

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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Ronna Petrilli, Grades 9 & 10
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Music Director:

Deacon Joe MacDonald
E-mail: deaconjoemac@gmail.com

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

ST. CLARE PARISH

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:

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

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| Sunday | February 21, 2021 | |
| 7:45 AM | Parishioners of St. Clare | |

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| | Dave Allen | Memorial |
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| Saturday | February 27, 2021 | |
| 8:00AM | | |
| 4:00PM | | |

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| Sunday | January 28, 2021 | |
| 7:45AM | | |
| 10:15AM | Barbara Wallace | 7th Anniv. |
| 6:00PM | | |

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...

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| Offertory | \$3,365.00 |
| Online giving | \$ 399.00 |
| Total | \$3,764.00 |

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.

The Altar Breads and Wine to be used at all Masses for the week of February 20-26 have been donated in loving memory of **Pauline F. O'Brien**. The Sanctuary light will also burn in loving memory of **Pauline**.



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. 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.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

From St. Clare
Abdallah John Khnaizir

From St. Francis of Assisi
Evelyn MacDonald

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.

BRAINTREE



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>
<https://www.signupgenius.com/>

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.



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.**



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!





*From
Deacon Joe
MacDonald*

Miracles

I think, if our hearts are open, we can find miracles in everyday life, the conception and birth of a child for example. There are plenty of miracles in the bible and I'm sure they occurred, though I don't have any first-hand knowledge of them. Instead, I'm going to recount some miracles I do know about first hand.

The first is about Deacon John Manion. He was one of the people who gave talks on various topics during our formation. At the time he was the chaplain at Cedar Junction Prison. He some health issues and it was discovered that he had a malignant tumor. The day before he was schedule to have surgery, they had a prayer service for him at the prison. John sat in a chair and one by one the prisoners came up and laid hands on him and said a little prayer. One prisoner, laid his hand on John's head and said "Lord, please heal Deacon John naturally."

The next day John was laying in the hallway of the hospital being taken to the operating room. They stopped, two doctors looked at some charts and x-rays then looked at John. After repeating this a few times his surgeon came over and said "John we're sending you home." John replied "is it that bad doc?" No, there was no explanation for it but the tumor was gone and he was perfectly fine.

Another Deacon, Jack Sullivan, had been suffering from constant debilitating back pain. Jack was in the class ahead of us. We were on retreat that spring and Jack could barely walk. Not only was the pain unbearable but he was certain that he wouldn't be able to complete his studies and be ordained. After surgery he was facing months of rehab and constant pain. He cried out to Cardinal John Newman to intercede to God for him. He was instantly healed. This healing was one of the miracles the led to Cardinal Newman's sainthood and Jack read the Gospel at his canonization.

Although there are more instances of healings to share, I'll leave you with this personal one. It certainly may not seem as important as the two previous healings but, it made a difference to me. About ten years ago, I became the organist/music director at St. Francis. I really needed the job, even if it were only part time. Just after I was hired, I started to experience pain in my hands. After consulting with a specialist, I was told that I had a significant case of carpal tunnel and would need surgery in both hands. If I had surgery, I would not be able to fulfill my duties as organist for some months and if I didn't I it could be the end of my career. Around this same time, I was bringing a friend to a healing service for an illness he was suffering from. As it turned out I was the one that was healed. Within a week or

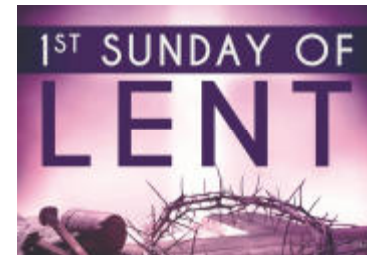
two I realized I had no more pain in my hands. There was no reason for it except for the grace of God.

Are these the only reasons for my hope and faith? Not by a long shot but they are good ones. I pray that everyone will come to experience the hope I have through the one who literally loves us to death.



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

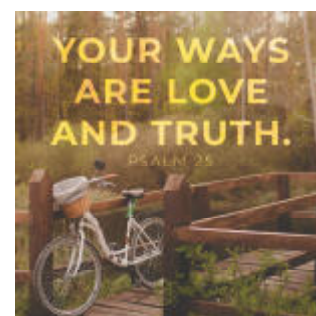
Senior and the other to a Braintree senior graduating from a Catholic high school. Notices have been sent to all participating schools. Please contact your Guidance Department to request an application regarding these scholarships, or call Mrs. Margaret Hart, Scholarship Chairperson at 781-849-1755. The deadline for applying for these scholarships is April 17, 2021.



A covenant is a formal agreement between two parties. Assuming both parties enter into the covenant of their own free will, it is a bond that cannot be broken. As time goes on, that covenant will be tested and its validity questioned by skeptics, but it will remain if it is real.

God's covenant with his people is real. It began with a promise made to Noah and was renewed in the person of Jesus Christ. It has been tested by man through sin and by evil through Jesus' trials in the desert. But here in 2015, it still remains as strong as ever.

This Lent, take time to rediscover and reflect on this covenant God has with us. Reclaim your baptism and make it a motivating factor in how you live your life. Take the opportunity this Lenten season provides to increase your devotion and spirituality. You will be tested and you will suffer trials, for life is not always easy. But God has always upheld his part of the agreement. Now is the time to take our part in this covenant more seriously.



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