

THE PARISH OF SAINT CLARE

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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
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Parochial Vicar

Rev. Shawn Carey
frshawn@bostondeafcatholic.org

Deacons

Michael J. Cavanaugh
Joe MacDonald

Finance and Operations Manager

Kevin Mercier

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

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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 May 15, 2021

8:00AM
4:00PM John E. & Christine English Memorial
And Paul English

Sunday May 16, 2021

7:45AM George & Janet Drummey Memorial
10:15AM Sbordone & Cicerone Family Memorial
6:00PM Parishioners of St. Clare

Saturday May 22, 2021

8:00AM
4:00PM John F. Mahoney Memorial

Sunday May 16, 2021

7:45AM Robert J. & Jean M. Barrett Memorial
6:00PM

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...

Offertory	\$3,520.00
Online giving	\$ 704.00
Total	\$4,224.00

The Altar Breads and Wine to be used at all Masses for the week of May 15-21 have been donated in loving memory of **George & Janet Drummey**. The **Sanctuary light** will burn in loving memory of **George & Janet**.

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 the Archdiocese of Boston
Fr. George G. Hogan

From St. Francis of Assisi
Albert Varraso
Mary Cusack

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.



Please join us **THIS Monday** night (and again May 24) at 6:45PM, as we pray the Scriptural Rosary followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in honor of our Blessed Mother. We will meet (**in person**) at St. Francis of Assisi church. In keeping with the COVID protocols please remember to wear your mask and sit in the marked pews.



Fr. Shawn will be leaving us to become the co-administrator of St. Jude Parish in. **His new assignment will begin on June 1, 2021.** Fr. Shawn has been a blessing to our collaborative. We will surely miss him. Please join us in wishing him well after the following Masses:

- Saturday, May 22 after the 8:00AM at St. Clare
- Saturday, May 22 after the 5:30PM at St. Francis
- Saturday, May 29 after the 4:00PM at St. Clare
- Sunday, May 30 after the 6:00PM at St. Clare

The location of these gatherings will be determined by the weather.



Reminder to parents—If you were unable to make the First Communion parent meetings last Monday, please contact the collaborative office at 781-843-1332 to arrange a meeting time to learn about the process and pick up the materials.





From
Deacon Joe
MacDonald

I wasn't sure what I would write about this week. I had a choice, Pentecost which comes next week or something that came from prayer. I chose that which came from prayer.

"Christ once raised from the dead, will never die again. Death has no more power over him."

This comes from one of the often-chosen readings for funerals. It is also a reading from Morning prayer and comes from St. Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 6 verse 9. Death has no more power over him. This is born out in Christ's resurrection; an event so momentous that we celebrate it not just on a single day but a season seven weeks long. It is attested to by the Apostles who saw him, ate with him and were taught by him for many days after the resurrection. Death could not keep him buried beneath the earth but saw him ascend in glory to Heaven, the feast we celebrated on Thursday.

That same scripture also says "If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him." Death has no more power over Christ and therefore if we live with him, it has no more power over us either.

The Apostles who suffered persecution and execution knew this. The early Church knew this. St. Stephen, the first Martyr, knew this as he was being stoned to death. They all knew that death, as real as it was, had no more power over them. And so, they spoke the truth fearlessly whatever the cost.

In his Canticle (Lk 1:73-75) Zechariah (John the Baptist's father) declared God's promise to Abraham, that we would be "free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship Him without fear, Holy and Righteous in His sight all the days of our lives."

What does it mean to be freed from the hands of our enemies? What does it mean to worship Him without fear? What does it mean to be holy and righteous in his sight?

Who is the enemy, Rome? No, the enemy is the one who wants to do us harm, the one who would like to destroy our souls and lead us from God.

What does it mean to worship Him without fear? For the early Christians it meant fear of persecution and death. How can we be free of fear under those circumstances unless "death has no more power" over us.

Finally, the only way to be holy and righteous in His sight is to be freed from sin and filled with grace.

And so, we are raised with Christ, our sins are forgiven, we are filled with his grace and therefore death has no more power over us. We have nothing to fear if we live a life in Christ. Christ won the victory and in His divine love shares the fruit of that victory for us.

Let us live fearlessly for Christ, professing our faith in Him with confidence and courage just as the Apostles and Martyrs did in ages past and continue to do to this very day.

And now a little something about Pentecost. I came across a teaching series on YouTube from Renewal Ministries that I thought would be worthwhile to share. There are 7 sessions each lasting about a half hour, It is called "[As by a New Pentecost](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XInMGh3LNx0)." If the link doesn't work go to this web address: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XInMGh3LNx0>

In any event we should all be preparing for Pentecost and asking the Holy Spirit to fill, renew and release the power and grace we received at Baptism and Confirmation. Perhaps we can pray the Sequence from Pentecost every day this week opening our hearts to the Spirit moving within us.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!
And from your celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine!
Come, Father of the poor!
Come, source of all our store!
Come, within our bosoms shine.
You, of comforters the best;
You, the soul's most welcome guest;
Sweet refreshment here below;
In our labor, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
O most blessed Light divine,
Shine within these hearts of yours,
And our inmost being fill!
Where you are not, we have naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
Nothing free from taint of ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour your dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away;
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.
On the faithful, who adore
And confess you, evermore
In your sevenfold gift descend;
Give them virtue's sure reward;
Give them your salvation, Lord;
Give them joys that never end. Amen.
Alleluia.