

# THE PARISH OF SAINT CLARE

1244 Liberty Street, Braintree, Mass 02184  
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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: 7:45AM, 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.

## 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 10:30AM

**(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

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:

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 30, 2021</b>	
8:00AM		
4:00PM	Parishioners of St. Clare	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 31, 2021</b>	
7:45 AM		
10:15AM	Gerald Ridge	6th. Anniv.
6:00PM		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 6, 2021</b>	
8:00AM	Edward Little	1st Anniv.
4:00PM	Arduino DiCenso	2nd Anniv.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 7, 2021</b>	
7:45AM		
10:15AM	Margarita Palacio	Anniversary
6:00PM		

**WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...**

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$2,993.00</b>
<b>Online giving</b>	<b>\$ 334.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,327.00</b>

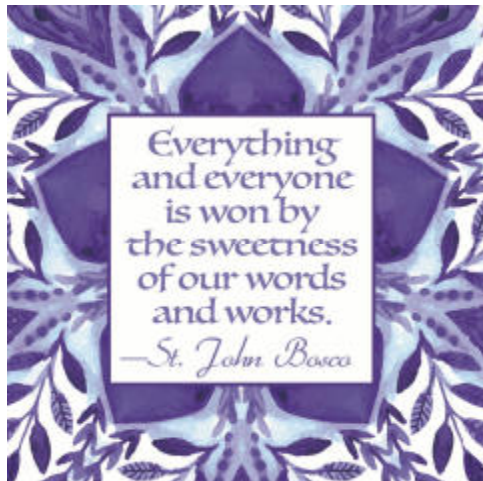
If you are interested in the Online Giving option to simplify your weekly contributions, please contact the parish office or visit our web site.

As always, we thank you for your ongoing generosity. The offertory is our primary means of meeting our Parish weekly operational expenses.



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.



**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 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.



From  
*Deacon Joe MacDonald*

A certain phrase from one of the readings from the Liturgy of the Hours has been haunting me for a while now. It comes from the 29th chapter of Jeremiah. It reads:

“For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope. When you call me, when you go to pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you see me with your heart.”

It’s the last phrase that caught my eye; “when you SEE me with your HEART.” I’ve been wondering about that line. What does it mean to see with your heart? Is it possible to see more clearly with our heart than with our eyes? Can what we see with our eyes, blind us to what we could see with our heart?

Looking up the original Greek word I discovered that there are some nuances to the word “see” that we English speakers wouldn’t be aware of. Not only is it something we see with our eyes but also something we perceive with our mind, heart or soul. To see is to experience something or someone; to become acquainted with someone; to take heed of and to care for.

Likewise the “heart” is more than the organ that pumps blood throughout our bodies. The heart is the inner person; it is the mind, heart or soul; it is the person’s core or essence. The heart is where we reflect and where we keep our memories. It is the seat of our appetites and the place of our inclinations.

I thought it might be interesting to substitute some of these words in that passage from Jeremiah.

“When you look for me, you will find me, yes when you experience me in your heart.

“...When you perceive me in your reflections.”

“...when you take heed of me; when you care for me; when you are inclined to see.

When our appetites seek Christ more than the passing pleasures of this world, when we are more inclined to praise, pray and worship than to sleep in on Sunday we will find Him. But we have to look. We have to do something. It requires some act of the will on our part. God will not force Himself on us.

St. Francis must have been seeing with his heart when he embraced the leper even though his eyes saw the bloody sores and his nose smelled the decaying flesh. His heart didn’t see those things, his heart saw the suffering Christ and by responding he became the healing of Christ. Because Francis saw with his heart Christ was multiplied in the world.

Perhaps when we learn to see with our hearts we might have a different reaction to the homeless, the mentally ill, the addicted, our annoying co-workers, and our families.

The Lord says, “If you seek me you will find me.” Let’s seek him in prayer and sacrament, in his Word and in action, and let’s not forget to seek and find him in each other.



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:// wmem.org/](https://wmem.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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