

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

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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

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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 27, 2021	
8:00AM		
4:00PM	Parishioners of St. Clare	
Sunday	February 28, 2021	
7:45 AM		
10:15AM	Barbara Wallace	7th Anniv.
6:00PM		
Saturday	March 6, 2021	
8:00AM		
4:00PM		
Sunday	March 7, 2021	
7:45AM		
10:15AM		
6:00PM		

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...

Offertory	\$5,083.00
Online giving	\$1,039.00
Total	\$6,122.00

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.



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.



From St. Clare
 Patrick Munroe
 Carole MacGillivray

From St. Francis of Assisi
 Joseph Marino
 Eulalia "Kay" Kilgarriff
 Edward Wharton
 Jacqueline M. Tamaro

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.



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—Next weekend, parishes across the Archdiocese will launch the annual Catholic Appeal, which provides necessary funding for the more than 50 ministries that serve our parishes, schools, and communities, helping us all live our faith together. This is our Church, and when you support the Catholic Appeal, you are directly supporting our parish and all those who turn to our Church for assistance. Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or make a donation. To give now, scan the QR code above.

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.





From
Deacon Joe
MacDonald

I could write a book entitled “Stupid Things I Did as a Kid.”

This would be one of the chapters. When I was 18 or so, just out of high school I had a job working at a McDonald’s, and I usually got the closing shift. It was June or July and as anyone who has either worked that shift knows, you don’t want to go right home. You want to unwind – do something. By the time the store closed it must have been about 1:00 AM and some friends came to pick me up. The conversation went something like this...

“So, what do you wanna do?” “I don’t know, let’s drive to New Hampshire.” “Yeah, that’s great. What do we do when we get there?” “Let’s climb a mountain.” “Awesome!”

And so, it was that we found ourselves at the foot of Mount Chocorua at 2:30 in the morning, totally unprepared to climb anything much less a 3500-foot mountain.

With one flashlight we started the climb. It was dark out there and thinking about it now, I’m sure there were all kinds of creatures watching us from the woods – probably thinking we were the breakfast buffet; things like, lions, and tigers and bears (Oh my!). It wasn’t an easy climb, especially in sneakers and at some points it got quite steep. It was a lot more work than we expected going in.

But – the most memorable part of the whole experience was this - we got to the summit just as dawn broke. We were above the tree line on top of the world watching the sunrise from a vantage point that few people get to experience. It was the most spectacular thing I’d ever seen. It was, for me at least, as though we had come face to face with the very glory of God. And in fact, it was a real sign of just that. The long, hard, scary journey was rewarded with a very special gift from God.

As we read today’s Gospel it’s helpful to remember that the Apostles didn’t just find themselves on top of that mountain. Before they experienced the transfiguration, they first had to climb the mountain. I can assure you that climbing any mountain is not easy and these guys didn’t have a groomed trail to follow or flashlights or sneakers - they climbed it in sandals, or bare feet. When they got to the top, we can be certain of this; that they were very sore and tired, with blisters on their feet and they might very well might have asked “was is worth it?”

This episode in the life of Jesus and his friends took place as Christ was on his final journey to Jerusalem. His friends were going to have to suffer the loss and pain that His death would bring and he didn’t want them to be so overwhelmed that they’d lose hope, and so he allowed them a glimpse of His glory, a taste of His resurrection to hold on to when the going got tough.

Every day of our lives, especially during this pandemic, we enter into that same journey. We’re climbing that mountain

too, and often we’re sore and tired and scared. We’re on the way to Jerusalem with Peter, James and John and like them we’ve experienced the death of our own friends and loved ones. We’ve looked evil in the eye and sometimes we are overwhelmed.

But the Lord does not want us to lose hope any more than he wanted his disciples to lose hope. We too have had glimpses of the Glory of the Risen Lord. I had one on the top of Mount Chocorua.

Throughout our lives in all too real ways, we suffer all of what Good Friday has to offer, but my friends if it’s Friday, then Sunday’s coming.

If there’s death then resurrection will follow.

If there’s a tomb then there is also an empty tomb, and like Christ on the top of that high mountain, we too will be transfigured and share in the glory of the Risen Lord – all of us together - never to be separated again.

As Peter said, “It is good for us to be here.” Even if the path isn’t easy, it is good for us to be here; even if it’s laden with stumbling blocks, it is good for us to be here; even if the devil himself is lurking around every dark corner ready to devour us like a lion we’ll not lose hope! Because we’ve been there before with Christ and He won the victory. It is good for us to be here.

And we will not lose hope because we have experienced death and resurrection over and over - and we have seen the glory of God. Because we’ve climbed the mountain and it was worth the effort.

When we come back from the depths of depression and illnesses, we’ve experienced a bit of resurrection.

When we’re able to break away from toxic relationships, that’s a taste of resurrection.

When the stone is rolled away from the tomb of alcoholism and addiction and we’re on the road to recovery we’ve experienced something of both death and resurrection.

When a loved one dies and we feel we’ll never smile again – we have shared in Christ’s death, and when, unexpectedly, a smile or laugh returns, then we’ve been touched by His resurrection.

All of us are on a journey to Jerusalem. And all of us have mountains to climb just like Peter, James and John, and all of us, like the apostles, have had some glimpses of Christ’s resurrection to hold on to, given to us by the Lord so that we will not be overwhelmed and so that we will not lose hope. But sadly, we are often too busy or blinded by our own tears to recognize the vision right in front of us.

Today’s gospel invites us to remember our own mountain top experiences; to call on Christ in quiet prayer and ask him to open our memories so that we can recognize Christ with us during the hard times; on our journeys to Jerusalem, and to our Good Fridays; so that we won’t be overwhelmed but recognize the coming resurrection and remember that what Easter means to us. Sit there with the Lord. Sit with Peter, James and John. Bathe in the hope and the promise and see Christ in His glory and proclaim with Peter, with our whole heart, that “It is good for us to be here.”

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