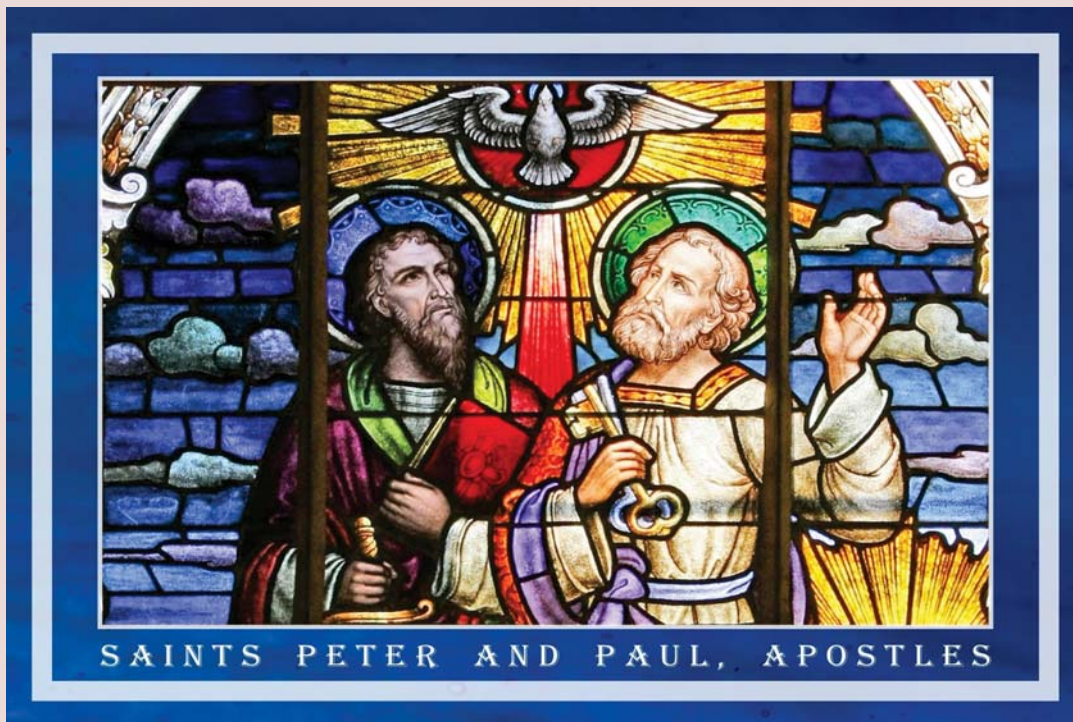


Braintree Catholic Collaborative



St. Francis of Assisi Church

856 Washington Street
Braintree, Massachusetts

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:30PM
Sunday: 9:00, 11:30AM and
6:00PM effective July 6, 2025
Monday –Friday: 7:00AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 12:30-1:30PM

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St. Clare of Assisi Church

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM
Sunday: 7:45, 10:15AM
and 6:00PM through 6/29
Saturday: 8:00AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: Following the 8AM Mass

Summer Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 9:00AM-4:00PM
Friday: 9:00-1:00

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, June 28, 2025

5:30PM Pauline Gardner and Robert Gardner 15th Anniv.
11th Anniv.

Sunday, June 29, 2025

9:00AM Mary McDonald Memorial
11:30AM John & Teresa Allen Anniversary

Monday, June 30, 2025

7:00AM Ellen Tocci 14th Anniv.

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

7:00AM Victims of India Air Crash

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

7:00AM

Thursday, July 3, 2025

7:00AM

Friday, July 4, 2025

7:00AM Catherine Tebeau Memorial

Saturday, July 5, 2025

5:30PM Samuel A. Dentino 20th Anniv.

Sunday, July 6, 2025

9:00AM Giuseppe & Clementina Gallo Memorial
11:30AM Dan Clifford 1st Anniv.
6:00PM Parishioners of the Collaborative



If you are interested in the Online Giving option for either parish to simplify your weekly contributions, please contact the collaborative office or scan the QR code below.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Mass Intentions

St. Clare

Saturday, June 28, 2025

8:00AM Frances Woolf 1st Anniv.
4:00PM Peter, Joseph & Mary Tran Memorial

Sunday, June 29, 2025

7:45AM Kha Van Ho Memorial
10:15AM John Gately Memorial
6:00PM Parishioners of the Collaborative

Saturday, July 5, 2025

8:00AM

4:00PM

Sunday, July 6, 2025

7:45AM Kha Van Ho Memorial
10:15AM Robert St. Jean 5th Anniv.

