

THE PARISH OF SAINT CLARE

1244 Liberty Street, Braintree, Mass 02184
Collaborative Office Telephone: 781-843-1332

www.braintrecatholic.org

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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: 781-848-7481

For Grades 2 and 10 Only

Music Director:

Deacon Joe MacDonald

E-mail: deaconjoe.sfasc@gmail.com

Collaborative Office Manager—781-843-1332

Patty Kinnally—pkinnally@sfab.org

AI-Anon:

Meets in Parish Hall - Tuesdays at 10:30AM

Help for the Poor:

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

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 you can do so online at www.braintrecatholic.org. Or if you prefer, you can also 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 19, 2022	
8:00AM	Souls in Purgatory	
4:00PM	David Napolitano	Anniversary
Sunday	November 20, 2022	
7:45AM	Leonard T. Connolly	Memorial and Family
10:15AM	Darche & McCue Families	Memorial
6:00PM	Charles & Dorothy Edgerly	Memorial
Thursday	November 24, 2022	
8:00AM		
Saturday	November 26, 2022	
8:00AM	Mass of Remembrance	
4:00PM	Patrick Fleming	4th Anniv.
Sunday	November 27, 2022	
7:45AM	Vincent Cioffi	5th Anniv.
10:15AM	William & Miriam Little and Brian Little	Memorial
6:00PM	Anne Conolly	4th Anniv.

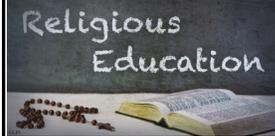
The Altar Breads and Wine to be used at all Masses for the week of November 19-25 have been donated in loving memory of **The Leonard T. Connolly Family**. The **Sanctuary light** will burn in memory of Domenic DeSantis.

If you are interested in the Online Giving option to simplify your weekly contributions, please contact the collaborative office or visit our web site.



St. Clare
Rienne Nancy Schreefer
Thea Pauline Schreefer

This year we will once again partner with our brothers and sisters at HOLY FAMILY PARISH in Dorchester to help those in need. There will be a collection at the **THANKSGIVING DAY MASS at 8AM**. The focus will be the same as last year, please plan accordingly: **UNWRAPPED TOYS** can be received and shared. The request is for toys that can be used outside (or as least away from a computer screen). Some ideas: **SOCCER BALLS!!/ BASKETBALLS/SIMPLE OUTDOOR OR INDOOR/ OUTDOOR GAMES/** Non-toy gifts that could also be used are items such as socks, gloves, mittens, hats – for children and/or adults; **GIFT CARDS:** This is the #1 request. Based on the local area, **TARGET, STOP & SHOP** and any **GAS CARDS** are the most common. But other retailers or on-line cards are welcome; **MONETARY OFFERING:** You can bring cash or a check. Checks can be made payable to **ST. CLARE PARISH** (we will acknowledge and forward) or **HOLY FAMILY PARISH** (we will forward).



Grades 1-6
 Information can be found on the Collaborative website—
www.braintreecatholic.org.

Highlights include:

Registration—Form available on website. Download and complete on line - save and email to klane@sfab.org
A Special Family Faith Event this Sunday after the 10:15 Mass at St. Clare.

Grade 9-10

No classes this week. Classes next meet, Sunday, December 4

Grade 9 — 5-6PM at St. Francis of Assisi
 Grade 10 — 5-6PM at St. Clare followed by the 6:00PM Mass. Parents are welcome to attend the Mass

The Boy Scouts have decided that they **will not be replacing the cans/bottles collection bin at St. Clare**. There is a Boy Scout collection bin at the Ivory Street Transfer Station. Please **do not leave any of your recyclables** at St. Clare. Thank you for your cooperation.

Boy Scout Troop 138 's Annual Wreath fundraiser



Traditional wreaths \$20 each or 2/ \$35 and Premium wreaths \$25 each or 2/\$45
 Wreaths will be on sale after all masses at St Clare & St Francis the weekend of November 26th & 27th. You can also pre order by contacting Kathy LaRosee at 781-738-5953 r kathy4933@gmail.com we can deliver in Braintree if you aren't able to make the sale days. Thank you in advance for all your support over the years

A moment of thanks for a lifetime of service

THIS weekend, we will have a special collection for our Retired Sisters. These incredible women have not only shaped our Church here in Greater Boston, they have shaped the entire landscape of our communities. They established hospitals, founded educational institutions, and created services for those in need. It is without question that Greater Boston and the communities in which we live have benefitted from their unwavering service as teachers, counselors, caregivers, evangelizers, and advocates. Next week, please consider making a gift for the needs of the retired Sisters who have served us so faithfully over the years. If you would like to send your donation directly, please look for donation envelopes in the Church or send a check made payable to the Archdiocese of Boston to Sister Germana Santos, FSP, Delegate for Religious, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree, MA 02184. Thank you in advance for your generosity to our Retired Sisters.

FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY is THIS weekend, November 19-20. Thank you to everyone who so faithfully supports our pantry, we are grateful for anything you wish to donate.



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 priest, prophet, 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.

Now picture Jesus in today's gospel and we see the extreme to which the Lord takes his service. His throne was the wood of the cross. His crown woven by thorns and even one of the condemned next to him mocked the Lord. It was our punishment he endured. He accepted death in our place. By his sacrifice our death lost its sting, by the stripes on his back (made by a centurion's whip) we are healed. That's how much Christ the King put our needs before his own.

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.

The Collaborative Choir has been singing during the season of Ordinary Time at Saint Francis Church at the 9:00 Mass. Beginning next week, the First Sunday of Advent, the choir moves to Saint Clare and will sing at the 10:15 Mass for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. It is our intention to change locations with the liturgical seasons. The ordinary weeks after the Christmas Season will again be at Saint Francis, Lent will be at Saint Clare and the Easter Season at St. Francis. We are still uncertain of the Triduum locations. Next year will be the same except we will begin at St. Clare with Ordinary Time beginning in September.

Would you like to join the choir without having a permanent commitment? How about joining us for Christmas! We will be singing the 4:00 Mass Christmas Eve. at St. Clare. The full commitment is a total of four Thursday practices at St. Clare (6:30 PM) and the Mass Christmas Eve. It would be great to swell our ranks for such an important feast. I send the music and audio files out via email so you can practice at home before coming to practice. Email me at deaconjoe.sfasc@gmail

Also, if anyone in the collaborative plays flute, violin, trumpet or some other instrument and would like to augment the choir, please contact Deacon Joe at deaconjoe.sfasc@gmail.com

Young people are most welcome!