

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
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
Msgr. Robert W. Oliver, In Residence
Deacon Michael Cavanaugh, Senior Deacon

Contact Information

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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 **1:00PM**
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 8, 2024

5:30PM Daniel Crimmins Memorial

Sunday, June 9, 2024

9:00AM Joseph & Genevieve McCarthy Memorial

11:30AM Gaetano "Guy" Giannandrea 2nd Anniv.

Monday, June 10, 2024

7:00AM

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

7:00AM

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

7:00AM Barbara Leaver Memorial

Thursday, June 13, 2024

7:00AM Kathleen Crimmins Spec. Intent.

Friday, June 14, 2024

7:00AM

Saturday, June 15, 2024

5:30PM Ann & Tom Glynn Anniversary

Sunday, June 16, 2024

9:00AM All Fathers Living and Deceased

11:30AM All Fathers Living and Deceased

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!



Brandon Tyler Hall & Cara Leigh Sacchetti II
Robert Connelly & Marisa Woods I

Mass Intentions

St. Clare

Saturday, June 1, 2024

8:00AM Alice Beaulieu Memorial

4:00PM Cara Flaherty Brady 20th Anniv.

Sunday, June 2, 2024

7:45AM Parishioners of the Collaborative

10:15AM Antonio DiFonso & Ben DiFonso Memorial

6:00PM William & Doris Barron and Jean Delisle & Mark Hassan Memorial

Saturday, June 15, 2024

8:00AM Barbara J. Leaver Month's Mind

4:00PM Robert and Robert Colman Memorial

Sunday, June 16, 2024

7:45AM All Fathers Living and Deceased

10:15AM All Fathers Living and Deceased

6:00PM All Fathers Living and Deceased

Info and events of note

- 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.



The first reading of this Sunday's Mass from the book of Genesis puts before us a framework for the entire Bible. The passage recalls the first sin of our parents: eating the fruit of the forbidden tree. We are told the man and woman hid themselves because they are ashamed of what they did in disobeying God. God is walking through the garden looking for them and calls out, "Where are you?" It's understandable that we read/listen to the stories of the Bible within the context of humanity's search for God. However, to reflect more on the Scriptures we appreciate more that the writings of Scripture tell of God's search for us. All of us try, and try hard, to find ourselves from God. We do this most commonly by immersing ourselves in the concerns of this world, trying to blend in, if you will. We try to hide in our own achievements and successes, making ourselves looking to be something we really are not. All along God is calling out to us "where are you?" Even when practicing our faith we have a tendency to rest on achievements; that is, how successful we have been in the practice of virtue. God is looking for each of us as we are in our truest state. Often, this is not our attractive self. It is here, in the parts of ourselves that we try to hide, where we most powerfully encounter God, who wants to hold us close.

Happenings in the Collaborative....

As everyone is aware, there is a growing need to be more vigilant in all public places, including churches and all public places of worship. I have invited the archdiocesan risk management team to conduct a program for the collaborative in **matters pertaining to security**. I have invited the clergy, staff, collaborative council members, finance council, catechists and ushers to participate. This will take place at the end of June. Furthermore, I am assembling a standing committee of some members from the collaborative council and parishioners with a law enforcement background to help create and implement a security plan for the collaborative. I will keep you apprised.

We have begun a project of installing **security cameras** on the properties. So far we have placed cameras around St. Clare's property and St. Francis rectory. In the coming weeks cameras will be installed at St. Francis property and in both churches.

The **organ** speakers will be wired this coming week which means the new organ at St. Francis will be fully functional. We are planning a blessing of the organ during the 9:00 Mass on Sunday, June 23.

The **air-conditioning** has been switched on this past week. As you likely know, the HVAC system in the Churches and rectory is such is that you cannot have heat and air-conditioning at the same time. Each spring we turn off the heat and engage the air-conditioning. In the fall we reverse the process. As has been discussed in the past, the air-conditioning at St. Francis is only working at half-capacity which is enough to cool the Church. This has been the case for a couple of years now. We need to replace the condensers in order to get the system fully functioning. This is a huge undertaking and will cost around \$150K. We have signed the contract and are now waiting "in the queue" so to speak. We are told it will likely be well into the Fall before the part comes in and we are scheduled for installation. This will require a massive crane to place the new condenser behind the church and rectory.

Karen Lane, Fr Kevin and I participated in a training session on the ParishSoft program which will enable us to establish a more effective way of communicating with religious education families.



Monday, June 24 for the "Midsummer's Night Nativity".

This feast in the Church marks the birth of John the Baptist who, as you recall from Luke's Gospel, is six months older the Jesus. As Christmas is placed at the time of the year when days start getting longer, the midsummer's night nativity comes when the days start growing shorter. The ancient tradition is that Mass begin at sunset and be celebrated by candlelight. The Mass will begin at 8:00pm at St. Clare Church.

We will host a **collaborative picnic on Sunday, September 22** on the grounds of St. Clare's following the 10:15 Mass.

Fr. Bob





REMEMBER *in your prayers*

St. Francis of Assisi

Stacie Casey
Rocco Carlino
Joseph Kelly
Joan Spadorcia

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.



June 9 - Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time:

Today, Jesus looking around those seated in the circle said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Through your almsgiving you are indeed doing the will of God and your gift placed in the St. Vincent de Paul blue envelopes indeed brings Christ's love and compassion to the poor.



FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY is next weekend, June 15-16. Thank you to everyone who so faithfully supports our pantry. Some of our needs are: toilet paper; Cereal, canned fruit, Instant potatoes, rice sides, Pop-Tarts, canned chicken. However, we are grateful for anything you wish to donate. If you forgot or prefer not to shop, please read the St. Vincent DePaul paragraph to learn how you can help. 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.**

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He said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." - Mk 3:33-35

Readings *of the* Week

Readings for the week of June 9, 2024

Sunday: Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7bc)/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-35
Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-13-14/Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10/Mt 5:33-37
Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34





From the Archdiocese of Boston

June 9 ~ Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today's first reading reminds us that even when we try to hide from God because of our failings and sinfulness, God remains present and extends healing and forgiveness. Too often we allow those faults and shortcomings to create a divide, keeping us from being in right relationship with God and others. Our readings emphasize the abundance of God's love. When we take God's word to heart, the Spirit prompts us to discern what is right and good, and to follow God's will. Take a few moments today to pray again, the opening prayer of today's Mass: "O God, from whom all good things come, grant that we, who call on you in our need, may at your prompting discern what is right, and by your guidance do it."

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.



FORWARD *in* FAITH

We are pleased to share that St. Clare has raised \$48,083 and St. Francis has raised \$60,347 toward our 2024 Catholic Appeal goal. More importantly, 165 St. Clare families (**95% of 2023 total**) and 201 St. Francis families (**85% 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.



PRAY FOR
VOCATIONS



A PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

Loving God, we thank you for all who graduate from grade school, high school and college this time of the year. You have blessed them during their years in school with wisdom, friendships, and skills. You continue to challenge them to make this world a better place because of their education.

Help them to look forward to their next steps: continuing in their education or entering the work world. Particularly help those who are seeking employment to find a job suitable to their education.

Give them faith and a sense of purpose in their next steps.

Show them how to serve others in effective ways.

And may they be always be aware in everything they do that they will find fulfillment in doing your will, that you will be with them always, and that you will bring to completion the good work you have begun in them.

Amen.

From Marquette.edu



UPCOMING EVENTS

Early Bird Special

Milton & South Shore Men's Prayer Gathering

Saturday, June 15, 2024—7:00-8:30 AM

Prayer; Coffee and refreshments; Presentation and discussion

Topic—**Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes and Medjugorje**

Fr. Bill Murphy, Priest in Residence at St. Agatha's Parish

Men, come hear Fr. Murphy share about his experiences accompanying a pilgrimage in April to Fatima, Lourdes and Medjugorje. Fr. Murphy will share stories and pictures.

Come, your presence is a gift!! All men are invited to join us for this session and please bring a friend!

St. Mary of the Hills Lower Church
29 St. Mary's Road (off Brook Road), Milton
617-696-3170 for more information



June 9, 2024 - 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus asks us a stunning question this week: **“How can Satan cast out Satan?”** To enter into this question opens up the often-hidden dynamics of what Jesus has done and is constantly doing. If we’re honest, our response to some degree is: “How *else* can we cast him out? Satan is *precisely* how we cast out Satan!” But Jesus wants us to see this finally does not work. Here’s what I mean.

Satanas names the demonic mechanism by which we render wholeness through accusation. When we face a threat, we seek something to protect us (e.g., more money, social status, security, power, etc.). Rivals inevitably arise for these things and so do tensions. Accusation presents itself. “I’ll never be successful unless I get ahead of that guy.” “She’s already trying to get ahead of me.” “That group of immigrants is trying to take our jobs.” And so on. The accusation grows into a fear-inducing threat — things will break apart — no, they already are! Hurry! We inflict violence on the victim and — as if by magic — peace ensues. For a time. Soon fresh accusations are required to hold new chaos at bay, until there is no community left at all. This is essentially humankind’s sad history in a nutshell.

Jesus’ cross and resurrection unmasks this broken system of “casting out Satan by Satan” and ushers in a new one he calls “the Kingdom of God.” He reveals that the dynamic of accusation is nothing compared to his power of divine mercy and love. The cross (and not Satan) is the real power to tear down strongholds of sin and cast out Satan. This is why he describes himself as the **“stronger man who ties up the strong man to plunder his house.”** This week let’s notice the ways we **“cast out Satan by Satan,”** and then refuse to do it anymore. Because in the long run, that divided house cannot stand.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



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!**



PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

DEMONS
SATAN
FIGHTS

SINFUL
FORGIVEN
HOLY SPIRIT

MOTHER
BROTHERS
OBEYS

A	I	H	Y	C	D	O	I	H	U	N
B	R	O	T	H	E	R	S	O	H	Y
E	N	F	A	I	M	U	W	L	E	J
J	U	O	N	G	O	B	E	Y	S	A
O	T	R	E	Y	N	A	N	S	T	S
F	I	G	H	T	S	R	O	P	A	E
U	B	I	D	L	G	U	C	I	N	F
S	O	V	M	O	T	H	E	R	Y	I
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MISSION

Write a thank you note to your doctor. Then say a thank you prayer to Jesus, the best doctor ever.



Sharing the Gospel

Good doctors are smart and helpful. They use medicines to make us well. Jesus was the best doctor that ever lived, but he didn't need medicines. Jesus used the power of the Holy Spirit. He forgave sins, healed broken bones, and cured diseases. Jesus even got rid of demons. No doctor had ever done that before! If you need healing, ask Jesus.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, thank you for helping and healing people through Jesus.

Something to Draw

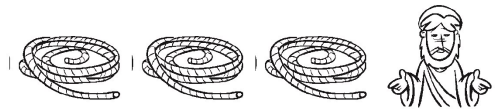
Draw a picture of Jesus standing next to your doctor.

Mission for the Week

Write a thank you note to your doctor. Then say a thank you prayer to Jesus, the best doctor ever.

PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is different. Then color in all the pictures.



MISSION

I will talk about the good things the Holy Spirit does for me.

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE B

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

