

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

St. Clare of Assisi Church

1244 Liberty Street
Braintree, Massachusetts

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM

Sunday: 7:45, 10:15AM

Saturday: 8:00AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: Following the 8AM Mass

Collaborative Staff

Rev. Robert M. Blaney, Pastor
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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, 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

Monday, July 7, 2025

7:00AM Dick Hamel Anniversary

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

7:00AM Peter Volpe Memorial

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

7:00AM Fr. Michael Berry Memorial

Thursday, July 10, 2025

7:00AM

Friday, July 11, 2025

7:00AM Mark Fitzsimmons Memorial

Saturday, July 12, 2025

5:30PM Mary Sullivan Anniversary

Sunday, July 13, 2025

9:00AM Francesco & Antonio Candelieri Memorial

11:30AM Edward Marks 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, July 5, 2025

8:00AM

4:00PM

Sunday, July 6, 2025

7:45AM Kha Van Ho Memorial

10:15AM Robert St. Jean 5th Anniv.

Saturday, July 12, 2025

8:00AM Domenic Marinilli Memorial

4:00PM Arlene McDonough 13th Anniv.

Sunday, July 13, 2025

7:45AM Ellsworth Rice Memorial

10:15AM Anne Ridge 1st Anniv.

The Bread & Wine and Sanctuary light for the week of July 5 through 11 were donated in loving memory of Robert St. Jean.

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



Where did we leave off in the Gospel...?

For the past three Sundays, the Gospel assigned for the Mass has been superseded by Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi then the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. Today we return to the regular cycle of readings for year “C”, which covers the Gospel of Luke in sequence. We left off, way back on March 2, just before Ash Wednesday which took in much of chapter 6. Today’s Gospel picks up in chapter 10 with the commission of the 72 disciples. So what happened between chapters 6 and 10? By way of synopsis: Jesus had finished the “*Sermon on the Plain*” (Sermon of the Mount in Matthew’s Gospel). This is followed by a series of healings, then a series of short parables. Chapter nine has Jesus summoning the twelve Apostles, commissioning them for mission, Peter’s confession of faith in Jesus, the prediction of the passion then the Transfiguration. The important thing to know about the missed chapters is that there is a shift in the story in that from here on out, everything takes place on the way to Jerusalem where Jesus will undergo the Passion. Today’s passage recalls that, as part of his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus sends out 72 disciples as his advance team to go to the towns and villages and prepare them for His passing-through.

During the summer, I will be writing about the **Nicene Creed** which we say together at Sunday Mass. This is the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea which led to the promulgation of the Creed. In recent bulletins, I covered the history which brought about the need for the council.

Today I want to focus on the first two words: **I believe**. You may recall that up until the new translation of the Roman Missal in 2009 we said “We believe in one God...”. So, why the change from “We” to “I”? The short and simple answer is that in Latin, which is the official language in which the texts are written, we say *Credo*, which translates as “I believe.” I don’t know why in the 1970 missal we started saying “we believe”. I think, however, that the change back is significant. We, of course, is the first person plural of the verb to be. When we recite the Creed in this first-person plural, we imply that we are a group of individuals which assents to the same revealed truth, namely, everything in the Creed. However, by switching to the first-person singular the tone of the Creed changes. No longer are there many individuals saying the same thing, but

namely one body speaking: the Church. We join our hearts and voices together and speak as one entity I believe. The Creed takes on a far more powerful voice when spoken this way.

The use of the I believe makes us question what belief is, especially as it is distinct from faith. Belief and faith are not the same thing, though in our day-to-day conversation we interchange them.

To appreciate the difference, we start with God. God freely reveals Himself to us. We didn’t discover God on our own. Our response to God’s self-revelation is called *faith*. Faith is how I respond to what God has told me about God.

Belief on the other hand is that assent of my mind to what has been revealed. I accept as true what God has said about God and is entrusted to the Body of Christ, the Church. I accept that God is One, and took on humanity in the person of Jesus Christ, who was born of the Virgin Mary and was crucified and raised from the dead, etcetera. I don’t necessarily understand it but I have made a choice to accept it as true. Because I accept it as true I shape my life according to what I believe to be true.

In the Creed when we say “I believe in one God...” I am saying that the Body of Christ, the Church, assents to what God has told us about God. We profess, therefore, and structure our practices, policies and teachings around what is true. The process of believing is an act of faith.

Thanks to all who have contributed to the **renovation of the St. Clare sanctuary**. If you would like to share in the costs, please leave your offering in a marked envelope in any collection basket, mail to the office or give electronically on the parish website or by using the QR code in this bulletin.

This week we hope to gather all the volunteers together for a test run of the community meal program. Starting in September, we want to offer a hot meal to anyone in need. The response to update the kitchen at St. Francis Hall, and get supplies and such has been very inspiring. Hopefully when this program is up and running in the fall it will benefit many hungry people here in Braintree.

Vacation Bible School begins next week. Talk with Karen Lane about the details!

Though it was on Friday, God’s blessings to you and our country as we celebrate the beginning of this great nation! **Fr. Bob**





*From Deacon
Joe MacDonald*

Sometimes, as I'm reading the scriptures, a phrase or section will pop out at me. Something will catch my eye or make my heart flutter, and I can't get it out of my mind. I keep thinking about it. I'm drawn back to it even when I don't want to be. This is when I know that God wants me to look at something in particular. Today it just happens to be a reading from Hosea.

