

THE PARISH OF SAINT CLARE

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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

(Suspended due to Coronavirus)

Al-Anon:

Meets in Parish Hall - Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

(Suspended due to Coronavirus)

Help for the Poor:

Pine Street Inn Society:

(Suspended due to Coronavirus)

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:

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 November 20, 2021
 8:00AM
 4:00PM Darche & McCue Families Memorial

Sunday November 21, 2021
 7:45AM Parishioners of St. Clare
 10:15AM William F. Lane, Memorial
 Florence Nichols, Charles Billings
 And the Lane Family
 6:00PM Joseph Vannelli 1st Anniv.

Saturday November 27, 2021
 8:00AM
 4:00PM Patricia Dailey Memorial

Sunday November 28, 2021
 7:45AM
 10:15AM Edward Chisholm Anniversary
 6:00PM

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...

Offertory	\$1
Online giving	\$ 489.00
Total	\$

The Altar Breads and Wine to be used at all Masses for the week of November 20—26 have been donated in loving memory of **William F. Lane, Florence Nichols, Charles Billings and the Lane Family.**

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
 Thomas J. Kelley
 Mary "Mare" Milligan

From St. Francis of Assisi
 Edward I. Hunt

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.



Boy Scout Troop 138 Annual Wreath:

Wreaths will be sold at all Masses at St Francis and St Clare Saturday November 27th and Sunday November 28th. Traditional \$18 each or 2/\$30 and Premium \$20 or 2/ \$35 . We apologize for those who missed them last year but we have ordered plenty this year !! We can also do pre-orders and delivery, please contact Kathy LaRose 781-738-5953 kathy4933@gmail.com

My brothers and sisters,
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

I have two items to put before you this weekend as opportunities to help those in need.

RETIRED SISTERS COLLECTION: Each year this "Second Collection" holds a special place for me. Educated by the Sisters of St. Joseph and having worked with many other women religious across the archdiocese during my seminary and priesthood years, I know (as most of you do) of the sacrifice so many nuns made for their students or patients or other people to whom they ministered. If you are an envelope user, you have an envelope for this collection. If not, envelopes are available in the rear of the church this weekend. You can return them this weekend (greeters will be at the doors for this collection as you exit). You can also take an envelope this weekend and return it in the offertory basket NEXT WEEKEND. If you choose this option I would challenge you to offer a prayer of thanksgiving and protection for these religious Sisters as part of your Thanksgiving table prayer and maybe even encourage other family members to add to the special envelope during the day. On their behalf, I thank you.

THANKSGIVING TOY DRIVE AND GIVING TREE
PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN INSERT.

In His service and yours,
Fr. Paul Clifford



St. Clare
 Ryan Rose McDonald
 Lillian Bella Barton

St. Francis of Assisi
 Luiza Maya Smith



From St. Clare
 Alice Auclair



We are now booking Mass Intentions through Sunday, September 11, 2022. To schedule a Mass or for further information please call the Collaborative Office at 781-843-1332.



From
Deacon Joe MacDonald

Ancient Israel was a nation unlike any other of its time and it wasn't just because they worshiped the one true God. Unlike the other nations, Israel had no king. It had leaders but it had no king. Do you know why? Because the Lord was their king.

But Israel wasn't satisfied with that. They wanted to be like the other nations. What were they thinking? But they wanted a king and over and over they asked, indeed begged God to give them a king. Hadn't they seen what those other kings were like? God said he didn't think that was such a good idea but the people persisted and God finally relented and gave them kings. And for the most part it didn't work out. Most of them were lousy kings. Some of them were downright nasty. Even the good ones were corrupted by the power. Even King David, from whom we get the psalms, sent a loyal soldier to the front lines, making sure that he would die there, just so he could take the man's wife as his own. Kings weren't really working out for them. This is what happens when God is not your king.

In the mid 1700's King George of England began to impose unfair taxes upon the American colonists. British soldiers were given the right to stay in people's private homes, eat their food and use other property as they saw fit. Even the right to a trial by jury had been corrupted. America rebelled. Kings weren't really working out for us either.

And so, I think that we 21st century Americans have a little bit of trouble getting a handle on this whole Christ the King celebration. We aren't used to royalty and we really disdain the idea of being someone's "subject." We don't want to bow down to anyone. We don't like kings, period!

Which begs the question, what are we celebrating? What kind of king is Jesus?

It's imperative that we know what it means, because when we were baptized, we were baptized into the three ministries of Christ, to be prophet, priest and king. We have a part in that kingship and we have a vocation to live but we can't unless we know what it means.

There is a passage from Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians that gives us a clue...

Though he was in the form of God Jesus did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at.

Rather he emptied himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men.

He was known to be of human estate, And it was thus that he humbled himself, obediently accepting even death, death on a cross. (Philippians 2:6-10)

Our king, Jesus, though he was in fact God, gave up all the trappings of what it is to be God and became one of us.

You might say, "he gave up being God." Maybe we should try that.

He took the form of a slave. Our king, Jesus, became a slave, a servant not because he was forced to but because he wanted to. Our king wants to serve. Our king puts the needs of others before his own.

There is a parable in Luke's gospel about a king coming home late at night and when he arrives his servants were waiting for him. They were ready to feed him and give him a comfortable place to sit and a cool drink. But what does the king do? He saw what faithful servants they were and had the servants recline and he put on the apron and he waited on them. In his own words Jesus tells us what a king should be like.

Now picture Jesus in today's gospel and we see the extreme to which the Lord takes his service. Standing before Pilate beaten, scourged, a crown made from thorns on his head, anticipating his own execution, facing his own death which he accepts in our place. It was our punishment he endured. By his sacrifice our death lost its sting, by the stripes on his back (made a centurion's whip) we are healed. That's how much Christ the King put our needs before his own.

That is our King. "Because of this God highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name about every other name, so that at Jesus' name every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth. And every tongue proclaim to the Glory of God the Father: Jesus Christ is Lord!" (Philippians 2:9-11)

Now we know what kind of king we have. How do we enthrone him? How do we acknowledge him? How do we approach him? Especially since we know that we have a share in his kingship – through baptism.

We acknowledge his kingship by imitating what he did. By emptying ourselves and becoming servants, one to another. By recognizing Christ who is King in the faces of our brothers and sisters, the ones who are hungry and thirsty; the strangers, the naked; the ill and imprisoned. the ones that nobody else likes. The ones that stink, and look all messed up - kind of like Jesus did before Pilate.

When we can recognize these many faces of Christ our King and approach them with love and a mind toward serving it is then we live out our baptismal kingship. That's when Christ the King is enthroned in our hearts. That's when the kingdom of justice reigns. That's when love and peace will rule and that's when His kingdom comes and his will is done on earth as it is in heaven.



*From the clergy and staff of
the Collaborative of
St. Clare and St. Francis*

**The Collaborative Office will be closed
on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26.**