

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, October 12, 2024

5:30PM John Hill Anniversary

Sunday, October 13, 2024

9:00AM Julia Folan Downing and Mark & Mary Folan Memorial

11:30AM Harold Hamilton & Suzanne Kent Memorial

Monday, October 14, 2024

7:00AM

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

7:00AM

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

7:00AM James Zampine Anniversary

Thursday, October 17, 2024

7:00AM Daniel Kenneally Memorial

Friday, October 18, 2024

7:00AM

Saturday, October 19, 2024

5:30PM Antonietta Certo Anniversary

Sunday, October 20, 2024

9:00AM Benjamin Venuti Memorial

11:30AM Anthony H. Cataldo, Jr. 7th Anniv.

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!



The Collaborative office will be closed on Monday, October 14th in observance of Columbus/Indigenous People's Day.

Mass Intentions

St. Clare

Saturday, October 12, 2024

8:00AM

4:00PM Mary E. Cahill 4th Anniv.

Sunday, October 13, 2024

7:45AM Parishioners of the Collaborative

10:15AM Patricia A. Barry 1st Anniv.

6:00PM Paul & Regina Santoro, Robert, Christine, Mary & Patrick Gannon, Regina Verone and Garth & Jean Finney Memorial

Saturday, October 19, 2024

8:00AM Mary Blaney Anniversary

4:00PM William, Mary, Patricia and Ann Marie Kelley Anniversary

Sunday, October 20, 2024

7:45AM Parishioners of the Collaborative

10:15AM Joseph Sheehan 1st Anniv.

6:00PM Edith Plummer Memorial

The Bread & Wine for the week of October 12th through 18th have been donated in loving memory of Arlene McDonough.

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.



For the month of October, I am using this bulletin column to look at the **rites of installation for the new archbishop**. Two weeks ago, I looked at the way in which the Holy Father goes about making such an appointment. Last week, the column was on the arrival of the archbishop to his cathedral. Today, we will look at the procession and formal presentation.

After **Archbishop Henning** is greeted at the front door of the Cathedral by Cardinal Sean, the formal procession begins. It will take approximately 30 minutes for the deacons, priests, bishops and ecclesial representatives to make their way to the altar. Toward the end of the procession will be Archbishop Henning and behind him Cardinal Christophe Pierre, the Pope's Nuncio (ambassador) to the United States, and of course, Cardinal Sean who, as the current archbishop, presides over the first part of the liturgy.

Upon reaching the altar, the bishops will reverence it with the traditional kiss (because it has been consecrated to Christ with Sacred Chrism). Cardinal Sean will incense the altar as a symbol of entering into the sacred realm, for the altar is a symbol of Christ the High Priest. The Cardinal will then take his place at the *cathedra*, which is the chair from which the bishop leads the faithful in worship. *Cathedra* comes from the Latin words meaning chair and so thus, a *cathedral* is the house of a chair. Not just any chair, mind you, but a chair which is distinguished from all others and in which only the bishop sits. It is one of the primary symbols of the unity of a diocese and the bishop's ministry of teaching, sanctifying and governing.

The Cardinal begins Mass in the usual way making the Sign of the Cross and apostolic greeting "Peace be with you" (the first words spoken to the Apostles after the Resurrection). As I understand it, Cardinal Pierre will then share greetings of Pope Francis to the faithful in the Archdiocese of Boston. He will likely lead the congregation in an expression of gratitude to Cardinal Sean for his 21 years of faithful ministry. He will then offer words of encouragement to the faithful to accept Archbishop Henning as the new chief shepherd of the archdiocese. Then comes the Cardinal's official role: he will read the papal document by which Pope Francis names Richard Henning as the new archbishop of Boston. The document is likely in Latin, but the Cardinal will read an English translation. He then

immediately takes it to the College of Consultors. Every diocese in the world must have a College of Consultors. They have certain responsibilities under Church law when it comes to the buying and selling of property. There are certain things that a bishop cannot do without consulting them. The college of consultors in Boston is comprised of the auxiliary bishops, episcopal vicars, and representatives of the presbyteral (priest) council. It falls to the members of the college to ensure that the document is authentic, and validate the appointment thus declaring the legitimate appointment of the Holy Father. Once this has taken place, Archbishop Henning will then carry the document throughout the cathedral to show the faithful at which time there will be thunderous applause indicating the acceptance of the appointment by the faithful.

The collaborative is restarting the **bereavement group** which served so many grieving parishioners over many years. Joanne Clifford and Deacon Pat Bruen will lead the group which will meet at St. Francis Parish Hall on Saturday mornings at 10:30. Anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one is most welcome to participate. There is not a formal start date or end date so no commitment. People can come when they need the support.

Also on Saturday mornings is Deacon Joe's Bible Study which meets at St. Francis Parish Hall at 9:00 and the Men's group which meets at 8:30 at St. Clare Parish Hall.

Hopefully by now you have received a letter from me asking for your participation in the **Grand Annual Collection**. This is an extremely important appeal as the costs of running a collaborative with five buildings, and staff of nine are quite high. Please consider what you are able to do.

