

THE PARISH OF SAINT CLARE

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Parish Hall is accessible to Handicapped via elevator



Parish Mission Statement

May the Lord bind us together as a community of faith filled with His love. Let us go forth and spread His Good News as St. John preached: "Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth." 1 John 3:18

Pastor

Rev. Paul T. Clifford
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Parochial Vicar

Rev. Shawn Carey
frshawn@bostondeafcatholic.org

Deacon

Michael J. Cavanaugh

Finance and Operations Manager

Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:45 AM, 10:15 AM, & 6:00 PM

Daily Mass: 8:00 AM Saturday

Holy Days: 4:00 PM Mass on the Vigil
9:00 AM & 5:30 PM

Sacrament Of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 8:30-9:00 AM
Anytime by Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism: 2nd Sunday at 1:00 PM

Sacrament of Marriage:

A minimum six months notice is required. Couples must participate in a marriage preparation program.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion Calls:

Please notify the Collaborative Office if anyone is hospitalized or unable to attend Mass because of illness, handicap or age.

Religious Education: 848-7481

Debbie Clancy, Grades 1-5
E-mail: FaithFormation4K25@verizon.net
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Music Director:

Deacon Joe MacDonald
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Collaborative Office Manager—781-843-1332

Patty Kinnally—pkinnally@sfab.org

Fr. Bill's Place:

First Tuesday of the month
Mary Glynn

Al-Anon:

Meets in Parish Hall - Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
(Suspended due to Coronavirus)

Help for the Poor:

Pine Street Inn Society:
Brenda Flood 617-786-0402

Holy Name Society: **(Suspended due to Coronavirus)**

Second Sunday of the month at the 7:45 AM Mass

Boy Scout Troop #138:

Wednesday 7:00 PM
John Collier 781-843-3330

Family & Tots Program: **(Suspended due to Coronavirus)**

Karen Mc Brine 961-3460
E-mail: karensmusicklass@aol.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry: **(Suspended due to Coronavirus)**

First Wednesday of the month
Lucille Barton 848-0626

Braintree Catholic Women's Club:

(Suspended due to Coronavirus)

Second Wednesday of the month at 1:30 PM in the
Parish Hall Carolyn Puleo 617-834-0726

Bulletin Deadline:

All notices must be submitted to the Parish House
by Monday 1 PM. You may email them directly to
stclare1@verizon.net

Welcome To New Parishioners. We want to know and serve you. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and present it to one of the priests or bring it to the rectory or place in the collection basket.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____
Street/City/Zip

Do You Wish to receive Offertory Envelopes? Yes

Prayers are requested for the Parishioners of St. Clare Parish, for those who are hospitalized, for our deceased relatives and friends, and for the following intentions:

Saturday February 13, 2021
 8:00AM Rena & Rita Howland Memorial
 4:00PM Parishioners of St. Clare

Sunday February 7, 2021
 7:45 AM
 10:15AM Pauline F. O'Brien Memorial
 6:00PM

Saturday February 20, 2021
 8:00AM
 4:00PM Patrick J. Colbert 56th Anniv.
 Mary F. Colbert 8th Anniv.


Sunday January 21, 2021
 7:45AM
 10:15AM
 6:00PM Dave Allen Memorial

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...

Offertory	\$	
Online giving	\$	584.00
Total	\$	

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

As always, we thank you for your ongoing generosity. The offertory is our primary means of meeting our Parish weekly operational expenses.

 If you are a registered parishioner who utilizes the parish envelope system or the online giving option and would like a copy of your total contributions for 2020 please call the collaborative office at 781-843-1332. In accordance with federal regulations contribution statements have been mailed to any parishioner who has made a **single** contribution of \$250 or more. If you do not currently utilize the parish envelope or EFT/online giving system, but would like to; or if you have any questions regarding your statement, please contact Patty Kinnally in the collaborative office.



From St. Clare
 George A. O'Brien
 Margaret "Peggy" Marsh
 Leo Ronan

From St. Francis of Assisi
 John Gaynor
 Lorraine McGrath
 Leo Shamshak

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



Ash Wednesday is THIS Wednesday, February 17, 2021. This is the beginning of the Season of Lent.

The following is the schedule of Masses/Services for the Braintree Collaborative:

- St. Francis of Assisi Masses at 7AM, and 12:10PM
 Prayer Service with ashes at 6:00AM
- St. Clare Masses at 9AM and 5:30PM

There will be additional "after school" opportunities for ashes. Please check the parish websites on Monday, February 15th for times and location.



We are 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.