A little scriptural background might be helpful. The prophet Hosea had married a woman named Gomer. She was unfaithful. She was an adulterer. Scripture calls her a harlot. But even though she was unfaithful, Hosea could not give her up. And this life experience of Hosea gave him the sensitivity and the insight to speak for God to Israel, who like Gomer was often unfaithful and often adulterous in that she sought other God's.

The ancients often thought that whenever something bad happened it was God who caused it. If there was an earthquake – God, did it. If there was a flood – God made it happen. If a volcano erupted – it was by God's hand. And usually, they thought, it was a punishment for something they did or didn't do. It didn't dawn on them that it was just nature taking its course. They didn't realize that when humanity broke its relationship with God by original sin all of creation was also broken.

Even today some people blame God or give God the credit for the terrible things that happen in the world. There are people who think that 911 was a punishment on the United States for its infidelity and its godlessness. God didn't fly those planes into buildings and fields that day. It was the lack of God in the hearts and minds of sick and misled men that did that.

But sometimes when bad things happen, a greater good can result when God is in the hearts and minds of people. Hosea had a miserable marriage. It must have been a very unhappy time for him, yet he was able to see God in it all and because of his reflection on that marriage he was able to see God in a different light and so speak for God to His people with a clearer understanding and a new message.

As Hosea sees it, God gave birth to Israel when he called them out of Egypt. The prophet tells us that God taught them how to walk. God stooped to feed them. He led them with love, and he fostered them "as one who raises an infant to his cheeks." What an incredible image of our God.

And although Israel was rebellious, even though they succumbed to the temptation to worship other god's, what was the Lord's

reaction?

"My heart is overwhelmed with pity."

It wasn't anger. "I won't destroy them." "I won't let the flames consume you."

"For I am God not man."

We human beings are quick to judge and to pronounce sentence but not our God. Our God is patient with us just as he was with Israel. "My ways are NOT your ways." Sometimes we like to play God but what we really have to do is recognize who God really is and act like him; recognize Christ's love for us exhibited on the cross, let Him into our lives and imitate him.

And if, like Gomer and Israel, we find ourselves unfaithful; If we find ourselves separated from the God who loves us; When we've lost our way, let us remember HIS kindness and HIS faithfulness and turn to HIM. Let the words of Hosea found in the song with his name ring within our hearts so that we may again find ourselves as a child raised to the cheek of our loving Father.

Come back to me, with all your heart.

Don't let fear keep us apart.

Long have I waited for your coming home to me

And living deeply our new life.



*From the
Archdiocese of Boston*

Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

I forgot how to go to confession. How do I do that? The first thing you need to confess your sins is to be truly sorry for them and to want to sin no more. Take time to think about your sins, you can find guides online to help you think about them. Consider what is the root cause of your sin.

Next, set a day and time for going to confession. Either make an appointment, or to be more anonymous, go when the parish or pilgrimage site has confession times. When you are in the confessional, tell the priest the last time you made a confession. If you cannot remember, tell him that. Tell him your sins and express your sorrow for it. The priest may ask questions or offer advice. Then he will give you a penance – remember it. Last, he will pray the absolution over you and tell you to go in peace. Finish by fulfilling your penance. It is often a prayer(s) but sometimes more. Make sure you take time for this.

There is no reason to be afraid of confession; Jesus awaits you.



We have been talking a lot about prayer. One of my favorite forms of prayer is PRAISE! Whenever I am enjoying nature, looking at a piece of art, or having fun with special people, I remember that the beautiful world we live in and the wonderful people in our lives are all gifts from God, so I give God praise and thanks for those blessings!

Speaking of having fun with special people, last week the RE Catechists got together for a night of delicious food, (courtesy of Chef Father Kevin!) fellowship, and FUN - we had the First Annual Catechist Olympics, where the teams competed in some fun (and silly!) games. Team Green brought home the Gold, but everyone had a fabulous time!

Puzzle Palooza!



Toilet Paper Derby!



Car Collection Craze!



Cup Stack Frenzy!



2025 Catechist Olympics



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!



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

July 23—Six Flags New England (*details to follow*)
July 30—Pizza and Prayer—St. Clare 6:30PM
August 6—Bible Study—St. Clare—6:30PM
August 13—How I Share the Gospel Teen Witness Talk
St. Francis 6:30PM
August 20—Mini Golf—(*details to follow*).



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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.



July 6: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today we see how Jesus sent his Apostles out two by two. In this spirit, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul members “go out two by two” to visit those who are poor and needy in their homes. It is there, in the family setting, that Vincentians listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance.

Know that the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring your gift directly to the poor and suffering in our parish.

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>

REST IN PEACE

St. Francis of Assisi
Pietro “Peter” Volpe

St. Clare
Joan Diauto

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.

READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2025 YEAR C	
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
MONDAY Jul 7	Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26
TUESDAY Jul 8	Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b+15/Mt 9:32-38
WEDNESDAY Jul 9	<i>Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs</i> Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7
THURSDAY Jul 10	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15
FRIDAY Jul 11	<i>Saint Benedict, Abbot</i> Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/ Mt 10:16-23
SATURDAY Jul 12	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/ Mt 10:24-33
15TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Jul 13	Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37/Lk 10:25-37

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