

Braintree Catholic Collaborative



St. Francis Church

856 Washington Street
Braintree, Massachusetts

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:30PM
Sunday: 9:00, 11:30AM

Monday –Friday: 7:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 12:30-2:00PM

St. Clare Church

1244 Liberty Street
Braintree, Massachusetts

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM
Sunday: 7:45, 10:15AM AND 6:00pm

Saturday: 8:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 8:30-9:00am

Collaborative Staff

Rev. Robert M. Blaney, Pastor
Rev. Kevin P. Leaver, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Joseph MacDonald, Collaborative Deacon/
Music Director
Deacon James Waldron, Collaborative Deacon
Mrs. Karen Lane, Religious Education Coordinator
Ms. Patty Kinnally, Office Manager
Mr. Kevin Mercier, Business Manager
Mr. Robert Muldoon, Facilities Manager
Msgr. Robert W. Oliver, In Residence
Rev. Gerald Nebo, In Residence
Deacon Michael Cavanaugh, Senior Deacon

Contact Information

www.braintreecatholic.org
781-843-1332 | Fax: 781-848-0976

Collaborative Office and Mailing Address

856 Washington Street
Braintree, MA 02184

Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 9:00-4:00

Sacrament of Marriage

A minimum of six months notice is required. Please call the Collaborative Office to schedule an appointment prior to booking a venue.

Sacrament of Baptism

2nd Sunday of the month at St. Clare at 1:30PM
3rd Sunday of the month at St. Francis at 1:30PM
Please call the Collaborative to register

Sacrament of the Sick & Communion Calls

Please notify the Collaborative Office if anyone is hospitalized or unable to attend Mass because of illness.

Bulletin Deadline

All requests must be submitted to the Collaborative Office by Monday at 1PM. Email to parish@sfab.org.

Mass Intentions

St. Francis of Assisi

Saturday, October 28, 2023

5:30PM Anthony Zingarelli Memorial

Sunday, October 29, 2023

9:00AM Michael J. Richardi Anniversary

11:30AM Harold Hamilton Memorial

Monday, October 30, 2023

7:00AM

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

7:00AM

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

7:00AM John W. & Annie Gallagher Memorial

12:10PM Parishioners of the Collaborative

Thursday, November 2, 2023

7:00AM Connie McEleney Memorial

Friday, November 3, 2023

7:00AM Memorial

Saturday, November 4, 2023

5:30PM Paul O'Reilly and Joseph & Anna Dunlea Memorial

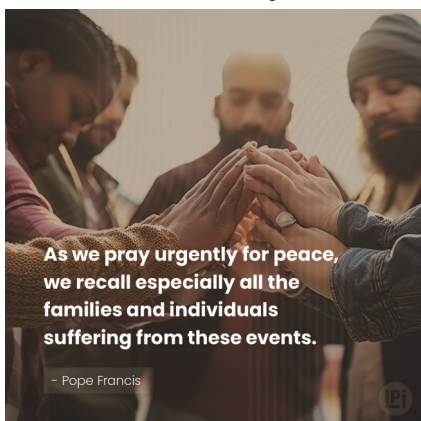
Sunday, November 5, 2023

9:00AM Marks & Conlon Family Memorial

11:30AM Chester Daiute Anniversary

If you are interested in the Online Giving option for either parish to simplify your weekly contributions, please contact the collaborative office.

Please remember our parishes when planning your estate. Thank you!



Mass Intentions

St. Clare

Saturday, October 28, 2023

8:00AM

4:00PM Salvaggio & Quintiliani Families Memorial

Sunday, October 29, 2023

7:45AM Parishioners of the Collaborative

10:15AM Gerald & Terrence Palmer Anniversary

6:00PM Pauline Sullivan Month's Mind

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

4:00PM

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

9:00AM

5:30PM

Saturday, November 4, 2023

8:00AM

4:00PM James O'Donnell 1st Anniv.

