

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
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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 10:30AM
(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:

Saturday	<u>March 6, 2021</u>	
8:00AM		
4:00PM	Parishioners of St. Clare	
Sunday	<u>March 7, 2021</u>	
7:45 AM		
10:15AM		
6:00PM		
Saturday	<u>March 13, 2021</u>	
8:00AM		
4:00PM	Rosalina Esguerra	Memorial
Sunday	<u>March 14, 2021</u>	
7:45AM	Joe & Rose Sullivan	Memorial
10:15AM		
6:00PM		

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...

Offertory	\$5,919.00
Online giving	\$ 354.00
Total	\$6,273.00

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 the Archdiocese of Boston
Fr. Vincent Doolan

From St. Clare
Francis Messina, Jr.
Charles Lawrence
Joseph McLaughlin

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.



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 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 5, 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.



Pray for Vocations



From
Deacon Joe
MacDonald

The reading for Evening Prayer for the Third Sunday in Lent Comes from Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians (9:24-25) It reads:

"While all the runners in the stadium take part in the race, the award goes to just one man. In that case, run so as to win! Athletes deny themselves all sorts of things. They do this to win a crown of leaves that withers, but we a crown that is imperishable."

It isn't happening this year, of course, but in more "normal" times we'd start hearing all kinds of hype about the Boston Marathon right about now. Frankly, the marathon is one of those things that I'm just not very interested in. There isn't much thrill for me to watch a couple of thousand people run 27 miles for no apparent reason. A dog chases you – you run. Burglar in the house – run!

In the end only one person gets the crown and the cash, everyone else goes home with bragging rights. "I ran the Boston Marathon." They could wear a t-shirt that reads "I'm one of 2029 losers."

The part I like is on the 11:00 o'clock news on the night of the marathon. There is always a live shot from the finish line of those people limping across the finish line, out of breath, blistered, and parched. They look like they've been to the gates of hell and back again. I can relate to that. That would be me except I'd be there on Tuesday night not Monday and I'd be crawling over the line.

That's the way it is in life, there are winners and there are losers.

This isn't the race we're in with the Lord. Yes, some of us might find the race easy and get to the finish line with plenty of breath left.

Some people move very fast. My first pastor, Fr. Gil Phinn, was fast. He moved so fast that in a procession his vestments looked like Superman's cape blowing in the wind as he flew.

But most of us move slower, and God understands that. With God everyone who finishes the race is a winner. It doesn't matter if we get there first or last – we all get the same crown of glory.

It doesn't matter if our lives are easy or difficult, we still win the same prize.

It doesn't matter if we keep falling into the same sins or take a wrong turn. God wants us to keep our eyes fixed on that finish line – Jesus. He wants us to keep making those little corrections in our course that'll point us to the right direction again. And when it looks like we won't make it, He wants us to take each other by the hand or carry each other on our own backs if we have to. It won't matter to the

Father what we look like when we get there. It won't matter if we're tattered, bleeding, worn out, swollen or anything else, because when we cross that finish line, and he looks at our faces and into our eyes, he's going to see us the way he saw his own Son, who was tattered and bruised and bleeding and crossed the finish line first and took us with him. There don't have to be any losers in the race we're in because Jesus has already won the victory. #notaloser



From the
Archdiocese
of Boston

2021 Catholic Appeal—This weekend, we launch our annual Catholic Appeal, along with all the other parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Each year, the Catholic Appeal provides the faithful with a way to help support the ministries that support our parishes, our schools, and our communities. This is our Church, and every gift makes a difference. Please consider making your gift today by visiting bostoncatholicappeal.org or by scanning the QR code above. Your gift has an immediate impact on our parish and the work of our Church. Thank you in advance for your generosity. toncatholicappeal.org to make your gift at any time or scan the QR code above. Thank you for your support!

Fiat - A gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to the next meeting on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. (ET) on Zoom. The topic will be "The Stations of the Cross." If you are interested in attending, please contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ at marian.batho@csjboston.org or 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.



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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