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...** Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00PM in St. Francis Church Hall.

Please call the collaborative office for more information.



Monday through Thursday: 9AM—4PM
Friday: 9AM—1PM

Closed Thursday, July 3rd and Friday, July 4th



Welcome to the new collaborative bulletin!

This switch to Pilot Printing as our publisher has been in the works for almost a year. We have known that our contract with LPI would be ending in June of 2025 and wanted to make the switch to Pilot Printing which, ironically, is based here in Braintree! It is associated with the newspaper The Pilot but is a separate company. This switch will allow us to be more creative with the presentation, offer more content and tie us in directly with Archdiocesan matters. My hope is that this new bulletin will help us with better communication and information. I am grateful to Patty Kinnally for managing the bulletin for many years, which she will continue to do.

Today is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. It falls in a line of other solemnities in recent weeks: Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity, Corpus Christi and Nativity of St. John the Baptist. This feast falls on June 29 each year, however it only falls on Sunday every so many years so most folks are not aware of it. Peter and Paul need no introduction other than to say that they are the patron saints of Rome and, since we are the Roman Catholic Church, they are two of the preeminent saints. Both ended up in Rome as part of a missionary journey and both died as martyrs in Rome: Peter by crucifixion and Paul by beheading. In fact St. Peter Basilica is built over the site on which Peter was crucified and then buried. The tall obelisk which stands in the middle of St. Peter Square was there when Peter was crucified. This is a good place to mention the collaborative pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi next April to mark the 800th anniversary of the death of one of our collaborative patrons: Francis of Assisi. See Fr. Kevin for information.

For many years this particular solemnity has been marked with the imposition of the pallium by the Pope onto newly appointed archbishops. The pallium is a Mass vestment worn by the pope and archbishops signifying their unity. The pallium is a narrow band of woven wool in the shape of a yoke that is placed over the head and onto the shoulders. As oxen are yoked together to harness their muscle strength, so the Pope and archbishops are yoked together with a pallium to harness their spiritual and pastoral strength. Why only archbishops and not all bishops? Archbishops oversee provinces which are comprised of dioceses which together represent a geographical portion of the universal Church. We are in the Province of Boston which is comprised of the Archdiocese of

Boston, and the Dioceses of Worcester, Springfield, Fall River, Manchester, Portland and Burlington. The archbishop of the province has a responsibility to ensure the dioceses in the province remain united with the successor of St. Peter, the Pope. This has certain administrative, spiritual, pastoral, and canonical parts to it.

The significance of the Pallium ceremony this year is that Pope Leo will impose that Pallium upon Archbishop Henning who became archbishop of Boston last October. This ritual links the faithful of the Province of Boston directly with the Successor of St. Peter, Pope Leo. All archbishops appointed in the past year will receive the Pallium today. (There are many new archbishops in the US this year: along with Boston - Washington, Detroit, Houston, Kansas City, Cincinnati). Heartfelt congratulation to Archbishop Richard Henning!



Pope Leo having received the Pallium worn around his neck.

Fr. Bob

**REST IN
PEACE**

St. Francis of Assisi

Marissa Solletti

Ann Fiore

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. Francis of Assisi

Matthew David Leach O'Donnell



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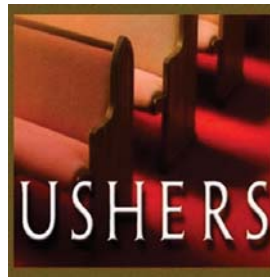
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We're excited to invite you and your family and friends on the trip of a lifetime next year. Not only will you see the new Pope and receive his blessing, but you also will walk in the footsteps of countless saints and martyrs, especially Saint Francis of Assisi and Clare of Assisi, our parish patrons. As the trip takes place during the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis, a special focus on Franciscan saints will be placed, especially Saint Francis, Saint Clare and Saint Padre Pio.

