. Gianna Molla is credited with saying, "The stillness of prayer is the most essential condition for fruitful action. Before all else, the disciple kneels down." Begin with prayer. We will not only hear God's call but find the courage to trust that He will guide us where we need to be. God uses us in the most ordinary of ways through the simple daily expression of our lives.

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## PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

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| welcome | foxes      | dead    |
| people  | birds      | home    |
| village | Son of Man | kingdom |

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## MISSION

I will love God more than all the things he has given me.



**Sharing the Gospel**

Jesus knew that following him would not be easy. He could have made a lot of money. He could have had a beautiful home and a family to enjoy it with. Instead, Jesus chose to walk from town to town, teaching people about God. He gave up having nice things so that he could stay focused on God's work. That's what he asked his disciples to do, too.

**Prayer**

Dear Jesus, thank you for giving up so much, so that I could grow close to God.

**Something to Draw**

Draw a picture of Jesus walking with his friends.

**Mission for the Week**

I will love God more than all the things he has given me.

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