

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: Following the 8AM Mass

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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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, June 7, 2025

5:30PM Gaetano "Guy" Giannandrea 3rd Anniv.

Sunday, June 8, 2025

9:00AM Joseph & Genevieve McCarthy Memorial

11:30AM Patricia Hanson 5th Anniv.

Monday, June 9, 2025

7:00AM

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

7:00AM

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

7:00AM Kathleen Crimmins Healing

Thursday, June 12, 2025

7:00AM

Friday, June 13, 2025

7:00AM

Saturday, June 14, 2025

5:30PM

Sunday, June 15, 2025

9:00AM All Fathers

11:30AM All Fathers



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.



Mass Intentions

St. Clare

Saturday, June 7, 2025

8:00AM Giuseppe Gioioso Memorial

4:00PM Cara Flaherty Brady 21st Anniv.

Sunday, June 8, 2025

7:45AM Parishioners of the Collaborative

10:15AM Antonio and Ben DiFonso Anniversary

6:00PM William & Doris Barron, Anniversary

Jean Delisle and

Robert and Mark Hassan

Saturday, June 14, 2025

8:00AM Mary Larner Memorial

4:00PM Edward Mojowski and 10th Anniv.

Marie Mojowski 22nd Anniv.

Sunday, June 15, 2025

7:45AM All Fathers

10:15AM All Fathers

6:00PM All Fathers

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.





It's been fifty days since we gathered for Easter. Today's solemnity of **Pentecost** means "fifty". The term was applied to the Jewish feast which occurs fifty days after Passover. The Jewish feast of Pentecost commemorates the reception of the Torah (first five books of the Bible) by the Jewish people and thus the establishment of the covenant with God. Ancient customs of this feast include staying up all night to read the Torah in its entirety and the eating of dairy products, especially cheesecake. Such a practice is intended to remind the Jewish people of the kind of food on which babies are fed (not the cheesecake, but rather the milk!) to recall their innocence and total dependence on God.

It was precisely this feast that the Blessed Mother and the Apostles were celebrating when the Holy Spirit came upon them. As is accounted in the Acts of the Apostles, once they received the Holy Spirit they immediately went out into the streets of Jerusalem and began speaking boldly of Jesus Christ, namely His Passion and Resurrection. This was a marked difference from their withdrawal out of fear. The Holy Spirit undoes some things and begins others.

Our Feast of Pentecost marks the descent and reception of the Holy Spirit marking the beginning of the Church. It is by the prompting of the Holy Spirit the name of Jesus has been carried around the world for 2000 years. What started in one neighborhood in Jerusalem has traveled to every part of the earth.

One of the indications that the Holy Spirit is among us is the fierce consternation that has existed among the disciples since the day of Pentecost. In the twelfth chapter of Luke's Gospel Jesus says that "I have not come for peace but for division!" We are easily lulled into thinking that the presence of the Holy Spirit should bring about a kind of tranquility. However, the opposite is true. The presence of the Holy Spirit forces each of us to confront truth. That comes with an interior conflict as we wrestle with the implications of truth in our own lives. Usually this means having to let go of parts of ourselves. Change is always hard. This then impacts our relationships with one another and thus follows all kinds of tension personally, in families, neighborhoods, communities, nation and world! It's as if the Holy Spirit is forcing us to acknowledge Christ and the implications of faith in His Cross and Resurrection.

Renovation at St. Clare

I am grateful to those who participated in the parish meetings last week to discuss the sanctuary renovation at St. Clare Church. Prompting all this is that the raised step on which the altar sits is giving way. There are "soft spots" which are creating a real safety hazard. It needs to be replaced. With that, we started thinking about if we have to tear up the flooring anyway, what else needs to be done? Why not move the tabernacle to the middle of the sanctuary under the crucifix and move the piano. Why not put hard wood flooring in the sanctuary rather than carpeting? That led us to think about painting the ceiling and walls in the sanctuary. If that's going to be done what about painting the whole of the interior of the Church? And from here other ideas began to flow. For a bit of background, there was intended to be a renovation back in 2001. We found the architectural drawings from that project. It was put on hold in 2002 at the time of the sexual abuse scandal. We didn't know this until we started looking to get drawings of our plans for the sanctuary.

