

THE PARISH OF SAINT CLARE

1244 Liberty Street, Braintree, Mass 02184
Collaborative Office Telephone: 781-843-1332
www.stclarebraintree.org Collaborative email: parish@sfab.org

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@bostondeafatholic.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: _____
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 **January 16, 2021**
 8:00AM
 4:00PM Parishioners of St. Clare

Sunday **January 17, 2021**
 7:45 AM
 10:15AM
 6:00PM

Saturday **January 23, 2021**
 8:00AM
 4:00PM

Sunday **January 24, 2021**
 7:45AM
 10:15AM
 6:00PM

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...

Offertory	\$5,609.00
Online giving	\$ 389.00
Total	\$5,998.00

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.

Sanctuary light will burn in loving memory of Ruth L. Barkowski the week of January 16-22, 2021.



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.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BLOOD DRIVE

January is National Blood Donor Awareness Month
 Commit to Donating in 2021

Saturday, January 16, 2021 ~ 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. AND
 Friday, January 22, 2021 ~ 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 St. Francis of Assisi Church
 856 Washington Street
 Braintree, MA 02148



In Memory of Charlotte Rose

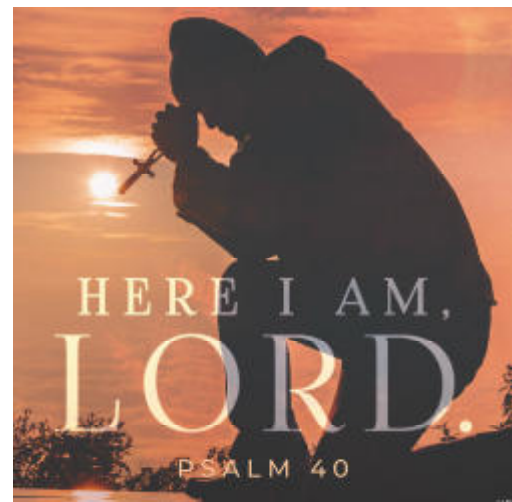
To make an appointment visit:
www.halfpints.childrenshospital.org and use sponsor code: STFRAN.

For more information contact Deirdre Shea at 617-429-4941.



Please remember in your prayers the following people who have gone home to the Lord in the past week:

- St. Clare**
Margaret C. Sullivan
- St. Francis of Assisi**
Joseph Moschella





From
Deacon Joe MacDonald

Homily for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Some years back I remember reading something, somewhere, that the pope had suggested that we could and should meditate on some alternate mysteries of the Rosary and not just the official ones. It wasn't long after this that St. Pope John Paul gave us a fourth set of official meditations called the Luminous Mysteries.

At the time I experimented with the idea myself. Today's readings reminded me of this. The mysteries I began to pray with and meditate on were the "Mysteries of the Call" At first, they were reflections/meditations on the calling of the apostles. And then I began to appreciate how different, how diverse and particular to the person those calls were. And then I realized how many other people, who were not apostles, were called in one way or another. Peter and Andrew, for example were called directly by the Lord. Nathaniel received his call through Phillip.

Then there were the "real" sinners. In Israel at the time, the worse thing you could be was a tax collector. If you collected taxes for the Romans you were considered a traitor to the nation and yet he still called Levi, the one we call Mathew, a notorious tax collector but one whose Gospel we read in church, bears his name, and begins the New Testament.

And how can we forget about Saul/Paul? Paul literally persecuted the Church to the point of having followers of Christ put to death. He was a tough nut to crack. Some people literally need to be knocked to the ground and blinded to appreciate how blind they really are and yet we read one of his letters nearly every week at Mass.

Jesus called other people, ones we hear about once in scripture and never hear another word about them. Zacchaeus for example, another tax collector. Not only did Jesus call him but he also invited himself over for dinner!

My favorite, is the Rich Young man, who by every standard of Jewish tradition at the time was the epitome of a good and faithful Jew. But Jesus called him further, to give up all his riches and follow him. The man went away sad because he was rich – he was Tom Brady rich.

And so, I settled on these four "mysteries."

1. Jesus calls Peter and Andrew
2. Jesus Calls and Nathaniel Through Phillip
3. Jesus Calls Levi (Matthew)
4. Jesus Calls the Rich Young Man

I still couldn't settle on a 5th mystery.

One day, I don't know why, I came up with the idea of looking back at my own life to see how God might have called me. I knew I was Catholic and I knew I loved God. But how did I get here?

I won't bore you with everything, but let it suffice to say that God has called me many times over the years and still does. But let me share one example with you. I was about 12 years old; I had joined a men and boys choir and had just begun to play the piano. There was a very old upright sitting in our garage and I would go down there with the old Cantus Populi Hymnal, Fr. Paul knows that one. Anyway, I was trying to learn to play this hymn, Praise to the Holiest. And once I got it under my fingers a little bit, I would play it over and over trying to get it perfect and as I played, I sang the text: "Praise to the Holiest in the height; and in the depth be praise."

