

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

www.braintreecatholic.org
781-843-1332 | Fax: 781-848-0976

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 19, 2024

5:30PM Antonietta Certo Anniversary

Sunday, October 20, 2024

9:00AM Benjamin Venuti Memorial

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

Monday, October 21, 2024

7:00AM Julie Corcoran Anniversary

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

7:00AM Giles Parker Memorial

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

7:00AM Samuel & Mary Dentino Memorial

Thursday, October 24, 2024

7:00AM

Friday, October 25, 2024

7:00AM

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

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!



Beginning **9AM THIS 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.

Mass Intentions

St. Clare

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

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

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.

Correction—An error was discovered in the Annual Report which was recently published. The Corrected report can be found on the Collaborative website—www.braintreecatholic.org—About tab—Financial Reports.



Continuing with part 4 of the **Rite of Installation of the Archbishop...**

After showing the letter from Pope Francis appointing him as Archbishop of Boston to the faithful, **Archbishop Henning** returns to the sanctuary. Cardinal Pierre (the Pope's ambassador to the US called the "Nuncio") and Cardinal Sean will take Archbishop Henning by the elbows and escort him to the *cathedra*, which is the chair of the bishop. The Archbishop will simply sit in the chair and with that he has taken possession of the local Church in the Archdiocese of Boston. *Cathedra* is Latin for chair, thus our word cathedral means the house of the chair. The *cathedra* is a very prominent chair that will be found in every cathedral. Only the bishop of the diocese sits in that chair. It is easily identified by the bishop's coat of arms designating that he is the bishop of that particular diocese.

A chair has long been associated with a teacher as in days of antiquity only the elder or teacher would sit in a chair while students would stand or simply sit on the ground. How often in the Gospels we hear of Jesus sitting before pronouncing a teaching. Think of our word chairperson for the head of a committee. The *cathedra*, therefore, is a symbol unto itself of the office of the bishop as the one appointed by the successor of Saint Peter (the Pope) to teach, govern and sanctify the people of a particular portion of the Church (diocese).

Once Archbishop Henning is seated, the Nuncio will place a crozier (shepherd's staff) in his hand as a sign that he now is responsible for the pastoral care of all the faithful in the Archdiocese.

All of this takes place at Holy Cross Cathedral on Thursday, October 31 beginning at 1:30. As seating in the cathedral is limited, there will be five "**watch parties**" around the archdiocese for those who want to watch it live with friends. I am happy to say that Saint Francis Church is one of the sites for the watch party. Anyone is welcome. It will begin at 1:30 in the Church hall. Light refreshments will be served.

On the Monday evening before the installation, October 28, I am inviting all parishioners to gather to pray for the new archbishop at Saint Francis Church at 6:45pm. This is a significant time for us as Catholics in the Archdiocese.

As we welcome a new shepherd, it is important that we see the occasion as a time to ask for the Lord's Grace. On that evening, we will pray the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and have Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The service lasts about 50 minutes.

On the installation day itself, **St. Francis Church** will be **opened from 6:30am** until the beginning of the Installation Mass, for private prayer for the Blessed Sacrament. If your schedule allows, stop by the Church for a few minutes to pray for Archbishop Henning as he begins this new ministry.

Likewise, I invite you to gather on the **night before the General Election**, Monday, November 4 at 6:45 to pray for our nation at this important time.

As you may know, keeping with the new norms in the Archdiocese, the **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be moved to the 8th grade. It will take a couple of years to make that transition. It occurs that given the number who have registered for the program that not everyone is aware of the shift.

For the record, those students who are currently in 10th grade, Confirmation will be this December. Those in 9th grade will make Confirmation in May of 2025. Those currently in 8th grade will receive the Sacrament in December 2025 and those in 7th grade will receive the Sacrament in the Spring of 2026.

It's not too late to enroll! We have adjusted the program so that everyone will have the best preparation. Those who have not completed the program at the time of the Confirmation will be able to receive it at that time. Those who, for whatever reason, are not ready at the appointed time or who have not completed the program are most welcome to receive it at the time they are ready. Not everyone is ready to receive Confirmation at the time their respective grade is allotted. It's perfectly alright to wait until the candidate is ready.

