

Braintree Catholic Collaborative



St. Francis Church

856 Washington Street
Braintree, Massachusetts

Mass Schedule

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

Monday –Friday: 7:00AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: **12:30-1:30PM**

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
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Music Director
Deacon James Waldron, Collaborative Deacon
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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 **1:00PM**
3rd Sunday of the month at St. Francis at **1:00PM**
Please call the Collaborative Office 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, June 29, 2024

5:30PM Pauline & Robert Gardner Anniversary

Sunday, June 30, 2024

9:00AM Prung Dao Memorial

11:30AM Laurie Melchionda 4th Anniv.

Monday, July 1, 2024

7:00AM

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

7:00AM Parishioners of the Collaborative

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

7:00AM

Thursday, July 4, 2024

7:00AM

Friday, July 5, 2024

7:00AM Dick Hamel Anniversary

Saturday, July 6, 2024

5:30PM Daniel Crimmins Memorial

Sunday, July 7, 2024

9:00AM Marty Murphy 21st Anniv.

11:30AM Ann & Bill Weeden and Jack Cormier Memorial

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!



Thomas Michael Coakley & Kayleigh Ann Clancy II

Mass Intentions

St. Clare

Saturday, June 29, 2024

8:00AM

4:00PM Mary Walsh 1st Anniv.

Sunday, June 30, 2024

7:45AM Ellen Tocci 13th Anniv.

10:15AM Robert St. Jean 4th Anniv.

6:00PM Parishioners of the Collaborative

Saturday, July 6, 2024

8:00AM

4:00PM Dominic Marinilli 17th Anniv.

Sunday, July 7, 2024

7:45AM John & Chris Dryer 35th Anniv.

10:15AM Robert Murphy 1st Anniv.

6:00PM Parishioners of the Collaborative



- 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 Wednesday of the month (July and August only) at 7:00PM in St. Francis Church Hall.

Please call the collaborative office for more information.



...and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them. In penning the Declaration of Independence, Jefferson acknowledges that the underlying cause of establishing a new and free state is God. I have long been fascinated with the spirituality of the architects of our country. By spirituality I mean an expression of faith. Clearly, Jefferson and the others had a conviction of the existence of God who put things into motion, such as erecting a new country from the thirteen American Colonies.

As our nation celebrates its birth this week, I encourage all of us to render a prayer of thanksgiving for the countless blessings that have been bestowed upon us by God and to ask for an outpouring of grace that the United States might come out of the darkness of hate, bigotry and intolerance that has polarized our nation. I am ever mindful of so many in our Church today who live in countries where they are not free to celebrate the Sacraments, proclaim Scripture or acknowledge Jesus as Lord in any kind of a public way. Though there has been a tension in our own country between the culture and the role of religion, I am ever grateful that we can gather openly on Sundays to celebrate the Eucharist and encourage one another to rely on divine grace.

This weekend marks Cardinal Sean's 80th birthday. It is very rare indeed that a sitting bishop would reach such a milestone. Canon Law stipulates that a bishop must submit his resignation to the Pope at the time of turning 75. Cardinal Sean has told the story that he happened to be in Rome for meetings with Pope Francis on his 75th birthday. Given that very timely opportunity, he handed his letter of resignation directly to the Holy Father rather than going through the formal diplomatic process. The Cardinal said the Holy Father handed the letter back to him without opening it and said that he would like for the Cardinal to remain as archbishop for "a while." For the past five years many people, including the Cardinal, have wondered "will it be this year?". Everyone assumed that certainly by the age of 80 the Pope would accept the resignation. He hasn't yet, though. The Cardinal has been blessed with good health and stamina. We are richly blessed to have him as our shepherd for 21 years. Though rumors are plentiful, there is no timeline for how much longer he will lead us in this

capacity. At some point in the future there will be an announcement from the Papal Nuncio's (ambassador) Office in Washington that the Holy Father has appointed "_____" as the new archbishop of Boston effective on whatever date. I pray for the Cardinal daily knowing a good portion of what he carries. It is a privilege serving as one of his priests and having served for many years on his staff in clergy personnel.

Blessings to all for a an enjoyable Independence Day!

Fr. Bob



Prayer offered by the chaplain, Rev. Edward G. Latch on July 3, 1974 in the U.S. House of Representatives

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord (Psalms 33:12).

Eternal God, stir thou our minds and stimulate our hearts with a high sense of patriotism as we approach the Fourth of July.

May all that this day symbolizes renew our faith in freedom, our devotion to democracy, and redouble our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people, and for the people truly alive in our world.

Grant that we may highly resolve on this great day to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in an era when good will shall live in the hearts of a free people, justice shall be the light to guide their feet, and peace shall be the goal of humankind: to the glory of thy holy name and the good of our nation and of all mankind. Amen."

Source: Congressional Record



Holiday Office Hours



The Collaborative Office will be closed from Thursday, July 4th through Sunday, July 7th. We hope that you all have a wonderful and safe weekend.



