CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses:
Sat. Vigil 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM en español;
Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:15 AM, 10:30 AM, 11:45 AM, 1:15 PM en español; 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM

Weekday Masses:
Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM, 12:05 PM, 4:45 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM, 12 PM

Confessions:
Mon. - Fri. 11:15 - 11:50 AM, 12:45 - 4:15 PM; Saturday 9:45 - 11:45 AM, 12:45 - 3:30 PM

Devotions:
Tuesday after Mass: Memorare, 5:30 p.m. Vespers;
Thursday after Mass: St. Jude;
Monday -Friday after 4:45 p.m. Mass: Rosary

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Mon. - Fri. 8:30-11:45 AM, 1:00-4:30 PM;
Saturday 9:30 - 11:30 AM, 12:30 - 3:30 PM;
Sunday 2:30-3:30 PM

Gift Shop Hours:
Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM;
Tuesday - closed;
Sat. 9:30 AM - 6:45 PM*; Sun. 8:45 AM - 5:30 PM*
(*Closed during Sunday Masses and Saturday Vigil Masses)

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**November 11th Marks the 49th Anniversary of Saint Francis Chapel, Boston**

*From The History of Saint Francis Chapel*

*By Fr. John L. Wykes, OMV*

**1947** The beginnings of St. Francis Chapel can be traced back to 1947, when the Franciscan Friars first came to Boston to build a Shrine dedicated to Saint Anthony. The result was the first St. Anthony’s Shrine. Due to increasing needs, a bigger shrine was built in 1953; this is St. Anthony’s Shrine on Arch Street as we know it today.

**1960** Construction on the Prudential Tower began in 1960. When finished in 1964, the 52-floor skyscraper was the tallest building in the world of any city outside of New York. The surrounding area saw the construction of a shopping mall. The resulting Prudential Center was dubbed “the Pru” by locals.

**1969** Richard Cardinal Cushing was a very active Boston archbishop and saw a wonderful ministerial opportunity at the new Prudential Center. An Archdiocesan memo dating from 1966 discussed the initial proposal for opening an ecumenical center at the site. Later, the idea was for a new chapel which could serve as a “satellite” chapel of Saint Anthony’s Shrine on Arch Street. **St. Francis Chapel was dedicated by Cardinal Cushing on November 11, 1969.**

**1973** Though initially thought mostly to be an extension of St. Anthony’s, St. Francis Chapel grew in its ministerial importance. It became clear that the new Chapel was no longer merely a “satellite,” but a major site of ministry in its own right. Fr. David Fleming, OFM, became the first director of St. Francis Chapel in 1973.
The History of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary at Saint Francis Chapel
By Br. Paul Kallal, OMV

In 1983, after celebrating midnight Mass with the Oblates of the Virgin Mary at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine, the late Bishop Thomas J. Daly proposed a question to the priests of the congregation. Bishop Daly asked the Oblates to consider staffing St. Francis Chapel, located inside the Prudential Center. With a desire to both expand as a congregation and remain obedient to the local Magisterium, the Oblates embodied the words of their founder, Venerable Bruno Lanteri, “Nunc Coepi – Now I begin,” and said yes to Bishop Daly’s request, thereby beginning their ministry at St. Francis Chapel.

Originally founded in 1969 in the newly-built Prudential Center, St. Francis Chapel joined Our Lady of the Airways at Boston Logan Airport and Our Lady of Good Voyage in the Seaport district, as a place for people to find God in the midst of a busy world. In 1992, the Prudential Center underwent an extensive renovation and the chapel was included in the renovations. Providence arranged for St. Francis Chapel to be relocated to its present site, adjacent to the entrance doors of Hynes Convention Center. With its new location in the heart of the Prudential Center and city of Boston, the Oblate priests and brothers view St. Francis Chapel as the voice of Christ crying out to the modern marketplace, “Come all who are weary and I will give you rest!”

Today, St. Francis Chapel continues to provide a space to encounter the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus within the heart of Boston. The Oblates of the Virgin Mary continue a fifty year tradition of offering a spiritual refuge to all who seek the peace of Jesus Christ through the holy sacrifice of the Mass, daily confessions, and Eucharistic adoration. On behalf of all Oblate priests and brothers, we thank you for entering into the history of St. Francis Chapel with your visit to this holy place of God.

**Mass Intentions This Week**

**Sunday, November 11**
- 8:00 AM: Deceased Members of the Ceppi Family
- 9:15 AM: Grace Nethalia
- 10:30 AM: + John & + Virginia Feeney
- 11:45 AM: + Ercilia Nuñez
- 1:15 PM (esp): + Mario Lopez y + Luis Angela Zuluaga
- 4:00 PM: John Valleli — health
- 5:30 PM: + Nicolas O’ Laughlin

**Monday, November 12**
- 8:00 AM: + Elizabeth Muigai & Family
- 12:05 PM: Deceased Members of the Ransom Family
- 4:45 PM: John Valleli — birthday & health

**Tuesday, November 13**
- 8:00 AM: + Gladys & + Harry Lindmark
- 12:05 PM: Maria
- 4:45 PM: Deceased Members of the Kelly Family

**Wednesday, November 14**
- 8:00 AM: + Carol Barbas
- 12:05 PM: Deceased Family Members of the Adams and Tuzzo Families
- 4:45 PM: + Virginia Smith

**Thursday, November 15**
- 8:00 AM: Fr. Richard Erickson — health
- 12:05 PM: + Leonilda Pagliaro
- 4:45 PM: Gina Tonelli

**Friday, November 16**
- 8:00 AM: Richards Sotell — healing
- 12:05 PM: + Mary Gallagher
- 4:45 PM: + Bernard Cardinal Law

**Saturday, November 17**
- 9:00 AM: + Vivian Brown
- 12:00 PM: Souls in Purgatory
- 4:00 PM: + Anthony
- 5:30 PM: + Kathryn Hansen
- 7:00 PM (esp): + Jose Antonio Mendoza

**Feast Days This Week**

- **November 12**: St. Josaphat
  - Bishop and Martyr
- **November 13**: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
  - Patron of immigrants and hospital administrators
- **November 15**: St. Albert the Great
  - Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- **November 16**: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
- **November 17**: St. Elizabeth of Hungary
  - Religious
Oblates of the Virgin Mary – USA

The Oblates of the Virgin Mary is an international religious community of priests and brothers serving in Italy, France, Austria, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Nigeria, the United States and the Philippines. The Oblates are involved in retreat and parish missions, spiritual direction, parish work, the mass media, clergy formation, and the foreign missions.

The US Province of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary is dedicated to St. Ignatius of Loyola, and includes communities in Massachusetts, Illinois, Colorado, California and the Philippines.

The OMV US Province House is at St. Clement’s in Boston.

The OMV motto, “MARIAM COGITA, MARIAM INVOCA” “THINK OF MARY, CALL ON MARY” is taken from a homily by St. Bernard.

The Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

Declared “Venerable” - the first step to Sainthood.

Fr. Bruno Lanteri (1759-1830)

St. Peter Chanel Parish Hawaiian Gardens, CA

St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine & St Francis Chapel, Boston, MA
St. Joseph House, Milton, MA

St. Mary Parish Alton, IL

Holy Ghost Parish & Lanteri Center for Ignatian Spirituality Denver, CO

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat House Venice, FL

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