The Braintree Catholic Women's Club has two \$1,000 scholarships available to high school seniors who are graduating this year (2021). One will be awarded to a Braintree High School Senior and the other to a Braintree senior graduating from a Catholic high school. Notices have been sent to all participating schools. Please contact your Guidance Department to request an application regarding these scholarships, or call Mrs. Margaret Hart, Scholarship Chairperson at 781-849-1755. The deadline for applying for these scholarships is April 17, 2021.

Early Bird Special

Boston & South Shore Men's Prayer Gathering
 Saturday, February 20, 2021 7:00-8:30 AM
 Remote Meeting by Zoom - BYOC - Bring your own coffee!! Next meeting: *Boosting Your Lenten Practices*
 Men, join us for a conversation on 6 practices that could boost your Lent. People will give short talks on their experiences with Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving, Lectio Divina, Confession, and the Examen prayer. Many of these practices can not only improve your spiritual life but also improve your professional and personal life. Please join us for a rewarding and low key way to boost your Lent! The Zoom meeting link will be sent out by email a few days before the meeting. If you want to be added to the distribution list, email me, Phil Plageman, at jamet@comcast.net. God bless you all and hope to "see" you there!!



From
Deacon Joe MacDonald

The Reasons I Believe in Christ

Resurrection:

1. The Empty Tomb

The tomb was empty. We don't have to rely on just what we read in the Christian Scriptures. There were other contemporary accounts by writers such as the Jewish/Roman Historian Josephus. The reason for the empty tomb has been debated since the time of Christ but the fact that the tomb was empty was not challenged at the time. Christians, of course, believed Jesus to be risen from the dead. Others, most notably the Jewish leaders and the Romans, explained the empty tomb by accusing Christ's disciples of stealing his body. We know that Pilate posted Roman guards at the tomb. It is highly unlikely that these highly trained soldiers would have let anyone near enough to steal the body.

2. The Testimony of Women.

Women in the first century were considered unreliable witnesses. Their testimony could not be used in the legal system of the day. If you were trying to convince your neighbors and religious leaders that Jesus rose from the dead and used the testimony of women, your case was dead on arrival. There is no reason why the early Christians would do so unless it was in fact true.

3. There was a change in the Apostles

The apostles, according to scripture ran in terror as Jesus was arrested and cowered in the upper room expecting that they would be next. After the resurrection and receiving the Holy Spirit, they were completely changed people, speaking boldly about Christ and accepting persecution.

If I were starting a new religion and I were going to write about its leaders, I would make them out to be the most brilliant, heroic, courageous, and steadfast men that ever walked the face of the earth. Odd, but that's not what the Gospel writers did. Jesus was frequently frustrated by how thickheaded they were. Peter was always putting his foot in his mouth, Thomas was doubting, James and John wanted the highest places in the Kingdom, and Judas betrayed him. They were fearful, confused, stubborn and often lacked faith, not the kind of people you'd want to put forward if you were starting a new religion or political movement. It would seem to be counterproductive for the Gospel writers to present their leaders in such a way, unless it were true.

And yet, from these twelve imperfect men, Christianity spread throughout the world. Perhaps it gives hope to imperfect people who need to see imperfect people, like the apostles, rise above their own defects by the grace of a God who loves them. Again, it would seem to be counterproductive for the Gospel writers to present their leaders this way.

The conversion of St. Paul

Saint Paul was a pharisee, a very good one. He was completely opposed to the new Christian sect within the Jewish community. He made it a personal mission to destroy it. He went from place to place to root out these

"blasphemers" even if it meant death, as in the case of Saint Stephen. While on the road to Damascus to persecute the Christians there, he had an encounter with the risen Jesus (Acts 9:3-19). Afterwards, he became the Apostle to the Gentiles, founded several Christian communities, defended the faith, and wrote the letters we read in church each week. He was beheaded in Rome for his faith in Christ. Only someone deeply touched by God could change so drastically.

Next Week Miracles



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>

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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

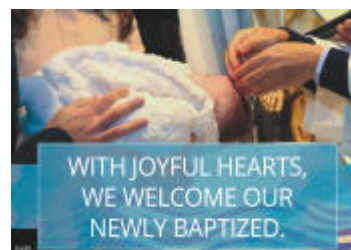
2:00PM Sunday for the Sunday evening Mass

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.



From the Archdiocese of Boston

2021 Catholic Appeal—In just a couple of weeks, we will be launching our parish's annual Catholic Appeal. As you may know, the Catholic Appeal funds the 51 Central Ministries of the Archdiocese that support our parish on a daily basis—especially as we continue to navigate the pandemic. You may have already received a letter from Cardinal Seán asking for your early support. If you are able, please consider responding to that request to help our parish meet our Appeal goal early. You can offer your support by going online to bostoncatholicappeal.org to make your gift at any time or scan the QR code above. Thank you for your support!



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