The renovation will include keeping the sanctuary all on one level, moving the altar forward about five feet; replacing the ceiling lights above the sanctuary. The pink drape behind the crucifix will be replaced with a stone face, as will the front of the altar. The top of the altar will be given a stone *mensa* (table top). The pews in the crying room will be removed and replaced by chairs allowing the room to be used for meetings or small gatherings in addition to serving as a crying room.

The cost for the project is estimated to be about \$150,000. The price is so low because our facilities director Cecil O'Brien will do much of the work himself. He owned his own contracting company for years and, as he says, he has been building houses since he was a kid.

I am asking parishioners to consider making a contribution toward the project. We have already received many donations and are well on our way to raising the money. If you are able to help, may I ask that you consider writing a check or going to the collaborative web page to give electronically? The scope of this project doesn't seem to warrant a pledge drive as you did when getting a new roof a few years ago. Nevertheless, there may be some households that want to make a pledge over a period of time. I am grateful for however parishioners are able to help.

Checks can be made out to St. Clare Parish. Please write "renovation" on the memo line. This can be dropped in the collection basket at Mass, mailed or dropped off at the collaborative offices. And, as I mentioned, you can also give electronically by going to the parish website.

JUNE 8, 2025

The rendering and drawings will be available in the foyer of the Church for your review. I will provide more information in the coming weeks, of course.

Fr. Bob



PROROME

A Spring 2026 Pilgrimage to Italy

Join Father Kevin Leaver on the Trip of a Lifetime

April 17 - 27, 2026

\$3640 land-only

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.

There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, June 18th at 6:30PM in St. Clare church hall.



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Jn 20:21-23

Readings of the Week

Readings for the week of June 8, 2025

Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/
Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/
Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 5:20-26

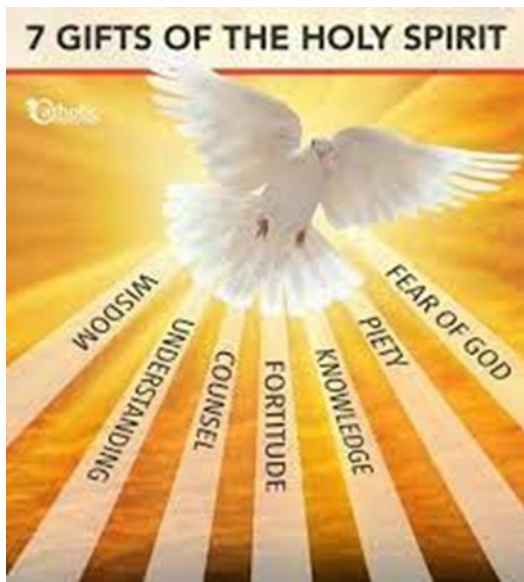
Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18/Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)/
Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15



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. The Bereavement Group will break for the Summer after the meeting on June 21st. If you or someone you know are/ is struggling with grief please call the office to arrange an in-person meeting.



Our confirmation class received the sacrament of confirmation last weekend! Please keep them in your prayers as they enter the next step in their spiritual journeys. We hope they enjoy the grace and the gifts of the Holy Spirit they received, and look forward to them continuing to stay active in our collaborative!

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

BRAINTREE CATHOLIC YOUTH

SUMMER WEDNESDAYS

2025

STARTING JULY 6 THE SUNDAY 6 PM MASS IS MOVING TO ST. FRANCIS
GATHERINGS FOR YOUTH AFTER MASS WILL ANNOUNCE THE WEEK PRIOR

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NCOUNTER

JUNE 25
JULY 30

Pizza & Prayer
(Eucharistic Adoration)
St. Clare 6:30pm

Bible Study
St. Clare 6:30pm

JULY 2
AUGUST 6

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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

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GRADES 7-12 WELCOME!

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Congratulations to the following students who were confirmed in our Collaborative last weekend.

