

THE PARISH OF SAINT CLARE

1244 Liberty Street, Braintree, Mass 02184
Collaborative Office Telephone: 781-843-1332

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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

Deacons

Michael J. Cavanaugh
Joe MacDonald

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

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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 10:30AM

(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 April 17, 2021
 8:00AM
 4:00PM Ernestine Oster Anniversary

Sunday April 18, 2021
 7:45 AM Frank & Ellie Cuprinski Memorial
 10:15AM Nunzio & Mary Sbordone Memorial
 6:00PM Parishioners of St. Clare

Saturday April 24, 2021
 8:00AM
 4:00PM Arthur Gillis 4th Anniversary

Sunday April 25, 2021
 7:45AM Dante Varrasso 4th Anniversary
 10:15AM John Clougher Memorial
 6:00PM John Gately 6th Anniversary

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...

Offertory	\$6,152.00
Online giving	\$ 944.00
Total	\$7,096.00

The Altar Breads and Wine to be used at all Masses for the week of April 17-23 have been donated in loving memory of **Joe & Ellie Cuprinski**. The Sanctuary light will also burn in loving memory of **Joe & Ellie**.

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.



From St. Francis of Assisi
 Jacquelyn Dunn
 Sharon Ellsworth

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.



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. 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*

Fiat, a gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to the next meeting on April 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. (ET) on Zoom. There will be a Panel Discussion on the Various Stages of Formation. 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.



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.*

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.



From
Deacon Joe
MacDonald

During the Easter Season the first reading we hear at Mass is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. For a little background, Acts is a second volume of Luke's Gospel, written to a man named Theophilus in order to strengthen his faith and confidence in the fledgling church.

From Wednesday through Saturday, Easter week, we were presented with the story of the crippled man begging at the temple gate and its aftermath.

Peter and John were going to the temple for the 3 o'clock prayer. The crippled man, seeing them, hoped that they might throw a few coins his way and asked them for alms.

"Silver and gold, I have none," answered Peter, "But what I do have I give you." He took the man by the hand and helped him to his feet, which immediately became stronger and stronger. He would never have to beg again.

It was only natural then, that a crowd would gather. So, Peter and John began preaching the Good News regarding the life, death and resurrection of Christ.

This did not please the chief priests and so they came with the captain of the temple guard, and some Sadducees and arrested them, the same people who arrested Jesus and had him crucified. Unlike that Thursday night in the Garden of Gethsemane, they didn't run and hide. They stood their ground and rejoiced that they might suffer for the sake of Christ.

So, as I'm following the story last week, a particular line jumped out at me. It's from chapter 4, verse 13.

"Observing the boldness of Peter and John and perceiving them to be uneducated, ordinary men, the leaders, elders, and Scribes were amazed, and they recognized them as the companions of Jesus."

The first thing that struck me was the boldness of Peter and John. They spoke up preaching as the crowd gathered, not knowing how it would be accepted or if they might just be dismissed as lunatics.

The next thing that struck me was the arrogance of the Leaders, Elders and Scribes. They were amazed, not so much because they healed a son of Israel, but that they were uneducated and ordinary men. Who do they think they are? In today's jargon we might say ignorant and insignificant.

Here's the million-dollar question. Why aren't we as bold? Why aren't we as outspoken as Peter, John and the others?

I think that we see ourselves as just ordinary people, uneducated, at least in the ways of faith. We put ourselves in the same box that the elders and leaders of Israel put Peter and John. We've put a cover on that box and a lock and chain around the whole thing.

For whatever reason, we've been led to believe that our job is simply to go to church and lead good lives. We think that preaching is to be left to the priest or the minister or to those with advanced degrees in theology.

Well, that's wrong! That doesn't come from God. It's not just the venue of the ordained, and the "educated" to bring the Gospel to light. That belongs to each one who bears the name Christian. Like Peter and John, although "ordinary," we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is the same Spirit which emboldened the Apostles. It is the same Spirit, which guided them in their speech. And it is the same Spirit that opens our minds and hearts so that we too can spread the good news – if we are willing.

If we let the Lord release the fullness of His Spirit in us, then like the Apostles, we too will be bold and lead others to Christ. But it will have consequences. Some people, our friends, relatives or other acquaintances, might react in the same way the Leaders and Scribes reacted to Jesus and to Peter and John. They might wonder "Who do you think you are? You're no better than anyone else. You're ignorant to believe this and it's all insignificant in the world today anyway."

We may be rejected by people who call themselves our friends. We might be ridiculed by our own kin. God forbid someone should "unfriend us" on Facebook. Stand up anyway! Be strong!

Saint Francis once said that we should preach constantly and if we have to, use words. Well, it's time to use our words. Living a good life is no longer enough. The world needs to hear what God has done for us through His son Jesus Christ. The time for timidity has ended. The Holy Spirit has unchained us. It's time to go forth into the world and proclaim the Good News that Christ is Risen, through Him our sins are forgiven and in Him we shall all share everlasting life.

"Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations."

(Matthew 28:19)



*The collaborative office will be closed on
Monday, April 19 in observance of Patriot's Day.*

*Check out our new collaborative website—
www.braintreecatholic.org.*