From
Deacon Joe MacDonald

In the past two weeks the Gospel has given us two vastly different experiences of faith (or lack thereof). Let's begin with last week's story. Jesus is asleep on a cushion in the boat as a storm comes up and tosses the boat this way and that. Water was pouring into vessel and the Apostles, who were fishermen and used to severe weather at sea were stricken with fear. They woke up Jesus, and in their panic, cried out "Don't you care that we are all about to die?" (paraphrase).

Keep in mind that prior to all this they had witnessed a number of miraculous signs.

1. He cast out a demon. (Mk 1:23-26) By the way, He used the same word with the demon that he used with the storm "Quiet!"
2. He cured Peter's mother-in-law. (Mk 1:29-31)
3. After that he cured many more. (Mk 1:34)
4. He cured a person with leprosy. (Mk 1:40-42)
5. In the next chapter He healed a paralytic. (Mk 2:1-12)
6. In chapter three He healed the man with a withered hand. (Mk 3:1-5)
7. He cured many more. (Mk 3:10)

Contrast the disciples lack of faith with that of Jairus and of the woman with a hemorrhage. Both of them must have also been terrified. Not that they were going to perish but in Jairus' case that his daughter might. The woman with the hemorrhage was ritually unclean. She shouldn't even have been out in public. She would have been ostracized. The people would have thought that her affliction was due to some sin she had committed. Everyone she touched would also become unclean. She was taking a big chance even being out in public. She would have felt shame and humiliation because of her condition.

Jairus, was a synagogue official. They weren't supposed to acknowledge Jesus in anyway that would promote his popularity. But his twelve-year-old little girl was sick, and he would go to any length to make her well again, any parent would. And so, he sought out Jesus whose reputation as a healer had spread far and wide. Jesus did not hesitate to reward his faith.

And when Jairus was told that his daughter had died he listened to Jesus, "Don't be afraid. Have faith." And he did. And although she had died and everyone was mocking Jesus for saying she was just asleep, Jairus stuck with Jesus and received his daughter back whole and in good health. Although, she must have been hungry because Jesus told them to feed her.

Interestingly, the year this little girl was born twelve years earlier was the very year that the woman with the hemorrhage first got ill. "*There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years.*" (Mk 5:25)

She had so much faith, she was so confident in what Jesus could do that she pushed through the crowd thinking "all I have to do is touch the hem of His clothing and I'll be healed." And as soon as she did the flow of blood dried up and she physically felt the healing take place.

I don't know if she felt like she had deceived Jesus or that she had somehow stolen something from Him or if she just felt guilty that she did it in a clandestine way. Whatever the reason and she fell at His feet and told Him everything – the whole truth. In fact, it was like a sacramental Confession.

"Daughter your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction." (Mk 5:3) And isn't it our own faith in Christ's love that draws us to the confessional, a Sacrament of healing, and we hear similar words from the priest acting in the person of Jesus. "Go in peace, the Lord has forgiven your sins." We are freed from the sin that had afflicted our souls just as indeed the woman was healed of her hemorrhage.

How does our own faith measure up? Are we like Jairus, seeking out Jesus even if it means being ridiculed by our contemporaries and peers? Are we confident in what Jesus can accomplish?

Is our faith as strong as that courageous woman who fought through the crowd simply to touch the Lord's clothing despite her own fear and shame? Is our faith strong enough to confess our sins, to tell the whole truth and be forgiven, freed from shame and guilt?

Are we more like the pre-Pentecost disciples cowering in fear on that boat and in the upper room?

Faith doesn't always come at once. Even for the Apostles. After Jesus had performed His first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana, John tells us that His disciples "began to believe in Him." (Jn 2:11) A musician, for example, does become accomplished at his craft overnight. They start out learning easy pieces and with much time and practice they become good at what they do. Faith is like this. We need to practice our faith, exercise our "faith muscles" until our faith is mature. At times we will have great faith, faith that is fearless and full of certainty. At other times – not so much. A musician practices. Doctors practice medicine, dentists practice dentistry and lawyers practice law. All these things get better with time. Practice makes perfect. That's why we are practicing Catholics because we aren't perfect. Have faith! We'll get there!



St. Francis of Assisi
Ryan Diane Larkin



St. Clare
Kaylee Menjivar

St. Francis of Assisi
Declan Larkin



St. Francis of Assisi
 Celine Romano

St. Clare
 Frances Woolf
 Patricia Zuffante
 Gary C. Comoletti

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.



We are now scheduling mass Intentions through December 31, 2024. We have a very limited number of weekend opening for the summer and Fall Masses are filling up quickly.



June 30 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel we see how in faith, Jarius asked Jesus to heal his daughter and how Jesus then answered his prayer. In prayer we also come to know that we are loved by God, and in that trust we ask for healing for ourselves, our loved ones and all those who are suffering.

This week, please join with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in praying for the healing of all those who are ill and especially those who have no one to pray for them.

