

THE PARISH OF SAINT CLARE

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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

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Deacon

Michael J. Cavanaugh

Finance and Operations Manager

Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:45AM, 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.

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Fr. Bill's Place:

First Tuesday of the month
Mary Glynn

Al-Anon:

Meets in Parish Hall - Tuesdays at 10:30AM
(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
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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 2, 2021**
8:00AM Ruth & Edward Barkowski Memorial
4:00PM Parishioners of St. Clare

Sunday **January 3, 2021**

7:45 AM
10:15AM
6:00PM

Saturday **January 9, 2021**

8:00AM
4:00PM

Sunday **January 10, 2021**

7:45AM John E. Barton Memorial
10:15AM
6:00PM

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...

Information not available due to early bulletin deadline.

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 used at all Masses for the week of December 19-25 were donated in loving memory of Annette & Joseph Horan and Robert & Gerard Joyce (CORRECTION to bulletin for December 20).

The **sanctuary light** will burn in loving memory of **Edward P. Barkowski** the week of January 1 through January 7, 2021.



St. Clare

Isabella Margarita Palacio-Torres

St. Francis of Assisi

Luke Thomas Gallagher



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

St. Clare

Lois Carr

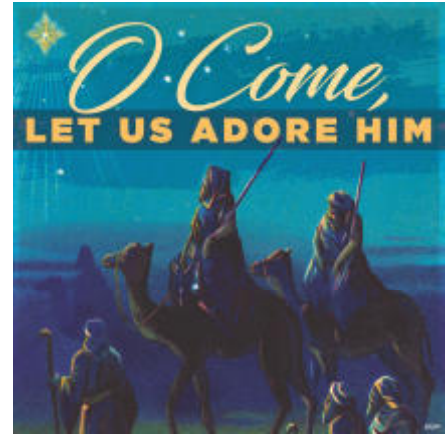
Russell Dupuis

St. Francis of Assisi

Robert Kelley

Ann Butler

Barbara O'Neill



An Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus may your light shine our way,
as once it guided the steps of the magi:
that we too may be led into your presence
and worship you, the Child of Mary,
the Word of the Father,
the King of nations,
the Saviour of mankind;
to whom be glory for ever.

Frank Colquhoun



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



From
Deacon Joe MacDonald

Reflection on the Epiphany.

Although things have been different this year you've probably noticed that, in years past, at Christmas time, people start to shop in very strange ways. It amazes me the lengths to which people will go in order to be the first to snag that elusive "product of the year" before they're all gone.

Every year it's something! And every year the local news will do a remote broadcast outside a Best Buy or Circuit City and interview the shoppers who camp out all night in freezing temperatures just to guarantee themselves one of the latest fad gadgets.

You see the same kind of frenzy outside of Fenway Park or Gillette Stadium at playoff time. It's the length that people will go for something, even if it's only a fleeting craze or momentary glory.

Today's Gospel is also about going to great lengths. The Magi, went to extremely great lengths in their search for the newborn king.

Think about it. Quite literally they had to travel to the ends of the earth.

I imagine they must have endured more than a little ridicule from friends, family, and colleagues. Imagine telling your friends that you're going to follow a star to a far-off land to find playoff tickets or an I-Phone.

Think of the kind of journey they had. These guys couldn't follow Route 95 or plug the address into a GPS. There were no advance reservations at AAA approved motels and there were no State Police units nearby if you were got robbed or attacked. Yet these three wise men did it.

Because seeking Christ takes effort. It takes courage. It takes faith, hope and trust.

That's the question that today's gospel poses to us. What kind of effort do we put into finding Christ?

- Would we camp out all night in front of the Church in the freezing cold to make sure we got in for Mass?
- Would we walk to another country where they didn't speak our language for the Eucharist?
- How much hardship or just plain inconvenience are we willing to endure so that WE might find Christ?

Christ, God with us, who shared in our humanity so that we could share in His divinity.

Jesus, who shared human suffering and death so that we could share in His resurrection and eternal life!

The anointed one of God – the Eternal Word who unites himself with us and with each other and with the Father – Why? So that we will never be far from Him and he will never be far from us.

Our relationship with Christ is no fad. Our faith has nothing to do with a fleeting craze or a temporary encounter with someone else's victory on the field.

What we seek is the real deal. What we seek is Jesus, the Christ, God with us.

My friends when the Magi found Christ Scripture tells us they were overjoyed – we will be too!

The Irony of the story is that everything Herod said to the Magi was right on the money – Even though his motivation was all wrong. The apostles couldn't have said it any better, the pope couldn't. Herod said:

Search Diligently for Christ and when you find him come and tell me that I too may give him homage.

Herod unwittingly called the Magi to discipleship. He asked them to do what every good disciple is called to do.

1. Seek Christ
2. When you find him, bring the good news to others.

We can look into the night sky all we want but unlike the Magi we aren't going to find the light of a star that's going to lead us to Jesus.

We can search high and low, near and far and we're not going to find an infant Christ laying in a manger.

But we still have that obligation to diligently search for Christ.

- Through prayer and Scripture
 - Sacrament and Community
 - In each other
 - We find him in our own hearts
 - We find him on the streets
 - In our families
 - In the board rooms and in our classrooms
- We find Him especially in the ones no body else wants

When Mother Teresa saw the lonely and abandoned laying in the gutters of Calcutta, she saw the SAME Christ who laid in that Bethlehem Manger 2000 years ago. In their suffering she saw the same suffering of Christ on the cross. She recognized the same tears that Jesus shed at the tomb of Lazarus and the same sadness at being abandoned that Jesus felt at Gethsemane.

When we can look into the eyes of someone that nobody on this earth loves or desires or cares about; someone who may be repulsive or dirty or diseased; when we can recognize Christ in them and be willing to give our own lives for their welfare...

Then like the Magi our diligent searching will be complete & we'll have found Christ in our hearts and in each other and like the Magi our joy will be so great we will not be able to bear it. We will not be able to keep it to ourselves. It'll spill out. We will have no choice but to bring that Good News to others, so that they too can pay Him homage and that their joy too may be complete and as the psalm says "all the ends of the earth will see the Glory of God."



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