St. Francis of Assisi

Sonya "Catherine" Buccini
 Emma "Catherine of Siena" Burke
 Maeve "Francis of Assisi" Byrne
 Reagan "Elizabeth" Costello
 Lily "Elizabeth" Curtis
 James "Acca" Dawley
 John "Francis Xavier" Dee
 Shane "Martin" Gibbons
 Abigail "Francis of Assisi" Herbst
 Nicholas "Anthony" Jeske
 Thomas "Paul" Joyce
 Elizabeth "Cecilia" Juba
 Colleen "Bernadette" Keil
 Chloe "Clare" Kippenhan
 John E. "Sebastian" McDonald III
 John "Seastian" O'Leary
 Killian "George" O'Shea
 Corrine "Catherine of Siena" Ormsby
 Tyler "Francis of Assisi" Rogers
 Wyatt "Andrew" Rogers
 Juan "Ignatius of Loyola" Santillan
 Catherine "Anne" Shea
 Nora "Elizabeth" Shea
 Gavin "Michael the Archangel" Zelano

St. Clare

Stella "Joan" Choukas
 Luke "Michael" DiBona
 Molly "Mother Teresa" Dinsmoor
 Marisa "Rose of Lima" DiVito
 Lisa "Cecilia" Donahue
 Ella "Brigid" Fahy
 Haley "Mary" Fasoli
 Gwen "Dorothy" Fratolillo
 Jake "Peter" Guerriero
 Megan "Francis of Assisi" Gurley
 Sophia "Eva" Hanlon
 Colin "Sebastian" McCarthy
 Liza "Christina" McGowan
 Rileigh "Eligius" McLoughlin
 Nina "Veronica" Minchello
 Siena "Bernadette" Quintiliani
 Michaela "Elizabeth Ann Seton" Ranieri
 Claire "Grace" Rose
 Kellan "Sebastian" Sheridan
 Olivia "Anne" Whelan
 Ella "Catherine of Alexandria" Wood



June 8: Pentecost Sunday

Today as we celebrate Pentecost the Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others, especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.



FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY is next weekend, June 14-15. Thank you to everyone who so faithfully supports our pantry. 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.**

"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.htm>



From the Archdiocese of Boston

June 8 ~ Pentecost Sunday

Today's scripture reminds us that just as the Holy Spirit was given at that first Pentecost, the Holy Spirit continues to pour gifts upon us at Baptism and at Confirmation, gifts that are to be put at the service of others. This feast reminds us that Jesus is sending us, just as he sent Peter and the disciples to share the good news! These are the gifts we've been given – Wisdom - the ability to exercise good judgment; Understanding - the ability to perceive, comprehend, and interpret information; Counsel - the ability to give good advice, and also to receive it; Knowledge - the ability to study, learn, and master a wide field of information; Fortitude - an unwavering commitment to God that shows itself as moral strength and courage; Piety - is personal holiness, the ability to live a decent life; Fear of the Lord - is awe, reverence, and respect for God. With these gifts we have been sent!

World Apostolate of Fatima Annual Meeting in Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (6/28)

The World Apostolate of Fatima of the Archdiocese of Boston will host its annual meeting in honor of The Immaculate Heart of Mary on June 28th from 9 AM - 3 PM at the Pastoral Center, Braintree. Fr. Elias Mary Mills, F.I. will present a talk on "The Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary - the messages of Our Lady at Fatima and Akita." For more information, please contact [Lorrain Allen](#) or visit the [website](#).

Into the Deep - Corpus Christi Procession by Sea (6/21-6/22)

Join Archbishop Richard Henning on June 21-22 as he brings Jesus in the Eucharist to the shores of the Archdiocese of Boston from Gloucester to South Boston over Corpus Christi weekend. For more information on the schedule of stops and masses for this historic procession, visit <https://bit.ly/IntoTheDeep2025>.

Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope Why go to confession this Jubilee Year?

A Jubilee Year is a time for restoring and renewing damaged relationships. Sin is an act in which we turn away from God. It hurts our relationship with him. When the Lord sees our sorrow for our sins, a desire to avoid sinning, and our humility in confessing our sins, he runs to us with his mercy to restore our relationship with him. Not only that, we receive the grace to resist the same sins we fall into! This year parishes and pilgrimage sites are offering extra hours for confession to give us the opportunity to receive all the graces God wants to give us.