Pantry donations can 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 BCC on the memo line), or gift card—and place them into the collection basket or through the rectory mail slot. Thank you.**



Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time:

2 Corinthians 8:7 & 14: "As you excel in every respect, in faith, discourse, knowledge, all earnestness, and in the love we have for you, may you excel in this gracious act also. At the present time, your abundance will supply what others need, so that in turn, others abundance will supply what you need." Ask God and believe: you will receive what you need. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience today. It will enrich your relationship and teach you tools to love one another. This will transform your marriage. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

August 2-4, 2024 in Portland, CT
 September 20-22 in Huntington, NY
 October 18-20 in Sunapee, NH

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 at or <https://www.mema.org/>.



Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." - Mk 5:36bc, 38-39

Readings of the Week ©LPI

Readings for the week of June 30, 2024

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 (2a)/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/
Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/
2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a



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!**



June 30, 2024 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sin isn't given its due these days. Downplaying sin is dangerous. But there is also another spiritual misstep in which we make way too big a deal out of sin. It happens, for example, when we persistently wonder if our confessed sins are "really" forgiven, or suspiciously ponder what God "really" thinks about us, behind His merciful face. Or when someone returns to Church, and we question whether his or her conversion was genuine. Or when we commit some sin and put on a sad face for days, thinking, "Maybe my sins are too great for God to deal with." God save us from that attitude!

Well, he does just that, this week, in the raising of Jairus' daughter. The dead twelve-year-old's house is filled with a spirit of excessive moaning and groaning, tumultuous weeping and wailing. They even laugh at Jesus in a mocking tone. It's shocking how easy it is for him to raise the dead child. It is equivalent to gently waking a kid from a light nap. And then he sends her off to get some lunch. No big whoop. The overactive drama is actually part of the problem, and removing it is a key part of the miracle.

Friends, sin can and does kill, but Jesus is *always* ready and able to raise us back to life, often without much hulla-baloo. His ease of forgiving should never be a pretext for presumption, minimizing sin, or taking lightly the cost he pays for our sins on the cross. But for God's sake, we often need Jesus to put out the weepers and wailers. He's the Lord. And remember, the girl is not dead, she's just sleeping.

Father John Muir ©LPI





From the Archdiocese of Boston

June 30 ~ Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

In today's gospel two people approach Jesus for healing. One a synagogue official who sought healing for his daughter. The other a woman who sought healing from a long-time illness. Both people are like us and like people in our parish community who for a variety of reasons turn to Jesus, and to the Church in their need. Whether the person is an "official"/someone of importance or someone who is poor and disadvantaged, how will you respond? Will you respond like disciples who wanted to dismiss the person or will you respond like Jesus who stops to listen and respond? Ask for the grace to extend yourself with compassion and care to those Jesus puts in your path this week.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass (11/3)

All couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversaries or another special milestone are invited to a celebratory Mass on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston. Couples will renew their marriage commitment and receive a special blessing. Family and friends are invited to attend. To register, visit bit.ly/CelebrateAnniversary. For more information, please email Emily Elliott at marriageprep@rcab.org or call 617-746-5756.



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We are pleased to share that St. Clare has raised \$55,173 and St. Francis has raised \$63,392 toward our 2024 Catholic Appeal goal. More importantly, 165 St. Clare families (**98% of 2023 total**) and 201 St. Francis families (**91% of 2023 total**) have joined in to support our parish campaign. Thank you to all who have helped make our campaign a success. If you have yet to give, we need your help! **The parish rebates are based on the percentage of donors (2023 vs. 2024.). If we don't reach the participation goal we forfeit out rebate.**

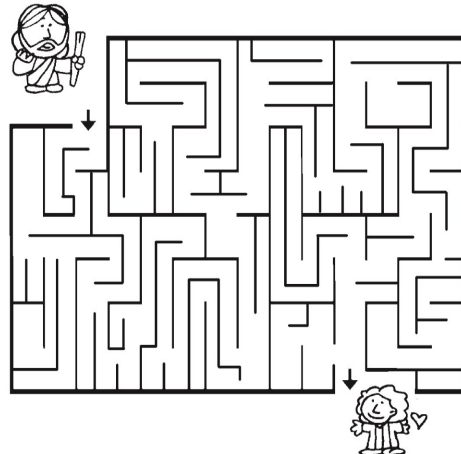
Please give today to help us reach goal by June 30th. Watch for your letter in the mail or make a gift using the QR code below or by returning an in-pew envelope available at the Church exits. On behalf of Cardinal Seán O'Malley and all who will benefit from your generosity, thank you for your support. You can scan the QR code above or use the link below to donate online.

<https://bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate1/>



PUZZLE

Help Jesus get to the sick little girl.



MISSION

Jairus knew that Jesus could help him. Write down three things that you are afraid of, and ask God to help you.



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Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel reading, Jairus asked Jesus to come to his house. The daughter of Jairus was dying, and he knew Jesus could make her well again. While they were walking to his house, she died. Did Jesus give up? No way! Jesus told Jairus not to be afraid, but to keep believing that Jesus could help her. Jesus was even stronger than death. He walked into the house, held her hand, and told her to get up. Jesus admired the faith Jairus had.

Prayer

Dear God, you are even stronger than death. Help me to have faith in you like Jairus had. Amen.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus and the daughter of Jairus holding hands.

Mission for the Week

Jairus knew that Jesus could help him. Write down three things that you are afraid of, and ask God to help you.