

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
Deacon Patrick Bruen, Seminarian Intern
Mrs. Karen Lane, Director of Religious Education
Ms. Patty Kinnally, Office Manager
Mr. Kevin Mercier, Business Manager
Mr. Cecil O'Brien—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, October 26, 2024

5:30PM Chester Daiute 23rd Anniv.

Sunday, October 27, 2024

9:00AM John "Mac" McGrath Anniversary

11:30AM St. John's Seminary

Monday, October 28, 2024

7:00AM Mary Morrissey Memorial

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

7:00AM

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

7:00AM Travis W. Paddock Memorial

Thursday, October 31, 2024

7:00AM

Friday, November 1, 2024

7:00AM Linda Reid Memorial

12:10PM Daniel Crimmins Memorial

Saturday, November 2, 2024

5:30PM Matthew & Julie McDonagh Memorial

Sunday, November 3, 2024

9:00AM Edward Marks Memorial

11:30AM Frances & David Hurley and
Jenny Grassa 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!



We are now scheduling Mass Intentions **through June 30, 2025**. To schedule a Mass or for further information please call the Collaborative Office at 781-843-1332.

Mass Intentions

St. Clare

Saturday, October 26, 2024

8:00AM

4:00PM Richard Sullivan 23rd Anniv.

Sunday, October 27, 2024

7:45AM Gerald and Terrence Palmer Memorial

10:15AM Claire Cavanaugh and the
Cavanaugh & Hamrock Families 7th Anniv
Memorial

6:00PM Parishioners of the Collaborative

Friday, November 1, 2024

9:00AM

5:30PM

Saturday, November 2, 2024

8:00AM Caroline and Sr. Anna Conboy Memorial

4:00PM John Hegarty 6th Anniv.

Sunday, November 3, 2024

7:45AM Parishioners of the Collaborative

10:15AM Edward Chisholm 10th Anniv.

6:00PM Loreta and Domenico Pacella,
and Mario, Remo &
Ernestina Di Censo Memorial

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.
- **AI-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.



As you well know, **Archbishop Richard Henning** will be installed as the Archbishop of Boston on Thursday of this week at 2:00 at Holy Cross Cathedral. For the past month, I have been writing in this column about the rite of installation. Last week, I left off where the Archbishop is seated in the *cathedra* (bishop's chair) which signifies that he is the archbishop. Immediately following that brief ritual, there will be a number of people who will go to the cathedra to offer words of welcome. Among them will be civic leaders and religious leaders from other faith traditions. This demonstrates that the Archdiocese of Boston exists in a larger community and has a responsibility to serve people beyond Baptized Catholics.

After that, as they say, the Mass goes on as usual. It will be the first time, though, that Archbishop Henning presides at a Mass in this new capacity. The fullest manifestation of the Church is when the people and clergy gather with their bishop to celebrate the Eucharist.

St. Francis Church is one of the five designated sites around the Archdiocese that is hosting a **"watch party"**. Everyone and anyone is welcome to the Church hall beginning at 1:30 next Thursday, October 31. Lite refreshments will be served.

I would expect Archbishop Henning will be moving in during the week ahead. Most of the work in the house is complete, but for items on the punch list. It will be a delight to welcome him into the parish. I told him that I already signed him up for envelopes! My hope is that he will celebrate a Mass for the parishioners in the coming days.

The afternoon of Halloween may seem an odd time to hold the installation. From what I understand the date was determined by a number of scheduling concerns primarily the Synod at the Vatican which involves Cardinal Sean and a number of bishops who will be part of the installation ceremony. It couldn't be held on Friday as it is the Holy Day of All Saints and couldn't be the following week because of the presidential election. So, it is on the afternoon of Halloween. Because the vast majority of priests will be at the installation (including Fr. Kevin, Msgr. Oliver and myself) there will not be a vigil Mass for All saints. The schedule is found elsewhere in the bulletin.

Tomorrow night (Monday) parishioners are invited to a **time of prayer for the new Archbishop**. We will gather at 6:45pm in St. Francis Church and pray together the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. It will last about 45 minutes.

Invitations were sent out this past week to all the families of those persons whose funerals were held at St. Francis or St. Clare Churches in the past year for them to participate in a **memorial Mass**. Those who were buried from St. Clare Parish in the past year will be remembered at the 10:15 Mass on Sunday, November 3. Those from St. Francis will be remembered at the 11:30 on Sunday, November 24. If family members are not able to attend the Mass from the Church in which the funeral took place, please contact Patty in the office and we can easily have their name added at the other memorial Mass.

The **Collaborative Pastoral Council** will be participating in a day of recollection on next Saturday, November 2. This will be a time for us to reflect on our role in assessing and meeting the needs of the parish and, most importantly, a time of listening to the Lord. Sister Georgeanne Donovan, a Marist Missionary Sister will be leading the day.

