

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

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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, 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

Monday, November 4, 2024

7:00AM Charles E. Burke, Jr. Memorial

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

7:00AM John & Annie Gallagher Memorial

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

7:00AM

Thursday, November 7, 2024

7:00AM

Friday, November 8, 2024

7:00AM

Saturday, November 9, 2024

5:30PM Lauren Dyer 3rd Anniv.

Sunday, November 10, 2024

9:00AM Mary & Donald Broughton and
Winston & Adele Marks Memorial

11:30AM Kathleen Crimmins Healing

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, 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 & Domenico Pacella, and
Mario, Remo &
Ernestina Di Censo Memorial

Saturday, November 9, 2024

8:00AM Tom Lerner, Sr. & John Lerner Memorial

4:00PM William Little Sr., Miriam Little
and Brian Little Memorial

Sunday, November 10, 2024

7:45AM Parishioners of the Collaborative

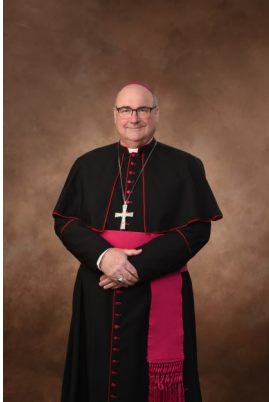
10:15AM Fermina DiFonso Memorial

6:00PM Giuseppe Gioioso Month's Mind

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.



Archbishop Richard Henning was installed as the tenth bishop of Boston at a grand liturgy at the Cathedral this past Thursday. Cardinal Sean O'Malley, at the age of 80, has completed twenty-one years in this ministry and is more than deserving of a rest. He will continue to live at Holy Cross Cathedral and will remain active in ministry to the extent his health allows. Given his

fluency with languages, especially Spanish and Portuguese, I would imagine he will be in great demand around the world to preside at liturgies celebrated in those languages.

Archbishop Henning has settled into St. Clare Rectory along with his priest-secretary, Fr. Paul Wargovich. You will likely see them around at St. Clare so please say hello! You can address the Archbishop as simply "Archbishop". Though living at St. Clare, he will work out of his office at the Pastoral Center on Brooks Drive over by Logan Express behind Blue Hill Cemetery. Of course, he is welcome to celebrate Mass here anytime, I would imagine he will do so from time to time, though he wants to visit all the parishes which he will do on the weekends.

Starting this weekend, it will be Archbishop Henning's name that will be mentioned aloud at every Mass celebrated in the Archdiocese of Boston. All the Eucharistic Prayers include a petition for the Pope and bishop of the diocese. The reason for mentioning them by name is to express the unity of the Church. We are a one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church under the leadership of the Bishop of Rome, Pope Francis. As the universal Church is comprised of many "local churches" called dioceses, the bishop's name is always mentioned as all the faithful of a diocese are under his pastoral care.

The difference between a diocese and archdiocese is that the bishop of an archdiocese, called an archbishop, has certain responsibilities over neighboring dioceses. For administrative purposes, dioceses are clustered into provinces around an archdiocese. An archdiocese is determined usually by history. All of New England used to

be in the diocese of Boston, though over the past 200 years all other dioceses broke off to become their own. Boston, therefore, has an historical prominence over the others. If suddenly one of the other dioceses in the province were left without a bishop, it falls to the archbishop of the province to ensure the Pope is notified and that arrangements are made for the pastoral care of the people until the Pope appoints a new bishop. Consider the fact that since Thursday, when Archbishop Henning was installed, the Diocese of Providence is now without a bishop. In this case, it falls to the Archbishop of Hartford to ensure that the care of the Catholics in Providence is provided.

