

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
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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

Debbie Clancy, Grades 1-5
E-mail: FaithFormation4K25@verizon.net
Anne Marie Tranfaglia, Grades 6, 7, 8
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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	March 20, 2021	
8:00AM		
4:00PM	Abdallah John Khnaizir	Memorial
Sunday	March 21, 2021	
7:45 AM	Parishioners of St. Clare	
10:15AM	Mark S. Wrobel and Mark P. Wrobel	Memorial Memorial
6:00PM	Robert J. Colman, Jr.	Anniversary
Saturday	March 27, 2021	
8:00AM		
4:00PM		
Sunday	March 21, 2021	
7:45AM		
10:15AM	Rita A. MacDonald	
6:00PM		

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...

Offertory	\$3,113.00
Online giving	\$ 579.00
Total	\$3,692.00

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. 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.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

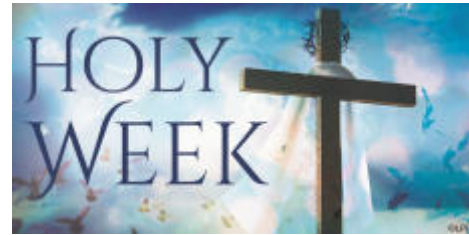
From St. Francis of Assisi
Robert MacDonald
David J. Lear
Gertrude K. Blake
Nicholas V. DeAngelo

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.



Please join us as together we pray the *Scriptural Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy* VIRTUALLY each Monday Night at 7:00 PM throughout Lent (February 22 through April 5). Please follow the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87960401967?pwd=NGw3L1JRelB4T0VIWjdwd2lBbzNjdz09> to Join and Pray. Meeting ID: 879 6040 1967; Passcode: 730587. For questions call Lisa at 781-983-3628.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—Fridays of Lent 3:00PM at St. Francis... We hope you will join us for Stations on March 12, 19 and 26 and April 2. Bring your family, bring your friends, or join us for some individual prayer time as we journey with the Lord.



Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021

9AM	Morning Prayer	St. Clare
7:30PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper	St. Francis

Good Friday, April 2, 2021

9:00AM	Morning Prayer	St. Clare
12:00PM	Stations of the Cross	St. Clare
12:00PM	Stations of the Cross	St. Francis
3:00PM	Passion Service	St. Clare
7:30PM	Passion Service	St. Francis

Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021

9:00AM	Morning Prayer	St. Clare
7:30PM	Easter Vigil	St. Francis



7:00AM	Easter Mass	St. Francis
8:30AM	Easter Mass	St. Clare
9:00AM	Easter Mass	St. Francis
10:30AM	Easter Mass	St. Clare
12:00PM	Easter Mass	St. Francis
6:00PM	Easter Mass	St. Clare



From
Deacon Joe
MacDonald

The Lord, speaking through His prophet Jeremiah promises that at some point in the future he will make a “new” covenant with the people.

But what exactly is a covenant? It isn’t quite the same as a contract. A contract lays out certain obligations between two parties. Once those obligations are met the contract is no longer needed. There is no longer a relationship between those parties.

A covenant, although it lays out certain obligations, is something more. A covenant, especially to the people of Israel was something of God. It was sacred. The term of a covenant is open ended. It doesn’t end. Furthermore, the relationship is not simply a legal one. A covenant is familial. It says “we are now family.” A marriage is a covenant relationship, a man and a woman don’t just don’t lay out their obligations to each other. In marriage the husband says to his bride “you are now my family.” Likewise, the bride says to her groom “you are now my family.”

This is the significance of the covenants that God established with Israel. It is the Almighty, telling his creatures, that they are now His family, members of the household of God.

Time after time the people of God went astray, forgot their obligations or ignored them. But God, ever faithful would call his people through the prophets back to a right relationship with Him. And when the people repented, He would establish and renew their covenants.

In the ancient world, covenants were ratified by blood (animal) sacrifices, typically a lamb. The night of the exodus from Egypt, a lamb was offered, its blood posted on the doorway, and its flesh eaten. And so, death passed over those households and they were saved.

And so, it was no coincidence that John the Baptist pointed to Jesus saying “Behold the Lamb of God.” In Him we behold the sacrifice of God. It was Jesus who would be sacrificed, whose blood would be poured out. He said as much at the Last Supper when he took the cup and said, “This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant to be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

The new covenant foretold by the Prophet Jeremiah was ratified by Christ sacrificed on the Cross. And this sacrifice is what we continue to experience each time we participate in Mass. We call it the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for a reason because we enter into that same sacrifice of Christ. It is not a reenactment; it is not just a sign or symbol. We are not making a new sacrifice. In our Eucharistic remembrance we make present again the sacrifice of Holy Thursday and

Good Friday. We are there with Jesus at the Last Supper; we stand with Mary, John and the other women at the foot of the cross; and we are witnesses to the resurrection.

The song of Good Friday asks us: “Were you there when the crucified the Lord?” Yes! We are there every time we come to Mass.



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.

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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.



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.



We are booking Mass Intentions through Sunday, June 27, 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.

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