

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

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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 8, 2021

8:00AM
4:00PM William & Florence Potter Memorial

Sunday May 9, 2021

7:45AM Alice Beaulieu Anniversary
10:15AM Parishioners of St. Clare

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

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...

Offertory	\$3,684.00
Online giving	\$ 459.00
Total	\$4,143.00

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.

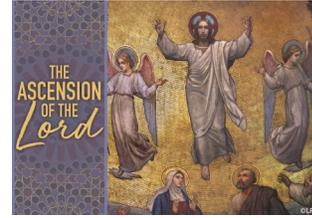
 If you are a registered parishioner who utilizes the parish envelope system or the online giving option and would like a copy of your total contributions for 2020 please call the collaborative office at 781-843-1332. If you do not currently utilize the parish envelope or EFT/online giving system, but would like to; or if you have any questions regarding your statement, please contact Patty Kinnally in the collaborative office.



From St. Francis of Assisi
Concetta "Connie" McKenzie
Peter Carr
Barbara Morris
Eileen Devonshire
Mary Guilfoyle

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.

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



Thursday, May 13 is The Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule for the collaborative of St. Francis /St. Clare of Assisi is:

St. Francis of Assisi

Wednesday, May 12 Vigil 5:30PM
Thursday, May 13 7:00AM, and 12:10PM

St. Clare

Wednesday, May 12 Vigil 4:00PM
Thursday, May 13 9AM and 5:30PM



Please join us **THIS Monday** night (and again May 10, 17 and 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.



This is Deacon Carmine Caruso's final weekend in the collaborative. Below is a list of opportunities to say goodbye and wish Deacon Carmine well as he goes on to become Father Carmine.

Saturday, May 8 after the 4:00 Mass at St. Clare
Saturday, May 8 after the 5:30 Mass at St. Francis
Sunday, May 9 after the 7:45 Mass at St. Clare
Sunday, May 9 after the 11:30 Mass at St. Clare

Fr. Shawn will be leaving us to become the co-administrator of St. Jude Parish in Waltham sometime in early to mid-June. 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.



*From
Deacon Joe
MacDonald*

Two weeks ago, I wrote about the general considerations regarding Liturgical music. This week I'd like to continue with an article on liturgical music for funerals.

A number of years ago, while I was working as the music director at St. Elizabeth's Church, Milton, we had a very unusual request for a funeral. They wanted to bring in their own choir. This was one of the better community choruses in the area that performed major classical choral works. They had a number of "requests" (demands really) that they wanted to sing. Among these requests was a Mass written by Mozart.

Of course, the director of the chorus was not Catholic and couldn't understand why they couldn't perform this "Mass" at a Mass. I tried to explain the piece they wanted to sing was never meant to be sung at an actual Mass. It was a piece to be performed and not prayed. I explained that these parts of the Mass were to be prayed by people of faith so that they could more effectively enter into the mysteries we were celebrating. What I was saying went right over her head. She viewed the Catholic Funeral Mass as a memorial service, not as an act of praise and thanksgiving to Christ who raises us all from death to life.

Although we do, of course, remember the person who died at a funeral Mass, it is not just about them. It's about the One who lived... and died... and rose again. It's about the One, without Whom, our grieving would be without hope. It's about the One who tells us that "eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it even dawned in the minds of men and women the good things that God has in store for those who love him." (1 Corinthians 2:9)

And so, the Funeral Liturgy rightly focuses our attention on the Paschal Mystery of Christ, that is, His life, death and resurrection and in the expectation of our own rising to eternal life which is the sure and certain hope of those who believe in Him. This is reflected in the liturgical texts, the prayers, the readings, and the music we use at a Catholic Funeral.

And so, we test the music we use. Is it good music? Is the text appropriate? Does it serve the particular liturgy?

This is the criteria we used for that funeral in Milton all those years ago.

Was that Mozart Mass good music? Of course, it was. It was among the best ever composed. It contained a liturgical text, so there was no complaint there. But did it serve the Liturgy? No, it didn't. It would have overwhelmed the liturgy, drawn our attention away from the work of Christ and drawn it to the work of Mozart and snatched an act of worship away from the faithful who were there to pray not

be entertained.

We are often asked, "How many songs can we have?" If we were to say three, or four, or five most people are going to come up with someone's four or five favorite hymns. This is not the way it should work.

Each sung part of the Funeral Liturgy has a particular purpose. The Entrance Song helps to draw the people together so that they can worship as one body. At a funeral it should also reflect some aspect of the Paschal Mystery.

The Responsorial Psalm, is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It is not the place for just any hymn or song. It is scripture and must be either a psalm or canticle taken from the Sacred Text.

If there were any place in the liturgy that is more flexible it would be the Offertory. This would be the best place for something like "Ave Maria" or "Hail Mary Gentle Woman."

The Communion song accompanies the Procession of the people as they receive the Eucharist. Like the Entrance, singing together at Communion unites us as one body in Christ. The music should reflect motifs such as Bread of Life, Resurrection, wedding feast, unity and of course the Paschal Mystery. Since we do not approach Holy Communion with hymnals in hand, hymns and songs with a short refrain that people can easily sing while moving are most appropriate.

The Recessional Hymn is sung as people begin their journey to the place of burial. It should of course have some connection to the Paschal Mystery.

This is a lot to ponder for people who suddenly find themselves in a position to plan a funeral. There is so much to do from contacting relatives to picking out a casket. It is both difficult and exhausting. You don't have to do this alone. We are here to help you with our prayers and our assistance in planning your loved one's Funeral Mass. If you want, you can leave the choice of some or all of the music or readings up to the parish music director.

Along with Christ, the Good Shepherd, we want to help you through these difficult times. I hope that this article may be of some assistance to you or someone you know.



*From
The clergy and staff of
St. Clare and St. Francis of Assisi*