Can you help with the Confirmation Program??? We are in *desperate* need of assistance: as catechists or as security monitors. Please talk with Karen Lane or myself.

I am very happy to tell you that both Saint Clare Parish and Saint Francis Parish have **achieved their assessment** for the **Annual Catholic Appeal**! By reaching this important goal, both parishes qualify for a rebate. St. Clare Parish will receive \$12,838 and St. Francis Parish will receive \$11,120. This is a significant help to our operation for the upcoming year. My thanks to all those who participated in the appeal!

Fr. Bob

OCTOBER 20, 2024



From
Deacon Joe MacDonald



Choir:

We are still seeking people to join the Collaborative Choir both men and women high voices or low voices you have a home with us. High School musicians are also welcome. We are currently singing at Saint Clare at the 10:15 Mass on Sundays and practice at St. Clare on Thursday nights from 6:30 - 8:00. Come and check it out.

Flute Player or other instruments

Nothing makes music pop at mass more than other instruments in collaboration with the organ and choir. If you play an instrument and want to help out with the music program let Deacon Joe know after Mass or call him at the Collaborative Office.

Bible Study

The collaborative Bible Study meets on Saturday mornings at 9:00 in Saint Francis Church Hall. This year we are taking a deep dive into the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. This week we will be looking at Luke chapters six and seven. Saint Jerome famously said "ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ. If you would like to know Christ better through the Gospels join us on Saturday mornings. We know it's difficult to get there every week so come as you are able. We are eager to meet you.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Class Schedule for the week of October 20, 2024

Sunday, October 20th

11:15AM—Grade K-6

4:45PM—Grade 9

There are no classes on Tuesday, October 22nd or Thursday, October 24th.

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!

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 a few coordinators from St. Clare Parish. These coordinators 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.



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.



St. Clare

Mark Maloney
Marie Walbridge

St. Francis of Assisi

Frank Willett
Judith Belanger

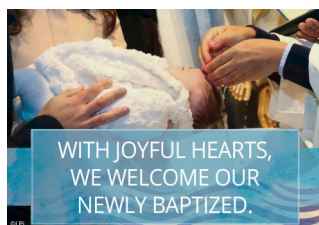
Archdiocese of Boston

Fr. William F. Salmon
Fr. John “Jack” Sullivan

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.



Craig Ryan Kelly & Luara Horta DosSantos



St. Clare

Beckham John McLaughlin
Maeven River Rose McLaughlin
Riley Rose McLeod
Orlaith Mary O'Reilly



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.



FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY is THIS 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).



This week's special collection supports Catholic World Missions. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the Pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.



*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.

“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:43-45

Readings **Week** of the

Readings for the week of October 20, 2024

- 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
- Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21
- Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Ps 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53
- Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9
- Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52



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.



PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JESUS
DISCIPLES
PEOPLE

LEADERS
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FIRST
RESCUE

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MISSION

Invite a friend over to visit, and think of ways to serve her. Hang up her jacket, offer her something to eat, and ask her what she would like to do. Share your best toys with her, and let her have the first turn.



Sharing the Gospel

Do you ever catch yourself being bossy? That is a mistake grown-ups make, too. It is no fun to work or play with bossy people. They don't honor God when they order people around. In today's Gospel, Jesus told his friends to be kind, not bossy. God wants us to help and serve other people.

Prayer

Dear God, when I want to get my own way, help me to stop. Show me ways I can help other people instead.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself being bossy. Then draw a picture of yourself being helpful.

Mission for the Week

Invite a friend over to visit, and think of ways to serve her. Hang up her jacket, offer her something to eat, and ask her what she would like to do. Share your best toys with her, and let her have the first turn.

Sacred Heart School

Weymouth, MA
Pre-K3y - Grade 4

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November 21st
6pm-7pm



Walk With Us On Your Educational Journey

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](mailto:admissions@sacredheartschoolweymouth.org) (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

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Embracing a
Rhythm of Prayer
(for the Long Haul)

OCT

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Trusting God in an
Age of Anxiety

NOV

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Intro to
Discernment
of Spirits

DEC

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Why Consecrated
Life?

Register

Join us on Zoom at
connect.pauline.org/discernment-101