Sunday, November 5, 2023

7:45AM Parishioners of the Collaborative

10:15AM Loretta Barron, Clara Columbus Memorial
David Ferraro, Caz Sudowski and John Gabriel

6:00PM Kathleen Foley Anniversary

- **St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry Open Thursdays at St. Francis from 10AM-12NN.** If you need groceries, please call on Wednesday so that we can be prepared for your visit. Referrals and limited financial assistance are available for parishioners in need.
- **Collaborative Prayer Line...** To be placed (or to pray) on the parish prayer line, please call the Collaborative office.
- **Military Service...** If someone you know is deployed and you would like their info to appear on the blue board in the church, please call or email the parish office.
- **Al-Anon ...** Tuesdays at 10:30 in St. Clare Church Hall
- **Boy Scout Troop #138 ...** Wednesdays at 7:00PM in St. Clare Church Hall.—Contact John Collier at 781-843-3330
- **Braintree Knights of Columbus Council 1462...** Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00PM in St. Francis Church Hall.

Please call the collaborative office for more information.



From the desk of Fr. Kevin Lever

Shortly before the tenth anniversary of his election to the Chair of St. Peter this past March 13, Pope Francis canonized his 1000th Saint, making him the pope who has canonized the most saints. (For comparison, St. John Paul II, himself canonized by Pope Francis, elevated 482 people to sainthood during his 27 year pontificate!)

Yet, the interesting thing is, the Catholic Church has no idea how many saints there actually are! In official documents, we know of over 10,000 saints that the Church, through the action of the Pope, has declared to be saints in heaven. This week, however, we will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, the day the Church has set aside to give thanks to God for all of those who are enjoying the beatific vision, the Church Victorious as it is known. While the Church does hold up various men, women and children as examples of the Christian life for us to imitate, there are many saints known to God alone. These are the men, women and children down the ages who have sought to love the Lord God with their whole heart, soul, mind and strength and to love their neighbors as themselves, and have been rewarded for their labors.

The Solemnity of All Saints allows us to celebrate those who lived faithfully, and, although they may not be as recognized as a Mother Teresa or a St. Francis of Assisi or a St. Maria Goretti, they are recognized to God as His Saints. The examples of their holy lives give us courage, strength and perseverance to continue to fight the good fight in this life so to be happy with God forever in the next.

Another aspect of our Catholic faith that we meditate on as we celebrate All Saints, is that we ourselves must be cautious to “canonize” our family members and friends who have gone before us. Next week, I will write about the Church Militant and the Church Suffering, to expand upon the Church Victorious mentioned today. While we may admire the faith of our grandparents, parents, friends etc. who have gone before us, we also must in humility admit that we can’t declare them saints in heaven. We certainly pray that they are and we pray that when we come to the end of our earthly pilgrimage they will be there to greet us, but we can’t presume. However, God, who is rich in mercy, gives us the promise that when we recognize before Him that we are sinners and don’t live perfectly, He pours out His pardon on us and reconciles us to Himself. And that’s why our opening prayer for this Solemnity is

Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate

venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long.

All you holy men and women saints of God...
...pray for us!

Fr. Kevin



Update on Fr. Bob

Fr. Bob’s was transferred to Regina Cleri this past Monday. He continues to improve each day. Now begins the regiment of physical and occupational therapy. Please keep Fr. Bob and his caregivers in your prayers. If you would like to send him a card the address is Regina, Cleri, 60 William Cardinal O’Connell Way, Boston, MA 02114.



THIS Wednesday, November 1 is All Saints’ Day, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule for the St. Francis of Assisi/St. Clare Collaborative is:

St. Francis of Assisi

Wednesday, November 1 7:00AM, and 12:10PM

St. Clare

Tuesday, October 31 Vigil 4:00PM

Wednesday, November 1 9AM and 5:30PM



November is the month of Remembrance. The display boards at the front of each of our churches bear crosses with the names of all of the people who were buried from that church from September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023. A special Mass of Remembrance will be held later this month. The family members of all of these dearly departed will receive an invitation in the mail. Please keep the deceased and their loved ones in your prayers.



From
Deacon Joe MacDonald



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—Led by Deacon Joe and Deacon Jay—Wednesdays from 7-8PM in St. Francis of Assisi Church. Church doors will open at 6:30PM.

BIBLE STUDY—Saint Jerome once said that “ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ.” We certainly always want to know Christ better. Deacon Joe’s bible study will continue on Saturday October 28th at 9:00 A.M. in Saint Francis Church Hall. This year we are studying the Gospel of Mark. Newcomers are welcome to join our group (see the group picture below).



