

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
Mrs. Karen Whitney, Receptionist
Msgr. Robert W. Oliver, In Residence
Deacon Michael Cavanaugh, Senior Deacon

Contact Information

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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, November 23, 2024

5:30PM Joannie Hill Anniversary

Sunday, November 24, 2024

9:00AM John Minton Kelley, John Minton Kelley, III and Thomas J. Kelley Memorial

11:30AM Eileen Romeo Memorial

Monday, November 25, 2024

7:00AM Dick & Mary Hamel Memorial

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

7:00AM St. John Seminary 1st Anniv.

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

7:00AM Vincent Cioffi 8th Anniv.

Thursday, November 28, 2024

8:00AM Lt. Col. James F. Darcy Memorial

Friday, November 29, 2024

7:00AM John Logan 1st Anniv.

Saturday, November 30, 2024

5:30PM David Ringius 2nd Anniv.

Sunday, December 1, 2024

9:00AM Genevieve McCarthy 1st Anniv.

11:30AM Joseph Stanton 9th 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!



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 23, 2024

8:00AM Stephen Devine Memorial

4:00PM Darche & McCue Families Memorial

Sunday, November 24, 2024

7:45AM Maureen Watson 1st Anniv.

10:15AM Domenic DeSantis Memorial

6:00PM Parishioners of the Collaborative

Thursday, November 28, 2024

8:00AM

Saturday, November 30, 2024

8:00AM

4:00PM Anna Buttaro and Frank Buttaro 3rd Anniv.
1st Anniv.

Sunday, December 1, 2024

7:45AM Bernard John, Marie, Bernard James and Glenna Bishop Memorial

10:15AM John Keaveney 4th Anniv.

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.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



Today is the last Sunday in the Church's liturgical year and is dedicated to **Christ the Universal King**. This feast dates back only as far as 1925 when Pope Pius XI instituted it for the entire Catholic Church. At the time, the world was rapidly becoming less religious. This is to say there was a growing separation between the institution of religion and civil governance and culture. There were many countries under military regimes and those practicing any kind of faith were persecuted. The point of the feast was to reaffirm the belief that Christ has dominion over all creation. All governments and civil authorities will come and go, however the power of Christ remains forever.

The Gospel for this year's feast is from the St. John's account of the Passion when Jesus was standing before Pontius Pilate. Pilate was told that Jesus was claiming to be a king and thus guilty of treason. Pilate questions Jesus about this. In His defense Jesus disconnects kingship with earthly power and instead aligns it with bearing witness to the truth. What does it say to us that our idea of governance at a national or local level implies defeating others who think differently than we do? This seems to have become the norm at every level of government. I find this truly heartbreaking. Such a reality, though, reinforces my convictions in the reality of Christ's ongoing work of Redemption which is seen in so many places. Sometimes you have to look very hard to see it, though. As St. Paul wrote to the Romans (8th chapter) God makes all things work together for the good.

Christ's own notion of kingship is outlined in the preface of the Eucharistic Prayer today:

By offering Himself on the altar of the Cross he might accomplish the mysteries of human redemption and might present to the immensity of your (God's) majesty an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

Today at the 11:30 Mass we pray intently for all those whose funeral has been celebrated at St. Francis in the past year. Their names have been in the sanctuary all month. They are very much still part of the Church.

This is a good place to mention again that we host a **bereavement group** on Saturday mornings at 10:30 in St. Francis Church Hall. You need only to show up. Joanne Clifford and Deacon Patrick are the facilitators.

Thursday, of course, is our great **national holiday of giving thanks**. I would like to encourage you to come to Mass that day, as the Eucharist is the perfect act of thanksgiving to God for all the blessings in our lives. Mass will be offered at 8:00am at both St. Francis and St. Clare Churches. I hope you are all blessed with a happy time with family and friends this Thanksgiving!

Next Saturday a number of our confirmation students will be helping to set up the large and intricate Christmas manger scene in the lobby of the Pastoral Center. If you would like information or want to help, please be in touch with Fr. Kevin.

Fr. Bob



Out of courtesy to Archbishop Henning and Fr. Wargovich, please avoid parking in or blocking any of the driveways by the rectory or garage at St. Clare. 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.



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 was held Sunday, November 3rd at St. Clare. The Mass at St. Francis of Assisi will be held **THIS Sunday, November 24th** at 11:30. Invitations were mailed to family members of all of these dearly departed. Please keep the deceased and their loved ones in your prayers.



Sean Talbot & Melanie Ruazol

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

Religious Education News



K-6 students are focusing on GRATITUDE! After thanking Veterans for their service, we have been busy making placemats to go to local assisted living and nursing homes for their Thanksgiving meals.

Our grade 10 students are learning about Catholic Social Teaching as they prepare for their confirmation. Both grade 9 and 10 students have been getting more involved at Mass as they help out with readings, bring the gifts to the altar, and assist with the offertory collection. Please continue to keep our confirmation candidates in your prayers.

Class Schedule for the Week of November 24th

Grades K-10 Family Faith Event following the 10:15 Mass 11:15AM

Grade 10 meets Sunday at 4:45PM followed by the 6:00 Mass.

No Tuesday or Thursday classes this week.

Now that the Children's Library and Teen room are off and running, we have set up a Reading Nook/Lending Library for adults in the back of the St. Clare Church Hall. There is a small selection of books there now, but there are lots of empty bookshelves! If you have any used books you'd like to donate, please feel free to drop them off anytime .



November 24-Christ the King:

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God's kingdom of love and mercy to families, providing food, assistance with utility, rent and other bills. God Bless You!

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 Braintree Catholic 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

Alice Doherty

Margaret Devaney

Beatrice Iovino

Archdiocese of Boston

Rev. Richard Shmaruk

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.



