

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

(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:

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| Saturday | January 8, 2022 | |
| 8:00AM | Dodier Family | Spec. Intent. |
| 4:00PM | Albert & Ann Tosone | Memorial |
| Sunday | January 9, 2022 | |
| 7:45AM | Bashir Abraham and Shahira Bitar | Memorial |
| 10:15AM | Marilyn Cavallaro | 5th Anniv. |
| 6:00PM | Walter & Genevieve McDonough | Memorial |
| Saturday | January 15, 2022 | |
| 8:00AM | | |
| 4:00PM | Avanti Quintiliani | Virginia |
| Sunday | January 16, 2022 | |
| 7:45AM | | |
| 10:15AM | | |
| 6:00PM | | |

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...

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| Offertory | \$ 6,291.00 |
| Online giving | \$ 2,004.00 |
| Total | \$ 8,295.00 |

The Altar Breads and Wine to be used at all Masses for the week of January 8-14 have been donated in loving memory of **John E. Barton**. The Sanctuary light will also burn in loving memory of **John**.

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.



St. Clare

*Mary Morrissey
John Young, Sr.*

St. Francis of Assisi

*Mary Ferrazzi
Thomas Norton
Theresa Van Tassell
Paula M. Kelley
Margaret Strand*

Archdiocese of Boston

Fr. Vincent Eugene Dailey

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.



The Confirmation program for students in Grade 10 will begin on Sunday, January 23, 2022. This will be a mandatory meeting beginning in St. Clare Church Hall. Meeting will begin at 5:00PM concluding with the 6:00PM Mass.

Confirmation preparation will be a hybrid model. There will be monthly in-person meetings and self-guided on-line instruction. Full details will be presented at the meeting on January 23rd.

Confirmation will be celebrated sometime in June, 2022.



FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY resumes next weekend! Thank you to everyone who so faithfully supports our pantry with donations of non-perishable food, personal items, cleaning supplies, and paper products.

In recent months we have had an increased request for paper products (toilet paper, paper towels and Kleenex), cleaning supplies and toiletries. These are items that can not be purchased with Food Stamps. Thank you for your consideration.



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.



Early Bird Special Boston & South Shore Men's Prayer Gathering - Saturday, 7:00-8:30 AM - Prayer; Coffee and refreshments; Presentation and discussion. Next meeting: Jan. 15th Helping People Say yes to Life. Have you ever wondered how to compassionately

reach someone considering abortion? Please come to watch videos about sidewalk counselors and other people who work with our sisters and brothers in Christ who are considering aborting a baby. And please share about your own experiences. All women are welcome. St. Mary of the Hills Lower Church 29 St. Mary's Road (off Brook Road), Milton 617-696-3170 for more information.



From
Deacon Joe MacDonald

As you may have noticed from listening to the Universal Prayer (formerly called the Prayers of the Faithful) we have had a plethora of funerals these past few weeks. Each funeral has come with its own requests for music. We often get requests from what I call the “favorite hits list”; Amazing Grace; On Eagles Wings; How Great Thou Art and Ave Maria to name a few.

One of the questions we often get is “How many songs can I pick?” Frankly, this isn’t the best way to approach picking music for a funeral or any Mass for that matter.

There are three kinds of music:

1. Secular (This includes songs that have no content related to faith – we cannot use these at Mass)
2. Religious (This might include Christian Rock, and many other styles that speak of praise and devotion – wonderful to listen to but usually not suitable for Catholic Liturgy)
3. Liturgical (This is music that relates specifically to Catholic Liturgy and Worship)

As you may have already guessed, it’s the third category of music that is appropriate for any liturgy. To help families make suitable choices the parish has prepared a document that contains selections of readings as well as music for this purpose and there are bereavement ministers to help guide through the process as well.

Each part of the Liturgy has its own characteristics as does the music that accompanies these actions. For example, the Entrance Song has three purposes.

1. To foster unity among the gathered faithful
2. Raise our thoughts into the mystery of the particular celebration or season
3. Accompany the procession.

Therefore, the entrance song should be sung by the congregation in order to foster unity among those gathered. A solo piece like Ave Maria or an instrumental piece is not an option here. The song should, at a funeral, raise our thoughts and hearts toward the Paschal Mystery, that is, the life, death and resurrection of Christ. So, while “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” is liturgical music and it has the characteristics of an entrance song it isn’t a good choice for a funeral because it fails to raise our minds to the Paschal Mystery.

Since the Entrance Song accompanies a procession, it needs to be something that drives that particular action. A quiet meditative song such as “All I Ask of You” would not meet this need whereas, “I Know That My Redeemer

Lives” does.

It is true that each part of the liturgy, the Psalm, Offertory, Communion and Recessional each has its own qualities that need to be addressed when choosing music. Families should not hesitate in contacting me personally to help guide you in the process.

We invite families to participate in planning the funeral liturgy as much as they are comfortable with but at no time should anyone feel compelled to do so. The pastoral staff has a great deal of experience in these matters and we are happy to make the selections for you.

Calendar of Events

WHAT: *January 21: 5th Birthday Celebration - Worship Event!*

DATE: *Friday, January 21, 2022*

TIME: *Praise & Worship/Adoration (7:30 PM),
Young Adult Mass (9:00 PM),
Birthday Party Social (10:00 PM)*

WHERE: *St. Joseph the Worker Shrine, 37 Lee Street,
Lowell, MA*

PARKING: *Street Parking & John Street Parking Garage*

COLLABORATING: *Young Catholics of Greater Boston (North Shore)*

Come celebrate with us!!!

JESUS aCROSS the Border is blessed to be celebrating our 5th birthday and honored to be collaborating with the Young Catholics of Greater Boston (North Shore) for their first ever OFFICIAL event! Nothing would mean more than for you to join and celebrate with us! Please join us for this beautiful evening of praise & worship led by Brandon Fitts of Delmore Worship and LIFT Ministries, Holy Mass celebrated by the dynamic Fr. Richard Clancy, and our Surprise Birthday Social! Confessions will be available before Mass, during adoration. **We hope you are able to join us for this special evening on January 21 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Shrine in Lowell, MA.** For more event details, please visit our Facebook event page located in the link below. We look forward to seeing you there!

JESUS aCROSS the Border events are geared towards young adults, 18-35 years of age, but are open to anyone who would like to find out more about our mission. This is always a fantastic opportunity for the over 20 local, Catholic young adult groups to network with one another and for YOU to get to know the many groups out there that are ready to support you in your faith journey! FACEBOOK EVENT LINK: www.facebook.com/events/243305624583090. PARKING: Validated garage parking available - 75 John Street & Limited street parking. Please email us at Info@JESUSaCROSStheBorder.org or visit our Facebook Page for more information.