CHOIR:

The Collaborative Choir will continue practicing Thursdays from 6:30 -8:00 PM. We will meet in the choir loft at Saint Francis. Please enter by the elevator doors.

As always we welcome new members to the choir. We especially need a few new men. Don't be shy and remember singing is praying twice!



Braintree Knights of Columbus will pray the Rosary on the 5th Sunday of the month of October. Sunday, October 29th at 8:15 AM – Location: Saint Francis of Assisi Church, outdoors on the side of the church at the memorial to the unborn. All are welcome. In the event of rain, we will meet in the sanctuary.



Information regarding online registration, for all grades is now available on the collaborative website www.braintreecatholic.org - Faith Formation page. Click on RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SIGN-UP GRADES 1-10 and it will take you directly to the registration form.

Grades 1-8

Classes meet this week

No classes Sunday, October 29th

Classes meet Tuesday, October 31st and Thursday, November 2nd

All classes meet at St. Clare

Grades 9—10+

Confirmation Classes for **Grades 9 and 10** THIS Sunday, October 29th 4:45PM at St. Clare

Confirmation Classes for **Grade 9** NEXT Sunday, November 5th 4:45PM at St. Clare

Classes are followed by the 6PM Mass. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend the Mass.



October 29 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: In this Sunday’s Gospel we find the truth that loving God isn’t merely a matter of fervor in our hearts, but that it must be expressed in doing good for the sake of others. **This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to show that we indeed love our neighbors by assisting families, providing food, support for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!**

Pantry donations can also be dropped off at the Collaborative office during normal business hours (M-F 9-4). **Blue envelopes are in holders on the back inside wall of the church. Please use them for your cash, check (written to St. Vincent DePaul with SFA on the memo line), or gift card—and place them into the collection basket or through the rectory mail slot. Thank you.**



St. Francis of Assisi
Joseph Bucci

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.



From the Archdiocese of Boston

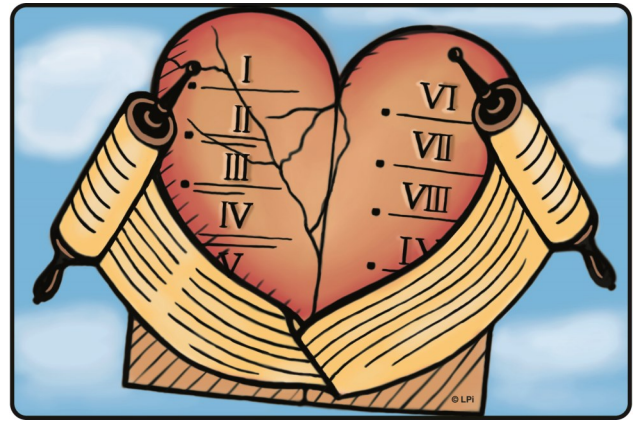
October 29 ~ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Jesus doesn't mince words in today's gospel. "The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments" - love God with your whole being and love your neighbor as yourself. Jesus didn't give any wiggle room then or now, as to what is of importance. While we strive to follow the commandments that Christ presents to us, we must also admit that at times we fall short. Make it a daily practice to do prayerful examen in which we honestly acknowledge the times we were responsive to God's initiation or were not. This practice can help us recognize the ways God comes to us/speaks to us in all the people and events of our day.

First Friday Visits (11/3) - Consider a Priestly Call...Take a risk for God! Enter the mission field where bold action meets lasting outcomes. Over 750 priest alumni discerned a sacred call later in life. Maturity with God's grace can move mountains. Can you leave it all to follow Christ? Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary, Weston, MA is offering the latest in its "First Friday Visits" program on November 3, 2023, at 5:00 pm. Holy Hour and Evening Prayer. Option to attend in person or virtually. In person includes dinner with the seminarians and a tour. Virtual includes a Zoom visit following Holy Hour. Make a resolution to be courageous. Consider a priestly call. Contact: msgr.fay@psjs.edu or 781.899.5500 ext.134. www.psjs.edu

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats—The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a "Come to the Waters of Healing" one-day retreat. Upcoming date November 11 from 9 AM to 5 PM. Locations are confidential. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

Fiat, a gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to the next meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. (ET) on Zoom. The topic will be "Entering Religious Life, Changing Relationships with Family and Friends" If you are interested in attending, please contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ at marian.batho@csjboston.org or 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE AND HEALING FOR PREGNANCY & INFANT LOSS—The Pro Life Office and Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston will sponsor this Mass on Wednesday, November 15th at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany Chapel in the Pastoral Center (66 Brooks Drive, Braintree). Celebrant and homilist will be Rev. J. Bryan Hehir, Secretary for Health & Social Services of the Archdiocese of Boston. A light reception and opportunity for Confession will also be available after Mass. A special invitation is extended to parents, grandparents and siblings who grieve the death of children as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion or early infant death. These losses may be recent or extend over many years. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100.