The itinerary features two nights in Assisi, two nights in San Giovanni Rotondo, one night in Pompeii, and four nights in Rome. Daily Mass – the cornerstone of each day – will be complemented by a rich Catholic touring program designed to bring the pilgrims face to face with the great saints, martyrs, Eucharistic Miracles and cultural heritage of Roman Catholicism. Some highlights include St. Peter's Basilica, the Papal Basilicas, the Catacombs, the Vatican Museums, the Sanctuary of St. Michael, the Amalfi Coast, and many incredible saints, churches, basilicas and holy sites throughout Italy.

Roundtrip airfare and beautiful four-star hotels will be arranged. A ProRome tour manager will accompany the group throughout the course of the trip, and private bus transportation, Catholic tour guides, all tours and tickets, daily breakfast and either daily lunch or dinner are included in the price.

The cost is \$3640 land-only. Airfare from BOS will be available in late May 2025. Register now as the trip is filling quickly! For more information or to register please visit <https://prorometours.com/braintree/> or call ProRome Tours directly at (434) 953 1112.



We are looking for a couple of people to join our Team of Ushers at the 5:30 Mass at St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday evenings.

The responsibilities include arriving around 4:45 pm to help welcome the attendees, set out the bulletins and Pilots, and help with the collection and locking up, as needed. If you can help us out it would be much appreciated.

Please call Patty at the office if interested. Thank you!



June 29: Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
In today's Gospel, Peter recognizes Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. On this rock of faith, says Christ, He will build his Church.

In the month of June, you recognized Jesus in his poor. Your gifts of faith enabled the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help families, providing food, and financial assistance to pay utility and rent bills.

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.**

“CHURCH MERCH”

We are pleased to make available for purchase Braintree Catholic Collaborative Gear! For the time being we have three items: crew neck sweatshirt for \$45, fleece jacket for \$50 and hoodie for \$50, but we hope in the future to have more items available! You can order these items by filling out and dropping off the order form (located at the entrances of the churches or at the link below) at the Collaborative Office or Call Fr. Kevin at the Collaborative Office at 781-843-1332. <https://braintreecatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/BCC-MERCH-Order-Form.html>

READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2025 YEAR C

SUNDAY Jun 29	Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
MONDAY Jun 30	The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 8:18-22
TUESDAY Jul 1	Saint Junipero Serra, Priest Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27
WEDNESDAY Jul 2	Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34
THURSDAY Jul 3	Saint Thomas, Apostle Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29
FRIDAY Jul 4	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/ Mt 9:9-13
SATURDAY Jul 5	Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; Saint Elizabeth of Portugal Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mt 9:14-17
14TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Jul 6	Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20/Gal 6:14-18/ Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Pilot Bulletins



From Deacon Joe MacDonald

God is described in many ways throughout Sacred Scripture. He is a shepherd; a warrior; a rock; God is light; Father; and God is love. There are of course more but this makes my point. I'd like to offer one more description for God not found in Scripture, but I think is also an accurate portrayal.

God is a performance artist. He is a performance artist who works with and in every imaginable medium. We can see this plainly if we allow ourselves to recognize it.

Sit quietly on your back deck or in your yard and listen to the breeze or the wind, the rustling of the leaves and the chirping of birds. This is God's continuing musical composition. There is the sound of crickets and the percussive sound of thunder and the gentle rhythm of the ocean waves lapping against the shore. It's a composition that never ends is always different and eternal. God is a musician.

I'm certain that many of you have driven along the Kancamagus Highway in New Hampshire. There we find perfectly sculpted mountains and caverns and canyons. It's not just found there but all over the world wonderful landscapes, mountains and deserts and forests. God is a sculptor that continues to create these great natural monuments over thousands and millions of years. Yes, God is the supreme unmatched sculptor.

God fills the world with colors of every shade. The green forest evergreens and the trees of fall display wonderful colors that draw our attention and give us pleasure. There are meadows with wildflowers each with a multitude of colors or shades unique and beautiful. God is a painter whose canvas always changes and whose creativity knows no bounds.

Drifting clouds form giant figures within the backdrop of the blue sky and changing as wind moves them along. We see birds flying by and butterflies moving about and bees going from one flower to the next. There is a myriad of movements throughout the earth. I think of the choreographed movement of schools of fish in the sea and the movement of the tides. God is the Lord of movement. God is a movie producer and a choreographer.

All of these things are visible with the naked eye and heard with our own ears. But God isn't done amazing us. We now have the means to look at smaller and smaller things. We can see things that our ancestors couldn't even imagine.