I am grateful for the enthusiastic response to the **Grand Annual Collection**. As you know from doing this each year, this is a very important endeavor. Please consider participating. If you do not have an envelope, there are some available in the foyer of the Churches. Or you can use any envelope. Simply mark it Grand Annual and place it in the collection basket. Better yet, you can give electronically using the QR code in this bulletin or going to the collaborative website and clicking on donations.

Fr. Bob



OCTOBER 27, 2024



From
Deacon Joe MacDonald

Since we are now in the month of October, a month we dedicate in a special way to the Rosary of the Blessed Mother, I thought I would repeat an article from last year concerning the miracle that occurred in Robinsonville Wisconsin. If you missed it, you'll find this a remarkable story and if you read it before you might just like to read it again.

Did you know that there is only one Church approved apparition site of the Blessed Mother in the United States? I didn't know about it either until I heard Bishop David Ricken talk about it on Catholic Radio.

She is called the "Our Lady of Good Help" and her shrine is in Champion Wisconsin. It's quite a story too. It is about a young woman, Adele Brise, who was born in Belgium and emigrated to America with her parents, to a town that was then known as Robinsonville.

It was in October of 1859; while walking to church, she saw a woman standing between two trees. She described the woman as being clothed in white with a yellow sash around her waist. Her head was surrounded by a crown of stars, and she had flowing blonde hair. She was enveloped in light.

My first thought at this point was this: Mary was a first century Jew living in the middle east. It's highly unlikely that she had blond hair. It's a good thing that I wasn't investigating the apparitions because I would have stopped there and said "Nope! Can't be Mary, she didn't have blonde hair."

Thankfully, those who were conducting the investigation were smarter than I am. Whenever there is an apparition of Mary, she usually appears in a form that is familiar to the visionary. Who knows why this is so? It could be that she just doesn't want to scare anyone away.

Adele did not talk to Mary that first day. Instead, she went home and told her parents about what she had seen to which her mother responded that maybe it was a poor soul in purgatory reaching out for prayers.

Adele saw the lady again and this time went to the parish priest. He advised Adele to ask the lady who she was and what she wanted. The next time Adele saw the lady she did as the priest had instructed. It went like this:

Adele: In the name of God, who are you and what do you wish of me?

Mary: I am the Queen of Heaven, who prays for the conversion of sinners, and I wish you to do the same.

Further, The Blessed Mother asked Adele to teach the children their catechism, how to make the sign of the cross and how to approach the sacraments. Adele was not an educated woman and wondered how she could ever accomplish this task. Mary's last words to her were "That is what I wish you to do. Go and fear nothing. I will help you."

And so, Adele went from house to house. She offered to work in these homes cleaning and cooking among other tasks and her payment was only to be that they allow her to catechize their children. And a remarkable thing happened, because the parents were always within ear shot, they too were catechized, and many people came back to Christ as a result. Her efforts resulted in a boarding school and a third order of sisters to continue the work.

A chapel was built at the site and many local people went there to pray. Many miracles and healings of the body and spirit have been documented.

We have all heard of the Great Chicago Fire of October 8, 1871. That fire took three hundred lives and because it was Chicago another fire, even more devastating, was forgotten. This was the Peshtigo fire in northwestern Wisconsin. The fire burned 1.2 million acres of land and with approximately 2500 killed is the worst wildfire in American History. This fire destroyed everything and everyone in its path. And as it approached the little chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Good Help, many people in the Robinsonville area fled to the site of the shrine to pray the rosary. They brought whole families including children, babies and even pets. With Adele they prayed. They prayed kneeling and they prayed in procession asking Our Lady of Good Help to intercede with her Son, Jesus to save them from the fire. Everything surrounding them was turned to ash but before it reached the boundary of the shrine their prayers were answered. In the middle of the worst drought in many years, the heavens opened, and the rains poured down extinguishing the fire.

Today this is the first and only Church approved Marian apparition site in the country. It is called the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help. If nothing else, it's a very cool story about our Blessed Mother's love for her children. If you would like to learn more or make a pilgrimage to the shrine you can visit their website Championshrine.org or Google Our Lady of Good Help.



**PRAY FOR
VOCATIONS**



Just a reminder that there are No RE Classes on Thursday, Oct 31. If your child normally attends class on Thursdays, they are welcome to join the Tuesday 10/29 classes (K-8) or the Sunday 11/3 classes (K-6 only)

LENDING LIBRARIES UPDATE

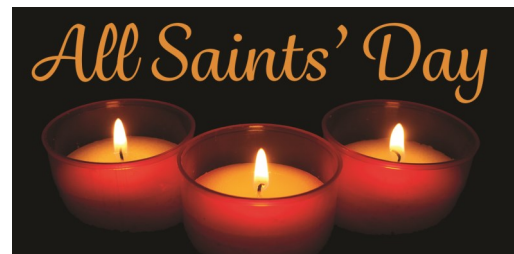


The Children's Library in St. Clare's Church Hall is up and running, with lots of books, puzzles, and games for the children to enjoy! Next steps will be to paint the Collaborative Logo on the blackboard and decorate the bulletin board!

