

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

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

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 10:30 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	June 5, 2021	
8:00AM		
4:00PM	Robert Devine	Anniversary
Sunday	June 6, 2021	
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Clare	
10:15AM	John McKeown	Anniversary
6:00PM	William J. Barron, Sr.	Memorial
	Doris M. Barron and	Memorial
	Mark B. Hassan	Memorial
Saturday	June 12, 2021	
8:00AM	Robert Clifford	Memorial
4:00PM	Ellen Crowe	Anniversary
Sunday	June 13, 2021	
7:45AM	Nancy, Michael & Diane	Memorial
	Mortimer	
10:15AM	Antonio DiFonso and	Memorial
	Ben DiFonso	Memorial
6:00PM	William J. Barron, Sr.,	Memorial
	Doris M. Barron and Mark B. Hassan	

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...

Offertory	\$3,343.00
Online giving	\$ 684.00
Total	\$4,027.00

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.



From St. Francis of Assisi
Neil Francis "Frank" Murphy

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 in extending a warm welcome to our new Parochial Vicar, Father Valanarasu Newton-Williamraj. Father Valan was ordained to the priesthood on May 22, 2021 and officially joined us on June 1, 2021. Welcome to Braintree Father.



My brothers and sisters,
This past week many of you may have received a letter asking your support of the 2021 Catholic Appeal. Over the last year, we have witnessed just how important Central Ministries are in supporting not just our parish, but all parishes and schools within our Archdiocese. As we move forward through this pandemic, we are so grateful to have a team of experts that help us ensure your safety. Every gift makes a difference. Please consider making your gift today by visiting www.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 for your generosity. As I mentioned in March and on several other occasions, we will be having an in-pew appeal this weekend.

In His service and yours,
Fr. Paul Clifford



As of May 29, masks are no longer required for vaccinated people in the State of Massachusetts. The State does advise that non-vaccinated people continue to wear masks.

Anyone who wishes to do so should feel free to continue to wear masks as long as you like. You will be respected if you choose to do so.

The dispensation from the obligation for coming to Sunday Mass has not yet been lifted, and even when it is, if a parishioner is feeling ill they should remain at home.

If we become aware that a COVID positive person has attended Mass an announcement will be posted on the collaborative's website.

Mass reservations are no longer required.



We are now booking Mass Intentions through Sunday, January 9, 2022. To schedule a Mass or for further information please call the Collaborative Office at 781-843-1332.



Alexander Connors & Natasha Ferraris I



From
Deacon Joe MacDonald

In ancient times people thought the world was flat and if you sailed too far on the ocean you would fall off. They couldn't believe that the world was round.

Likewise in the 15th century most people still couldn't believe that the world was round until Columbus and other explorers proved that it was.

It really didn't matter what they thought. The world was still round though many doubted it.

Over the centuries many things were thought to be impossible but were later proved not only to be possible but normal; human flight for instance.

There have always been doubters. There have always been the "seeing is believing" crowd.

One of our early saints, Saint Thomas, was such a person. He will forever be remembered as "Doubting Thomas." I think that in today's society the story of Thomas might be an appropriate one for today's feast.

The real presence of Christ, body, soul and divinity, in the Holy Eucharist is a truth that we Catholics have embraced since the Last Supper. And yet today, there are many Catholics, some perhaps, sitting in this church, who do not believe it. Polls have shown that perhaps in the United States more Catholics doubt the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist than those who believe.

But just as the world is round and not flat, just because people don't believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, doesn't mean it's not true.

Why would we kneel at the consecration if what the priest elevated was simply a piece of bread or the chalice merely a cup of wine? Why would we bow before receiving Communion if it's just bread? We don't bow to the bread we receive before dinner at our favorite restaurants, do we? Of course not. And we wouldn't genuflect before the tabernacle, which contains the bread of life, the body of Christ, if all that was there was some left-over bread. In fact, some anti-Catholic protestants accuse us of idolatry for our belief and if it were just bread, they would be right. It would be a grave sin. But it isn't just bread.

I played the organ for a protestant church for about 5 years while in college. They would have a communion service every 6-8 weeks or so. When everyone went home, I would see the left-over Wonder Bread, cut into cubes, left on dishes in the church kitchen ready to be thrown away.

There is a fundamental difference between what our protestant brothers and sisters believe and what occurs in every Catholic Church throughout the world. We take the Lord at His word. "This IS my body. This IS my blood." (Lk 22:19-20) "Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you will not have life within you." (Jn 6:53)

We wonder how this can be and this isn't necessarily a bad thing. Reflection often leads to greater faith.

It's interesting that we often have little trouble accepting that water can be made wine; that three can be one; that Lazarus can be raised from the dead; that on Pentecost people miraculously heard Peter speaking in their own native tongues or that Jesus walked on water. Is it not also possible that the one who changed water into something else entirely, can do the same with bread and wine, changing them into His body and blood? Of course, He can. "With God, all things are possible." (Mt 19:26) "If you ask anything in My name, I will do it." (Jn 14:14)

Thomas couldn't believe that Christ rose from the dead until placed his hands into His wounds. But when he saw Jesus, his doubts were cast aside and falling to his knees spoke these words of faith "My Lord and My God." (Jn 20:28) He learned an important lesson. Seeing isn't always believing – sometimes believing is seeing.

When we approach the altar and the priest or other minister of communion holds up the Eucharist and says "The Body of Christ" as we answer "Amen" with our lips, may we also answer in our hearts, with Thomas, "My Lord and my God."



Congratulations to all of the recent graduates from St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parishes. May God bless you as you continue your journey to 1st grade, high school, college and/or the workforce.

A PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

Loving God, we thank you for all who graduate from grade school, high school and college this time of the year. You have blessed them during their years in school with wisdom, friendships, and skills. You continue to challenge them to make this world a better place because of their education. Help them to look forward to their next steps: continuing in their education or entering the work world. Particularly help those who are seeking employment to find a job suitable to their education. Give them faith and a sense of purpose in their next steps. Show them how to serve others in effective ways. And may they always be aware in everything they do that they will find fulfillment in doing your will, that you will be with them always, and that you will bring to completion the good work you have begun in them. Amen. From Marquette.edu/faith