

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

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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: _____

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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:

Saturday January 23, 2021
 8:00AM
 4:00PM Parishioners of St. Clare

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

Saturday January 30, 2021
 8:00AM
 4:00PM

Sunday January 31, 2021
 7:45AM
 10:15AM Gerald Ridge 6th. Anniv.
 6:00PM

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Offertory	\$1,565.00
Online giving	\$ 709.00
Total	\$2,274.00

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. 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.



St. Clare
 Teagan Maura-Lorraine Henry

St. Francis of Assisi
 Wells Patrick Cusack
 Cameron Lisa McLaughlin



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

- Robert "Bobby" Clifford, brother of Fr. Paul Clifford**
 St. Clare
 Adeline DeNapoli
- St. Francis of Assisi**
 Nancy C. Fitzgibbon
 Kathryn A. Collins

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





From
Deacon Joe MacDonald

Again, this week, we have the calling of the Apostles. This account, from Mark, is slightly different than last week's. Today, Peter and Andrew were both called as they were going about their daily activities as fishermen.

We hear the familiar trope, "Come follow me.," to which Mark adds, "and I will make you fishers of men."

Jesus didn't say "Come after me and I will make you farmers," or "I will make you growers of faith." Maybe he said something like that to Apostles who may have actually been farmers but not to fishermen. Jesus called ordinary people, like us, to share a mission, to further proclaim that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

Except for Mathew we don't really know what the other Apostles did for work. Some of them could have been farmers, or sheep herders, tentmakers, in the hospitality industry or in the trades. Wherever they came from and whatever they may have been doing, Jesus called them to be what they were and who they were, but do it for God.

Last week I described how the Lord had called me to provide music in service of the Church. He called me to do something that was already familiar to me, something he had given me an aptitude for. And while I served him in this way as a musician, he developed other skills in me, so that I could serve also as a minister of the church as a deacon.

God isn't calling us to be anything but what we already are.

So, if you are a teacher, be a teacher for the Kingdom. If you are a student, use the knowledge you receive to serve God. If you are a police officer, recognize that everyone you arrest or stop for speeding, is someone who is being called by Christ to live a better life and you just might be Christ's messenger.

An accountant or attorney may not see too many opportunities to proselytize but placing a crucifix on your wall or keeping a bible on your desk might just be the nudge a client may need to ask a question about faith or to return to church.

A friend was actually a bouncer before he became a deacon. Turns out he was a great listener. Patrons would often come to him for advice or just to talk or get things off their chest. He was given opportunities to "preach" in the ordinary activities of his job long before entering into ordained ministry. But those were the skills he brought with him, skills that Christ recognized.

I had a barber, recently retired, who practically had a shrine to St. Padre Pio on the mirror by his barber chair. He wasn't afraid of showing his faith in a public way or talking about in the shop.

It doesn't matter who we are or what we do, our call is certain.

I'm sure that Peter and Andrew, James and John didn't see themselves as men that had any skills that would interest the Messiah. They saw themselves as ordinary people doing ordinary things. But when Christ called and they responded he took that which was ordinary and produced something extraordinary from it.

And so, it is with you and me. We may not think we have what it takes to do great things, but Jesus can take our ordinary efforts and bring about great results.

Go about doing good works and acts of kindness big and small. Offer to buy the homeless guy a burger before you get on the train to come home at night, and when he says "thank you" reply "no, thank God." Then your good work is done in service to the Kingdom and the person you fed knows it. It's a little thing but it can make a difference.

Saint Francis once said "preach constantly, and if you have to, use words."

Go forth, and proclaim the Gospel by your lives.



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>
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