The month of October is dedicated to the Blessed Mother under her title as Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary has a long history going back to the earliest days of the Church. It has been the means by which the mysteries of the faith were taught for centuries as very few people were able to read or write. It is a devotion that has sustained the Church through its darkest times and is credited for an outpouring of Diving Grace in a period of calamity and suffering. During the Mondays of October parishioners are invited to pray the Rosary together before the Blessed Sacrament on Monday evenings at 6:45 in St. Francis Church.

The safety committee has completed its assessment of the two properties and will be presenting their findings to the collaborative council later this week. The next step will be to begin putting a plan together for the parishes and then make formal recommendations.

Married Couples celebrating their 10th, 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries are invited to renew their marriage vows at Mass at

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the Cathedral on Sunday, November 3 at 3:00. As of the time of this writing, I don't know if Archbishop Henning will be presiding, the Cardinal or one of the other bishops.

Fr. Bob



St. Clare

Robert Osgood

Elizabeth Marecki

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.



Edward Francis Coffey & MaryAlice Elaine Walsh
Craig Ryan Kelly & Luara Horta DosSantos



St. Francis of Assisi

Carter Austin Kinney



Beginning **9AM Tuesday, October 21st** we will begin booking Mass Intentions **through June 30, 2025**. To schedule a Mass or for further information please call the Collaborative Office at 781-843-1332.



From
Deacon Joe MacDonald

For over 45 years I have had a particular affection for this scripture passage. It was on October 1, 1979 that Saint Pope John Paul II used this Gospel in his homily on Boston Common. I was there. Don't worry I'm not going to try and outdo the homily of the saint, though I will quote from it later.

So, where do we find ourselves? Jesus is setting out on a journey. It sounds innocuous enough. He could have been going to visit his mother, or to have a nice picnic with His friends. No, He was on His way to Jerusalem. It would be His last trip there. It sounds like He didn't get very far, maybe not even to the end of the street when a man ran up to Him. There's nothing unusual about this, people were always running up to Jesus. In the previous verses that we read last week people were bringing their little children to Jesus.

It seems that this poor fellow got it wrong with the first words out of his mouth. "What must I do to enter eternal life?" Some translations read "What must I do to enter the Kingdom of God." It sounds like a reasonable question. But when Jesus was speaking to His disciples about the little children a couple of verses previous to this encounter, He made it clear that the Kingdom of Heaven was made for the childlike. Children are the ones who can't do anything for themselves. Little children especially need their parents to feed them, cloth them, comfort them, change them, love them, and nurture them. The list goes on. If you're a parent or grandparent, you know how long the list is.

The young man in today's story thought that he could earn the Kingdom of God, that he could earn eternal life. The fact is that the Kingdom of Heaven is a gift from God. Eternal life is a gift from Christ bought by His own suffering and death as a ransom for each one of us.

Jesus listed the commandments, and the young man proudly admitted that he always obeyed them even from his childhood.

Jesus looked at him and did what Jesus did best – He loved him. And then like any "good" teacher He wanted his new student to grow even further. "Go. Sell all your possessions, everything you have, give the money to the poor and then come follow me." We're told that at this command his "face fell." The Greek word used here is *stygnazein*. It has a sense of being shocked or appalled. We can understand why. In the first century having riches meant that you were blessed by God and being very rich meant you were very blessed indeed. "He went away sad because he had many

possessions.”

This is the first time in the story that we find out that the young man was rich. I'm sure that those who were present at the time knew he was rich just from the clothing he was wearing. But the people listening to this story did know that. They might have been just as shocked as the rich young man when they heard it.

“How hard it is to enter the Kingdom of heaven.” Jesus said it was hard to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Of Course, everyone else heard impossible. Listen carefully people. “It's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again – not impossible.

You may have heard that there was a gate in the city of Jerusalem called “The eye of the needle” because it was so low and narrow that the camel would have to kneel and have all of its burdens removed before entering. It's a nice story but there is no historical evidence for this. When Jesus said eye of a needle that's exactly what He meant. He was using something called Rabbinic hyperbole – an exaggeration used to make a point. Then the people became completely astonished. “Then who can be saved.” Again, they were thinking it was impossible. And for us it is impossible but not for God. With God all things are possible. Regardless of who we are, rich, poor, important, lowly it is God's power, His gift, which leads us to Heaven. Our status is for naught. We are completely incapable of achieving salvation on our own. That's why we need a savior – Christ the Lord.

But it is hard to follow Christ. We may face ridicule; we could lose friends even family; it's not easy to give up our resentments and pettiness; It's not easy to give up our addictions (to alcohol, drugs, food, work, materialism etc.); It's hard to love the unlovable or forgive the unforgivable. Yes, it's all difficult but not impossible. Jesus promises us that whatever we seemingly lose or set aside to follow Him will be rewarded a hundred-fold. And that number isn't to be taken literally, it's to be seen as infinitely rewarded, beyond our comprehension.