God has made a microscopic universe with creatures and a beauty all its own.

Now, in ways never before possible we can also see what is beyond our reach in the sky. There is a universe out there that makes us seem microscopic in comparison. Science has shown us pictures of all kinds of galaxies, colorful nebulae, and the full drama of cosmic interactions with its beauty and complexity.

Why would God do this? He does it to grab our attention to say "I'm here" believe in me.

Let me quote from the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

The world: starting from movement, becoming, contingency, and the world's order and beauty, one can come to a knowledge of God as the origin and end of the universe.

As St. Paul says of the Gentiles: For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made.

And St. Augustine issues this challenge: Questions the beauty of the earth, question the beauty of the sea, question the beauty of the air distending and diffusing itself, question the beauty of the sky...question all these realities. All respond, "See we are beautiful." Their beauty is a profession. These beauties are subject to change. Who made them if not the Beautiful One who is not subject to change? (CCC 34)

God desires us to come to Him. Not just believing he exists but He wants us to love Him as He loves us. He wants an intimate relationship with us and so he calls us in every way possible. He calls us through the prophets. He calls us through His Church and through Sacred Scripture and through the words and actions of the faithful. But what of those who never heard the prophets or read scripture or heard the name of Jesus or His Church. God has given them and us (because we don't often listen) the beauty of creation so that might come to know Him. God is love and God constantly calls us in every way to be one with Him.

Let's listen and look at God's love poured out in creation, calling us. And let us respond "Here I am Lord.



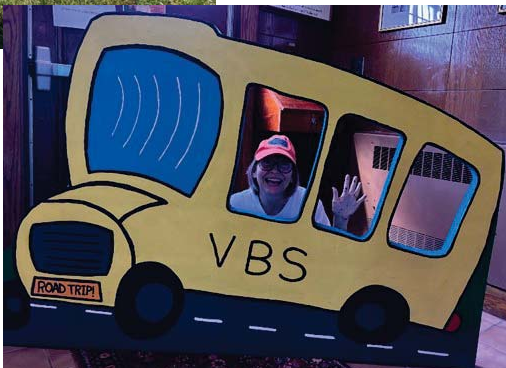
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Recently we talked about different forms of prayer, like prayers of petition, thanksgiving, and praise. This week let's talk about WHO we can pray for using prayers of intercession! By using your hand, you can remember all the different people in your life that need your prayers! It helps to start with those close to you, then from there you can pray for people in your community like teachers, leaders, and even people you don't know (the sick and homeless for example) Always finish with your own needs. Even when making prayers of intercession, it is a good idea to end with THANK YOU JESUS!



GET ON THE BUS TO VBS!!! Take a picture by one of the signs outside the churches or "in" the bus in St. Clare Church lobby and share your pic with us on Instagram @BRAINTREECATHOLIC or email to Mrs. Lane at klane@sfab.org for the bulletin/website.



Registration is open for VBS, so click on the QR code here or on any of the flyers around the churches to register! The program is July 14-18 from 9:00-1:00 for kids entering kindergarten through grade 6, and students entering grade 7-12 are welcome to volunteer to help!

We're going on a Road Trip to discover God's presence everywhere! In addition to learning from some great Bible stories, VBS will include crafts, indoor & outdoor games and activities, and some special guests! We hope you will join us for an unforgettable week! Please email klane@sfab.org with any questions!



Below is a schedule of summer activities for students in grade 7-12 - we look forward to a summer filled with faith and fun!

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SUMMER WEDNESDAYS  **2025**

STARTING JULY 6 THE SUNDAY 6 PM MASS IS MOVING TO ST. FRANCIS

GATHERINGS FOR YOUTH AFTER MASS WILL ANNOUNCED THE WEEK PRIOR

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Bible Study St. Clare 6:30pm	JULY 2 AUGUST 6	E NAGE
E VANGELIZE	JUNE 28 JULY 14-18 AUGUST 13	Braintree Day Parade St. Francis 10:30am-end of Parade Vacation Bible School for Grades K-6 St. Clare 8:45AM 1:15PM How I share the Gospel Teen Witness Talk St. Francis 6:30pm
Friday--Parish WooSox Trip SixFlags New England- Details soon! Mini Golf-Details Soon!	JUNE 20* JULY 23 AUGUST 20	E NJOY

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