

# THE PARISH OF SAINT CLARE

1244 Liberty Street, Braintree, Mass 02184  
Collaborative Office Telephone: 781-843-1332  
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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  
Email: pclifford@sfab.org

## 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  
Anne Marie Tranfaglia, Grades 6, 7, 8  
E-mail: FaithFormation4628@verizon.net  
Ronna Petrilli, Grades 9 & 10  
E-mail: rpetrilli@sfab.org

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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:

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 6, 2021</b>	
8:00AM		
4:00PM	Arduino DiCenso	2nd. Anniv.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 7, 2021</b>	
7:45 AM	Parishioners of St. Clare	
10:15AM	Margarita Palacio	Anniversary
6:00PM		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 13, 2021</b>	
8:00AM	Rena & Rita Howland	Memorial
4:00PM		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 14, 2021</b>	
7:45AM		
10:15AM	Pauline F. O'Brien	Memorial
6:00PM		

**WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...**

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$3,345.00</b>
<b>Online giving</b>	<b>\$ 484.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,829.00</b>

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 & Wine to be used at all Masses for the week of February 6-12, 2021** have been donated in loving memory of **Arlene McDonough**.



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. Francis of Assisi**

Mary Dentino, Robert McKeon, Frances Warwick, Marcia MacKinnon and Paul McGrath

**From St. Clare**  
Robert Bibaud

*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.



**As of Tuesday, February 9 we will begin booking Mass Intentions through Tuesday, June 26, 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.



From  
Deacon Joe MacDonald

1 Peter 3:15 tells us to “always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.” I’ve thought about this quite a bit and thought it was about time for me to put pen to paper on the topic. So, here are some of the reasons for my hope and my faith.

**The reasons I believe in God.**

Simply by observing the world and universe around us it seems clear that there is a supreme being, a God, at work. I know, a lot of people are saying that science has debunked the notion of God. But that’s just not true. There are two very different disciplines at work. On the one hand there is the scientific and on the other the spiritual. Just because the spiritual can’t (for now) be proved scientifically does not mean that it doesn’t exist, or that God doesn’t exist. In fact, the more science discovers about the marvels of the universe, the more evidence it provides as to just how wonderfully God is revealed in creation.

There is the, often misguided, view that science and faith cannot co-exist. If that were the case then why is it that about 60% of Nobel laureates confess a belief in God. Just from personal knowledge I know that at least one diocesan priest was an astrophysicist, as was one of my theology instructors when I was studying for ordination. We had a transitional deacon, here at St. Francis, who was a NASA scientist.

There is an equally mistaken view that religion is something that uneducated people need in order to explain the world around them, that educated people have grown beyond that. I know many people of faith that are very well educated. Every priest, minister and rabbi that I know has at least a master’s degree, some have others degrees as well. Pope Francis was a chemistry teacher. John Paul II had two PhD’s, spoke as many as 15 languages and worked as a playwright. People who believe in God are very well educated and far from growing out of it, they grow deeper in faith.

When I look around me and hear the sounds of nature, see the clouds forming above me, the change of seasons and images from the Hubble Telescope I have an experience God, and so my intellect, my reason brings me to believe in God. For me, God is the great performance artist, working in every medium at once not as entertainment but to remind us of his presence and of his glory.

Next Week - Reasons I believe in Christ.



From the  
Archdiocese of Boston

**After Divorce: Healing from the Inside Out**

A Virtual Seminar with author, Rose Sweet, February 10, 2021 | 7:00--9:00 PM Register Here: <http://bit.ly/2XfqwJE>  
Are you newly divorced? Maybe it’s been a while and you’re still struggling. Regardless, when the trauma of divorce hits, or its residual pain lingers for years, true healing must begin deep within. The ministry of Family Life & Ecclesial Movements of the Archdiocese of Boston will host a seminar in support of Catholics who are experiencing divorce or separation. Rose Sweet, host of the Ascension Press program, Surviving Divorce, will guide participants into that place in the heart where fears, and anxieties, hopes and dreams co-exist. Drawing from the healing touch of Christ, you’ll learn four simple steps to breaking free and living that abundant life for which you were made! Join us for this special event, featuring prayer, a personal witness testimony on overcoming the pain of divorce, Rose’s keynote address, and Q&A following the presentation.

**Fiat (2/10)**

Fiat, a gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to the next meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. (ET) on Zoom. If you are interested, please contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ at [marian.batho@csjboston.org](mailto:marian.batho@csjboston.org) or 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.



Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"! - To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God’s plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at [https:// wwmema.org/](https://wwmema.org/). “Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.” There are many things to be anxious about in these days. Let us learn to calm our anxieties in our life by learning how to communicate better on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next virtual Experiences are Feb 12-14, 2021 in East Hartford, CT and Feb 22-Mar 15, 2021 in VIRTUAL 3RE, NY

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