When John Paul II preached in the pouring rain that October day his message was clear. “Don't go away sad. Follow Christ!”

CHOIR - The collaborative Choir rehearses weekly every Thursday evening from 6:30 - 8:00. Through the last week of November we will be singing the 10:15 Mass at St. Clare and meet at Saint Clare Church choir loft. New members are always welcome. We would also love to have someone who plays flute, violin or some other instrument join us. Give Deacon Joe a call at the Collaborative Office if you are interested.



Religious Education News

Religious Education Classes are off to a great start! We are in need of catechists for the 4:00 K-6 classes on Thursdays. We also need a door monitor for the 4:00 K-6 classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you are able to help out, please contact Karen Lane at klane@sfab.org. Many thanks!

We are setting up a lending library in the St. Clare Church Hall! There are lots of books and games for young children. If you have any middle school or young adult books or games you'd like to donate, please contact Karen Lane at klane@sfab.org. Thank you!

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of St. Francis. At the 11:15 class we had some very special visitors - Deacon Pat, St. Francis, and his friend Wolfie came for a Blessing of the Stuffed Animals! Then at 1:00, Father Kevin blessed many dogs, a cat, and even a fish outside the church. Pray for us St. Francis!





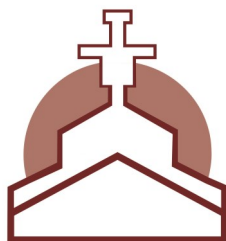
October 13-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then, come follow me." **Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?**



FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY is next weekend, October 19—20. Thank you to everyone who so faithfully supports our pantry. Some of the much needed items are laundry detergent and soap. 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.**

Pantry donations can also be dropped off at the Collaborative office during normal business hours (M-F 9-4).



Braintree Catholic
Collaborative

Boy Scout Troop 138: Clothing & Book Drive

The seasons are changing...it's time to clean out your closet, for a good cause! The Troop will have bins available to drop off your bags or boxes of gently used clothes, coats, shoes and other fashion accessories as well as books and media. This fundraiser helps support our boy scouts activities for the coming year. Final drop off time is Saturday October 19th from 8am-10am. Thank you in advance for your support of our troop!



They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

Readings *of the Week*

Readings for the week of October 13, 2024

- Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
- Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3 and 6/Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54
- Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
- Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12
- Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45



October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Please join us Mondays, October 14, 21, and 28 as we pray the Scriptural Rosary and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 6:45PM in St. Francis of Assisi Church.



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.

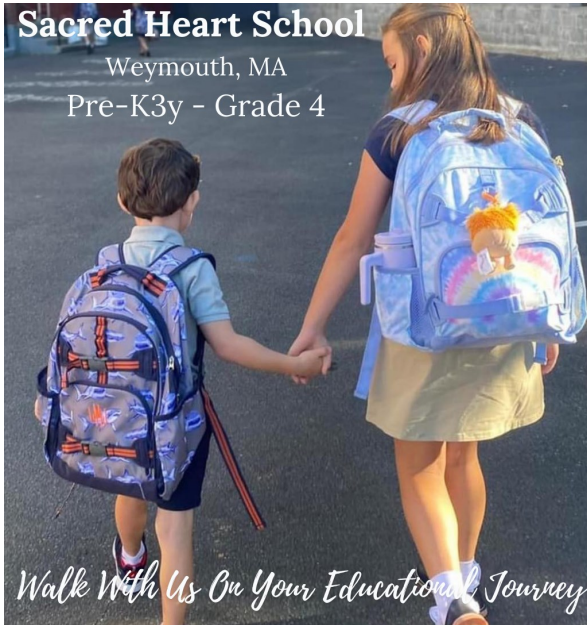
Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass - All couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversaries or another special milestone are invited to a celebratory Mass on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston. Couples will renew their marriage commitment and receive a 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.

Sacred Heart School

Weymouth, MA

Pre-K3y - Grade 4



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November 21st
6pm-7pm



Please join us for our prospective student/family Open House on November 21st, 6pm-7pm. This event is a wonderful opportunity for families interested in our school to learn more about our programs, meet our faculty, and tour our facilities. Any questions please email our Admissions Team (admissions@sacredheartschoolweymouth.org) or call the school at 781.335.6010 or sacredheartschoolweymouth.org

Cardinal Spellman Open House

Thursday, October 24th, 6PM at 738 Court Street, Brockton, MA. To register or learn more visit Spellman.com/admission

Xaverian Brother High School Open House Serving Boys Grades 7 through 12

Sunday, October 27, 9AM-12PM at 800 Clapboard Street, Westwood, MA. For information call 781-801-1633 or visit the website www.xbhs.com.

Discernment 101

Saturday morning talks, prayer, and community
to explore God's will for your life

For single Catholic women ages 16-33 • 10:30-12:00 Eastern Time

SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
28	26	23	21
Embracing a Rhythm of Prayer (for the Long Haul)	Trusting God in an Age of Anxiety	Intro to Discernment of Spirits	Why Consecrated Life?

[Register](#) Join us on Zoom at connect.pauline.org/discernment-101