The Teen Room is coming along nicely, with some beautiful furniture donated by the Fasano and McDonough families! There are some games and puzzles courtesy of the Walsh and Neville families, but we could really use some middle school and young adult books. If anyone has any books they are willing to donate, please email Karen Lane at klane@sfab.org or you can drop them off downstairs by the office. Many thanks!!



St. Francis of Assisi has been asked by the Archdiocese to host a "watch party" for the Installation of Archbishop Richard Henning on October 31st. All are welcome to join us in the church hall to share in this momentous occasion. The ceremony begins at 1:30PM. Light refreshments will be served.



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

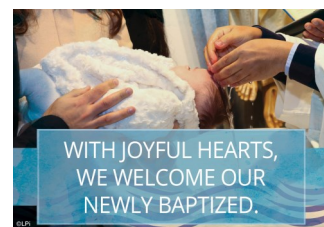
St. Francis of Assisi

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

St. Clare

Friday, November 1 9AM and 5:30PM

Please note that due to the Installation of Archbishop Richard Henning on October 31st there will be no vigil Mass for the Holy Day.



St. Francis

Elaine Marie Clare

Andrew Thomas Geddis

Michaela Violet Kauke-Navarro

Cora Marie Levangie

The Braintree Council 1462 Knights of Columbus will be conducting its annual Tootsie Roll Charity Fund Raising Drive after all masses during the weekend of October 26-27, 2024. All of the funds raised support various programs and activities for physically and intellectually challenged individuals, those identified as "God's Special Children" by the late Richard Cardinal Cushing. Please support these programs with your charitable donations. Thank you.



October 20-29th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today Jesus tells his disciples: "Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all."

When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you give hope to your neighbors who have nothing.

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 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
Dennis Burns

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.



Braintree Collaborative Bereavement Group

Are you grieving the loss of someone close to you? If you are interested in talking about it, supporting others in their grief and being supported in yours, we are planning to meet every Saturday at 10:30 at St. Francis. This hour-long meeting will help you bring your suffering to the Lord and get to know others who are going through something similar.

No sign-up, no commitment, just come and find comfort.

"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:7)



Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

Readings *of the Week*

Readings for the week of October 27, 2024

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/
Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/
Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab,
13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/
Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab,
5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Saturday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18,
20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/
Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34



October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Please join us Mondays, October 21, 28 and November 4 as we pray the Scriptural Rosary and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 6:45PM in St. Francis of Assisi Church.

SEASONAL HAPPENINGS

Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM on Thanksgiving morning in BOTH parishes.

The Annual Thanksgiving Toy Drive will be conducted at the 8:00AM Mass in BOTH PARISHES on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 28). Please bring a new/unwrapped toy or game which will be presented during the offertory. These gifts will be distributed to needy children in our community through the Marge Crispin Center.

Christmas Giving Tree

We would like to be able to have a Giving Tree in **BOTH PARISHES**. In order to do this we **NEED HELP**. We are looking for **1 more** coordinator from St. Clare Parish. The coordinator would be responsible for printing the tags for the tree, collecting and distributing the gifts to the organization prior to Christmas. If you are willing and able please contact Patty in the Collaborative Office at 781-843-1332 or pkinnally@sfab.org.

We are also looking for some additional local organizations to assist. If you know of any please let us know so that we can contact them to determine their needs.



Troop 138 Holiday Wreath Fundraiser

All proceeds go directly to fund activities for the Scouts.

Wreaths are assembled by our scouts and volunteers.

Pre-Order by November 1st for last year's prices!

Wreaths will be available for pick up or delivery by Saturday, November 30, 2024

NEW! Online ordering at <https://troop-138-braintree-ma.square.site>

Questions? Contact Jenn at 508-414-2262



From the
Archdiocese
of Boston

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreat (11/16) -

Are you – or someone you know – seeking peace after an abortion? The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a *Come to the Waters of Healing* one-day retreat (9 am – 5 pm). Fall date Saturday, November 16. Locations are confidential. For more information on the retreats or other services, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

CURSILLO - An Opportunity to Deepen Your Faith Men's and Women's Weekends. Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. It is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church, in order to deepen your own faith and strengthen your ability to be witnesses of Christ in the world.

The dates for the weekends are:

Women's Weekend: October 31 - November 3, 2024

Men's Weekend: December 5 - 8, 2024

The weekends run from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and are held at the Notre Dame Spirituality Center in Ipswich, MA. For information and registration, please check the Boston Cursillo website: www.bostoncursillo.org or email at bostoncursillo@gmail.com.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass - 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.

A Celebration of Convalidation—If you and your spouse desire holy matrimony in the Catholic Church, you are invited to convalidate your marriage through your parish or at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston during World Marriage Week on Sat. February 8, 2025 at 6PM with Bishop Mark O'Connell and Bishop Cristiano Barbosa. A celebration of convalidation is an opportunity for couples married outside of the Church to enter a marriage covenant in the Catholic tradition. The Cathedral ceremony will be available in the various languages of the couples present. Visit bit.ly/CatholicConvalidation for more information or call Emily Elliott in Family Life at 617-746-5756.