St. Clare

Lily Margaret Lane

St. Francis of Assisi

Evangeline Maeve Adams

Olivia Marie Cherubin

Vivian Elizabeth Cornish

Blake Elizabeth Worley



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.



Our Advent Giving Tree begins next Weekend (November 30-December 1) at St. Francis of Assisi. **Gifts should be returned no later than December 15th** for distribution. When considering your gift please keep in mind the following:

- * If you take a tag from the tree, please **look at it before you leave church** to be certain that you are willing and able to purchase at least the gifts listed there. If not—simply return it to the tree and take a different card that more suits your mindset and your budget. If someone has listed a basketball, please do not substitute a board game. (Seriously—this happens!)
- * Please check to see if the organization sponsoring the card has requested that you wrap the gift(s). If the tag says **do not wrap**, you can still help everyone involved in sorting and organizing by placing your purchase in a gift bag so that our volunteers can easily check the contents.
- * Please **securely attach the tag** you take from the tree to the outside of the bag or package. The tags are coded by color and number and we need them back so that your gift reaches the correct organization and recipient.

If you choose not to shop, **[do not take a tag]** gift cards (Target, WalMart, Amazon, Gas Stations, Game Stop, Movie Passes, Fast Food Restaurants, etc.) and monetary donations are always a good option. These can be used for any last minute requests for assistance that we receive (even after Christmas Day). Thank you for your thoughtfulness.



Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

Let us pray...

God our Father,

Graciously accept from your humble people
a thankful heart and spirit.

Everything we have and are able to share with others
ultimately comes from your love of your creations.

Often we think that everything we have
is our own creation;
we ask you this day to create in us
a spirit of gratitude,
that we may always know
that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our brother,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



*From the clergy and staff of the
Braintree Catholic Collaborative*

**The Collaborative Office will close at noon on
Wednesday, November 27th and reopen on
Monday, December 2nd at 9:00AM.**



Troop 138 Holiday Wreath Fundraiser
All proceeds go directly to fund activities
for the Scouts.

Wreaths are assembled by our scouts
and volunteers.

Wreaths will be on sale after all Masses next weekend
November 30—December 1.



Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." - Jn 18:36

Readings Week of the

Readings for the week of November 24, 2024

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/
Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab,
5-6/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/
Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a
and 8a/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/
Mt 4:18-22

Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/
1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



Braintree Collaborative Bereavement Group meets 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. Please note the Group will NOT meet on Saturday, November 30th.

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



From the Archdiocese of Bos- ton

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.

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

Women's Weekend: February 27 - March 2, 2025

Men's Weekend: April 3 - 6, 2025

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.

Witness to Life Trip (1/23-1/25)

Join Boston pilgrims at the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. in January. We will depart the archdiocese at approximately 10 PM on Thurs., Jan. 23 and arrive at Life Fest at 7:30 AM on Fri., Jan. 24 and then head to the March. We will return to the archdiocese at 12:15 AM on Jan. 25. The cost is \$80 and includes bus, Life Fest ticket, driver gratuity, and boxed lunch. Visit bit.ly/WitnessToLife2025 to register.

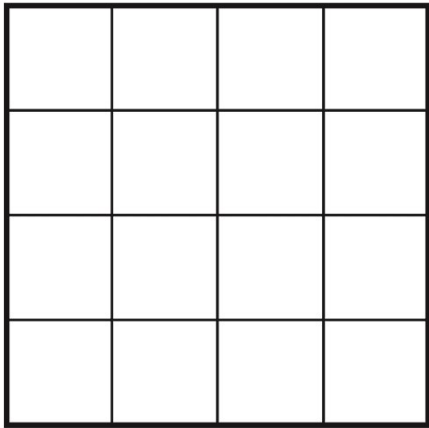
A Celebration of Convalidation—If you and your spouse desire holy matrimony in the Catholic Church, you are invited to convalidate your marriage through your parish or at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston during World Marriage Week on Sat. February 8, 2025 at 6PM with Bishop Mark O'Connell and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



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

PUZZLE

Enlarge the picture square by square.



MISSION

We "listen to Jesus" when we follow his example. This week, let others go first when you play a game.



Sharing the Gospel

Today is Christ the King Sunday. Instead of using his power selfishly to get whatever he wanted, Jesus used his power to free people from sickness, from death, and from evil. Jesus came to tell us the truth about God. Now we need to listen to the voice of Jesus and follow his example.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to be our loving king.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus wearing a crown of thorns.

Mission for the Week

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November 24, 2024—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

When I was a young boy in Burlington, Vermont, my dad had a good friend named Phil who owned a sporting goods store. I loved sports, so meandering the treasure-filled aisles was an unmitigated joy. One afternoon, we were shopping for a baseball glove. Dad said to me, "Hey Johnny, see that man who just walked into the store? *That's* Phil." I remember being fascinated and a little terrified. I recall thinking, "That man right there is in charge of *everything* in this store!" He reigned over every ball, sneaker, jersey, and sweatshirt. Phil became a family friend. And he was a good owner. The store flourished, and I found myself even more at peace every time I went there. I felt a new hope and even responsibility for the store to flourish.

To say that Christ is the King of the Universe means that Jesus has absolute authority over everything in it. It should fill us with awe and fascination. He is in charge. The world and everything in it are finally his. Knowing that he knows and loves us should make us also feel a deep peace at being a part of his universe. This leads us to want his kingdom to flourish, to play some responsible role in it.

We advance his kingdom by promoting the truth. **"Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice,"** Christ the King proclaims. In Phil's store, it was about the truth of athletics. In our world, it's all about the truth of all creation, especially the dignity of the human person, made by and for our loving God. Let's rejoice that we know the true king and commit to the flourishing of his kingdom. — *Father John Muir*