Election 2024

I can't remember exactly when the campaign season began but election day is upon us. At the time of this writing approximately one third of voters in the country have already voted. This contentious race has left the country in a state of great tension and anxiety. Friendships have ended over this election and divisions between family members. I find it hard to believe that such division was in the minds of Jefferson, Adams and others when dreaming and envisioning this experiment in democracy. This is a time of fervent prayer, not to get your candidate into office but for the preservation of our nation. I wonder if there was ever a presidential election that was not contentious? John Adams was so disgusted after losing the election to Jefferson that he would not attend the inauguration!

I encourage all eligible to do so to cast your vote. Consider the many sacrifices that were made to make such a privilege possible. Not simply a privilege however, but also a responsibility. I think most voters are lulled into thinking that they have to vote for "the winner". And here lies the tension. You are not limited to just two choices for president. There are other candidates as well as the possibility to write in a name. You need not vote for anyone for a particular office. Many will tell me that by leaving a slot empty is paramount to giving a vote to the other candidate, whomever that may be. My point is, you have a vote. You are to use your vote in a manner that you believe is right, just and in line with your conscience.

On the eve of the election tomorrow night (Monday) there will be a collaborative wide prayer service at 6:45 to pray for our country. The service will include the Rosary and Benediction and will last about 45 minutes. Please come!

Fr. Bob

YOUR VOTE *Matters* ©LPI

NOVEMBER 3, 2024



*From
Deacon Joe MacDonald*

Typically at Mass we read only a portion of a chapter. Bible nerds call it a periscope. I like to go back and see what's going on before and after the event of the Gospel we read. Just prior to this scribe questioning Jesus there were two events where the leaders of the people were asking questions in order to trap Jesus in some way, to make him look foolish in front of the people.

First up to bat were the Pharisees. They wanted Jesus to say something that would either turn the people away from Him or say something that would attract the wrath of the Romans. It had to do with paying taxes to Rome. The Jews were mostly opposed to this. So if He said "pay the tax" He'd lose the people but if he said "don't pay the tax" the Romans might throw Him in prison or worse. Jesus is not fooled by their trickery. "Give Caesars what is Caesars' and to God what is God's. The Pharisees are foiled again!

One out and the Sadducees take their shot at Jesus. Interestingly the Sadducees and the Pharisees were opposed to each other. The Pharisees believed in the resurrection of the dead but Sadducees did not. They believed that when you died it was lights and that's it. That is why they were so sad-you-see. But they tried to trick Jesus two by giving a ridiculous situation about seven brothers. Now at that time, by law, if a married man died his brother would then marry the widow. All seven brothers died and they asked Jesus whose wife she would be. Well, heaven doesn't work like that so they were promptly dismissed.

In today's Gospel a scribe, someone who is a scholar of the law came to Jesus with a question. We might call him a lawyer. By the way most scribes were seen as opposed to Jesus. But he wants to know what Jesus would say was the most important of all the laws, and there were a lot of them, 613. Jesus begins by reciting a portion of the Shema (hear). This was the central profession of faith in Judaism. It was prayed often, even daily, but especially on the Sabbath.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 6:4)

To this greatest law Jesus adds another "love our neighbor as yourself." (Leviticus 19:18) We have to love God and our neighbor. Everything was summed up in those two laws. The scribe was impressed with the Lord's answer, which was more important he said that all "burnt offerings and sacrifices." Jesus tells him he is not far from the Kingdom of God.

So we might want to ask ourselves was this scribe out to deceive Jesus too? My guess is no. I think that this scribe was on the fence about Jesus. I think that his question was asked so that he could determine for himself if Jesus was a heretic and blasphemer or was He truly someone to be listened to and taken seriously. Why do I think this? Because just four verses later Jesus condemns the scribes. It reads:

In the course of his teaching he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext, recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation." (Mark 12:38-40)

One might think that Jesus condemned all scribes. But if we take a closer look at the text we discover that's not true. He only condemns the ones who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext, recite lengthy prayers. Those are the ones that are in it for themselves and for their own greater glory – not God's. So there are some, like the scribe in our story today who are not like that. They seek the truth and glory of God.