I wasn't the coolest kid.

But God liked it. He liked it a lot because as I repeated the text over and over as I sang, it began to take root in my heart and I was suddenly filled with something - I'll call joy. It was real and it didn't come from me. It wasn't the same as being happy. I didn't know it then, but God was calling me. Calling me to serve Him with praise.

And so, the 5th mystery of the call became "How God has called me."

Now I don't expect anyone to start using these Mysteries of the Call. But it might be a worthy exercise to quietly sit in prayer, and ask the Lord to help us look back on our lives and reveal how he has called each one of us. Start back in your early childhood and work through to this very day. It doesn't have to be done in one sitting, especially if you're 90 years old. I think you'll find that God has indeed called you many times and, in many ways, to follow him wherever he leads. You might find that your faith is strengthened and you might find it easier to recognize his voice in the future when he says "(fill in your name) come and follow me."



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.



MacLellan
Plumbing & Heating
 Plumbing Service & Repair • Water Heaters
 Complete Bathroom Renovations
 Boilers/Furnaces • Oil to Gas Conversion
 Gas Piping • General Carpentry
 Fully Licensed & Insured / Master Plumber Lic. #10311
 (781) 340-1221 • www.maclellanplumbing.com



Cartwright
 FUNERAL HOMES
 WHEN THE SERVICE REALLY MATTERS
 845 Washington Street
 Braintree • 781-843-1878
 For Information & Directions: www.cartwrightfuneral.com



FREE
 AD DESIGN
 WITH PURCHASE
 OF THIS SPACE.
 - 800-477-4574 -

Sean Farrell
 FOUNDATION • WATER • SEWER • DRIVEWAYS
 RETAINING WALLS • SNOW PLOWING
 Office: (617) 472-2020 • Cell: (617) 293-7660
 E-mail: seanfarrell@comcast.net
 53 Gilbert Street • Quincy, MA 02169

WILLIAMS ENERGY
 "Solid Service Since 1919"
 Plumbing • Heating • Air Conditioning
 Braintree & Marshfield
 781-843-0415
 info@mywilliamsenergy.com
 Lic.#10512/4039 21619a

THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE



Grove Manor
 ESTATES
 • Family owned and operated • Spacious studio, 1 & 2 bdrm. apartments
 • Limited Medication Administration by licensed nurses • No entrance or community fees
 160 Grove St., Braintree, MA 02184
 www.grovesmanorestates.com
 781-843-3700

Please support our advertisers and mention you saw their ad here.



Blue Hill
 CEMETERY AND CREMATORY
 Entrusted to Our Care
 700 West Street
 Braintree, MA 02184
 www.bluehillcemetery.com
 Gerald M. Ridge, Jr. | President
 Office: 781-843-9000
 PRENEED ARRANGEMENT PLANS AVAILABLE

UPGRADE TO A VIBRANT ad
 Contact us for details
 800-477-4574

Genuine Vermont Spring Water
 1-800-504-0529
 (781) 843-0529
DAIJON
 HOME & OFFICE DELIVERY
 100% Pure Natural Spring Water
 from Colton Springs, Stockbridge, VT

DISTINCTIVE CEMETERY MEMORIALS
JAMES C. CANNIFF MONUMENT CORP.
 34 Intervale Street
 Quincy, MA 02169-6514
 617-471-8530



South Shore Bank
 Your Hometown Community Bank
 Visit us at: www.southshorebank.com
 BRAINTREE: 1010 & 372 Washington St
 Or call 781-682-3715

LET US PLACE YOUR AD HERE.

Christopher McMaster Virginia McMaster
 Director


MCMASTER FUNERAL HOME
 86 Franklin Street, Braintree, MA 02184
 Telephone: 781-843-0838 • Fax: 781-843-7854

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE
Your Community is Looking!



AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME
ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE
 Contact **Bill Ames** to place an ad today!
 bames@4Lpi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6424

ADT-Monitored Home Security
 Get 24-Hour Protection from a Name You Can Trust
 • Burglary • Flood Detection
 • Fire Safety • Carbon Monoxide
 1-855-225-4251



Where there's always a Toma to talk to!
 East Weymouth Brockton
 1353 Commercial St. 5 Westgate Drive
 781-335-6435 508-586-9508

Alliance Health at Braintree
Aymsley Mahoney, LCSW, NHA, Executive Director
 Work: (781) 848-2050 175 Grove St.
 Fax: (781) 794-0141 Braintree, MA 02184
 www.alliancehms.org
 amahoney@alliancebraintree.org

Pope Nursing Home
 Skilled Nursing Care
 Close To Home
 Visit Any Time
 140 Webb St., Weymouth
 (781) 335-4352

LET US PLACE YOUR AD HERE.

Too Sick for Mass?
 SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!
 Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered right to your inbox!
 www.parishesonline.com

