

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. Valanarasu Newton-Williamraj
frvalan@sfab.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: Sunday at 2:00 PM

Please call the collaborative office to register

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: 781-843-1332

On Hiatus

Music Director:

Deacon Joe MacDonald

E-mail: deaconjoe.sfasc@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 10:30 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 July 24, 2021
 8:00AM
 4:00PM Antonio, Maria and Memorial
 Anna Tempesta

Sunday July 25, 2021
 7:45AM Parishioners of St. Clare
 10:15AM
 6:00PM Richard Keane Memorial

Saturday July 31, 2021
 8:00AM
 4:00PM
Sunday August 1, 2021

7:45AM
 10:15AM
 6:00PM

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...

Offertory	\$3,945.00
Online giving	\$ 429.00
Total	\$4,374.00

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. Clare
 Mary Hartin
 Edward F. Quigley

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.

SUMMER VACATION



If you plan to travel this summer or have the opportunity to sneak away for the weekend, here is something to place in your suitcase or your smart phone. To find the Mass closest to your location, visit www.masstimes.org. When you make your reservations, please remember to reserve some time for the Lord. Summer blessings! **Be sure to call the parish you plan to attend to verify their Mass times. Be safe!**

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



Dear parishioners,
 May the peace of Christ be with you. Each year the Catholic Diocese of Abakaliki, Nigeria takes part in the mission activity of the Church through witnessing and apostolic charity. With the permission of our local bishop, Most Rev. Michael N Okoro and His Eminence, Cardinal Sean O'Malley, we have the privilege to share with you how much the Catholic priesthood and religious/consecrated life in our diocese have benefited from St. Peter the Apostle Society. As beneficiaries, Fr. Joseph Ogazie and Fr. Benjamin Madu would visit St. Francis/St. Clare of Assisi parish, Braintree **THIS** weekend of **July 24th and 25th 2021**, and would speak on the impact of St. Peter the Apostle Society in their diocese. Fr. Joseph was ordained priest on July 7, 2012, for the Catholic Diocese of Abakaliki (Nigeria), and currently works in Boston Archdiocese (chaplain at St. Elizabeth's Hospital). Fr. Benjamin was ordained priest on July 7, 2001, for the same diocese of Abakaliki, Nigeria. He also currently works in the Archdiocese of Boston (Northshore Hospital, Salem).

The Catholic Diocese of Abakaliki, Nigeria, was created in 1973 with 64 priests, 15 nuns and 21 seminarians. Located in the Southeastern region of Nigeria, the diocese serves over 600,000 Catholic faithful with priests and nuns who received a greater part of their training through supports from St. Peter the Apostle Society. As Nigeria currently faces severe security challenge, priests, nuns and Christian religious workers are more and more becoming endangered species as they are often considered more vulnerable, with higher kidnap value. These have made seminary training more difficult, and vocation to the priesthood less attractive to young people. With your gracious and generous support during the 2nd collection at the Masses during this weekend, I am sure that more priests and nuns would be trained to help strengthen the Catholic faith. **Special envelopes will be available, or checks may be made payable to The Society of St. Peter Apostle. Donations can also be made online: www.propfaithboston.org/donations/** All proceeds from the appeal will enable the Society to support seminarians in over 1,100 mission territories worldwide.

May God bless and enrich you with favor as you go on mission.

Fr. Joseph and Fr. Benjamin



Pray for Vocations

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From
Deacon Joe
MacDonald

When Elisha told his servant to distribute the bread that was brought to him by the man from Baal-shalishah, his servant was dumbfounded. How are we going to feed a hundred people with 20 loaves of bread? (2 Kings 4:42) I'm not sure the servant wanted to do it. If he started to distribute the bread and it ran out after 20 people, he might have looked foolish or worse.

This wasn't Elisha's first rodeo. He was known as a miracle worker. One would think that his servant would have witnessed some miracles with his own eyes. With a little more faith he might have been more eager to actually have a little part in a miraculous event.

The disciples of Jesus were not much different. They couldn't understand how so many people could be fed. There were many more than the hundred Elisha fed and Jesus had far less food to begin with. There is one difference however between the disciples and Elisha's servant. The disciples didn't object to distributing what little they seemed to have. They did what their Master asked of them and they were not disappointed. No one was disappointed. In fact, there was plenty left over. Now that's a miracle.

It seems that the Lord feeds as many as are hungry. First it was 100 and then 5000. How about millions? Can he do that?

When Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper, He made it possible to feed millions. Through the sacrament of his Body and Blood Jesus continues to feed multitudes and He is able to do it in a way He couldn't as a man bound by the finite limits of time and space in which he lived.

But with the gift of the Eucharist, He is able to feed and nourish the souls of multitudes of believers in every generation and in every nation, from every race and speaking every language that has existed on the earth and that ever will exist.

This is the multitude written about in Revelation, the triumphant people of God standing before God's throne in heaven, so many that they couldn't be counted – you and me.

“After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the

Lamb.” (Rev. 7:9-10)

The Lamb is Jesus, the unblemished Lamb of God, announced by John the Baptist.

“John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” (Jn 1:29)

I hope these words ring a bell. It's the same Lamb of God that we pour our hearts out to in the Agnus Dei at every Mass, praying for mercy and peace. The priest uses John's exact words when he holds up the host and chalice “Behold the Lamb of God...” to which we reply with the words of the Roman Centurion “Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, say but the word...” (Mt 8:8)

The Lamb is the same Jesus who preached, healed, who forgave sin, fed 5,000 and who sacrificed himself on Calvary.

It is the same Jesus that satisfies our hunger every time we approach the altar and receive His precious Body and Blood, the Bread of Life. We hold in our own hands, just as the Blessed Mother did, the Word made Flesh at Bethlehem. We receive and accept, and hold and consume the same Body of Christ sacrificed on the cross. And we receive and accept, hold and consume His Mystical Body the Church.

There is no need for anyone to go away hungry or disappointed. Jesus Christ himself, in a way that would be otherwise impossible, gives us the Bread of Life; the Manna from Heaven: and the true food of his Body and Blood. So let us fall to our knees in adoration; let out a cry of thanksgiving and shout AMEN! And may we never let anything separate us from this great gift He offers us in the Eucharist out of His abundant love.



Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents Whose Children of any Age Have Died by Any Cause, No Matter How Long Ago.

Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. Please join us. All are welcome.

One-Day In-Person Spiritual Retreat - August 14, 2021
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Carver, MA

Weekend In-Person Spiritual Retreat - November 5-7, 2021
Miramar Retreat Center, Duxbury, MA

For more information or to register, call Diane at 800-919-9332 or go to www.emfgp.org.