We should be like that scribe asking the questions that will bring us closer to Christ and to the truth and then living out that truth for the greater glory of God not our own.



Out of courtesy to Archbishop Henning and Fr. Wargovich, please avoid parking in or blocking any of the driveways by the rectory or garage. Two spaces by the garage will be reserved for Deacon Joe, providing music, and the priest saying the Mass who are shuttling between the two Churches.

Also, please be sure that all parish/collaborative mail is sent to 856 Washington Street, Braintree, MA 02184

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Reminder that there are no classes for K-8 the week of November 7 because of Election Day and the holiday weekend.



There will be a special Veteran's Day Program in the St. Clare Church Hall. on Sunday., November 10, after the 10:15 Mass. The children will present the book America's White Table, read some poems, and sing some songs in honor of those who have served our country. All are invited to join us for the program and light refreshments afterwards.



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, 2023 through August 31, 2024. A special Mass of Remembrance for all of these people will be held THIS Sunday day, November 3rd at 10:15AM at St. Clare and Sunday, November 24th in St. Francis of Assisi. Invitations were mailed to family members of all of these dearly departed. Please keep the deceased and their loved ones in your prayers.



Welcome to Braintree, Archbishop Henning and Fr. Paul.
We look forward to having you as our neighbor.



November 3-31st Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." **Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you can show your love for our Lord and your love of your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened.**

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. Clare
Gary Shutter

St. Francis of Assisi
Eugene O'Donnell
John P. Peraino

Archdiocese of Boston
Fr. Robert J. Butler

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)



The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'"

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:32, 34ab

Readings Week of the

Readings for the week of November 3, 2024

- Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/
Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
- Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcd, 2, 3/
Lk 14:12-14
- Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab,
30c, 31-32/Lk 14:15-24
- Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/
Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Lk 15:1-10
- Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab,
4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6,
8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
- Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
(1b)/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or
12:41-44



Please join us Monday, 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 EACH 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@sfb.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

Diaconate Inquirer Program—The Archdiocese of Boston is beginning its Inquirer Program for men interested in becoming deacons with over a dozen meetings across the Archdiocese. For more information, please go to BostonDiaconate.org and click on the "News" tab.

Navigating "the Change": A Workshop by Women for Women (11/13) - Join retired OB/GYN, Dr. Patricia Jay and certified NFP instructor, Amy Dyke, as they discuss how to navigate the changes of the female body throughout perimenopause and menopause. Throughout this virtual workshop, they will walk us through the biology and theology of our femininity and the beauty of new beginnings that "the Change" brings us. Register at bit.ly/NavigateTheChange

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.

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.

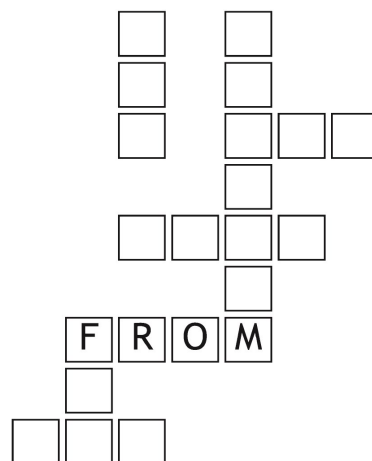
A Celebration of Convalidation—If you and your spouse desire holy matrimony in the Catholic Church, you are invited to convalidate your marriage through your parish or at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston during World Marriage Week on Sat. February 8, 2025 at 6PM with Bishop Mark O'Connell and 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.



PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You are not far from God's kingdom



MISSION

Pretend you are a scribe. Copy Mark 12:32-33 in your own handwriting. Hang it up in a place where you will read it every day.



Sharing the Gospel

The man in today's Gospel reading was a scribe. It was his job to write out copies of God's word. Many of the scribes did not care for Jesus, but this one man really understood the heart of God's law-love. To love God and to love others is more important than anything else.

Prayer

Dear God, help us to love you and love others the way you want us to.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of the scribe talking to Jesus.

Mission for the Week

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