He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." - Mt 22:37-39

Readings of the Week ©LPI

Readings for the week of October 29, 2023

- Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/
1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
- Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab,
20-21/Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3,
4-5, 6/Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab,
5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
- Thursday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18,
20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
- Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Lk 14:1-6
- Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/
Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/
Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Next Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12





October 29, 2023 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our secularized culture, we all struggle with belief in God, at least to some degree. An atheist man named Robert Bridges once wrote to his friend, the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, asking how he could possibly learn to believe in God. Hopkins pithily responded: "Give alms." Would that help someone tempted by atheism today, like you and me?

I think so, and here's why. This week Jesus speaks of love for God and neighbor. These dual commands were nothing new when Jesus used them to sum up the Jewish law. What is new is the way he links them together in mutual dependency. In Jesus, God and man have become one. Human-love and God-love are now inseparably married forever.

The newness of the God-man means that there is now a permanently counter-intuitive way into the knowledge and love of God: love of our neighbor. To experience charity is to know God. That's what Hopkins was getting at for his friend. How we treat our fellow human beings is inseparable from faith in God. Do you want to have a stronger sense of God's loving presence and goodness? Commit to serving someone today and this week. Love him or her. Don't wait for love for God to appear in your heart before loving others. Jesus has united divine and human love. If you want to believe more in God, give alms. — Father John Muir ©LPi



EVENTS SCHEDULE

Swim Volunteers Needed

Swim With A Special Child needs volunteers to swim one-on-one with students with developmental disabilities on Tuesday mornings, 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. during the school year. **Free childcare is provided.** Volunteers are welcome for one, two, or all three class sessions. No special skills are required. Training and assistance are provided. Classes are held at the Connell Pool, 220 Broad Street, in Weymouth. For more information, please call Katie Bacon at 339-933-0721 or June Doherty at 781-335-3785.

High School Open Houses

Xaverian Brothers, 738 Court Street, Brockton—Co-ed Grade 9-12. Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 9AM-12PM. For more information visit www.xbhs.com/visit..

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time "The greatest commandment is to Love."

Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Share your love with your spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are: November 10-12, 2023 in Huntington, NY (Immaculate Conception Seminary); February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY. Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vattelle at 978-870-5646 or <https://wwwmema.org/>.

OPEN HOUSES

Two Schools, One Community

Sacred Heart & Saint Francis Xavier

The Partnership Schools of the South Shore



Tuesday, 11/14, 6:00-7:00pm
Sacred Heart School
 Pre-K 3y - Grade 4
 75 Commercial Street
 Weymouth Landing



Wed. 11/15, 3:30-5:30pm
St. Francis Xavier School
 Grades 5 - 8
 234 Pleasant Street
 South Weymouth

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

GREATEST
LAW
LOVE

LORD
HEART
SOUL

MIND
NEIGHBOR
YOURSELF

T R E W A H C I H C E
I A S M E T S E G T R
C N E I G H B O R M A
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MISSION

As a family, help an elderly person in your neighborhood. Help them clean up their home or their yard.



PUZZLE

What letter **begins** each picture name? Circle the beginning letter. Then color the pictures.



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MISSION

I will show love for my neighbor by saying only kind things about people.



GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE A

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Matthew 22:34-40 • 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sharing the Gospel

When you have a choice to make, think about what God wants. Make sure your choices are good and that they help other people. When you follow God's example, you will be ready to love other people. With God's help you can be gentle, forgiving and kind.

Prayer

God, help me to love you and other people more and more every day.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself praying to God for someone who hurt your feelings.

Mission for the Week

As a family, help an elderly person in your neighborhood. Help them clean up their home or their yard.