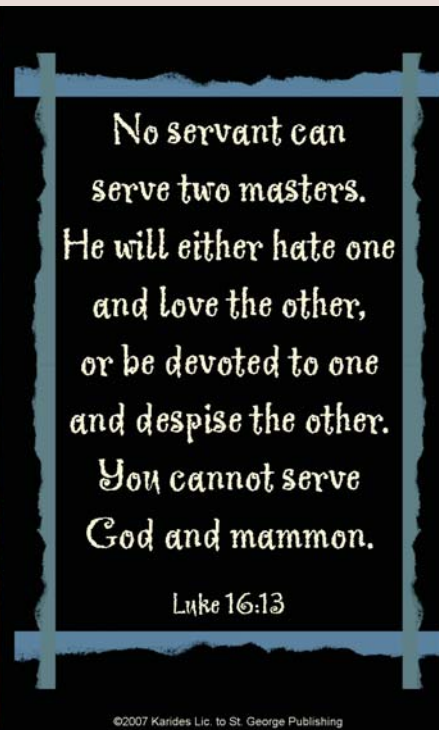


Braintree Catholic Collaborative



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

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
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
Rev. Wellington Oliveira, In Residence
Deacon Michael Cavanaugh, Senior Deacon

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856 Washington Street
Braintree, MA 02184

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

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, September 20, 2025

5:30PM Thomas & Helen Reynolds Memorial

Sunday, September 21, 2025

9:00AM Stephen Connolly Memorial

11:30AM Frank & Mary Gaviani, Gino & Irene Croatti and Jean Schohan Croatti Memorial

6:00PM Parishioners of the Collaborative

Monday, September 22, 2025

7:00AM Antonio & Eleanor Corbo Memorial

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

7:00AM John & Joseph Odenweller Memorial

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

7:00AM Paul Agnew 2nd Anniv.

Thursday, September 25, 2025

7:00AM David Duane Memorial

Friday, September 26, 2025

7:00AM

Saturday, September 27, 2025

5:30PM Patrick Doherty 16th Anniv

Sunday, September 21, 2025

9:00AM Anna, Mario and James Berardinelli Memorial

11:30AM Joseph P. Mont 6th Anniv.

6:00PM Mary Morrissey 1st Anniv.



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

2S. Clare

Saturday, September 20, 2025

8:00AM Frederick Mitchell Memorial

4:00PM Claire Cavanaugh and Deceased 8th Anniv
Members of the Hamrock Family Memorial

Sunday, September 21, 2025

7:45AM

10:15AM Giuseppe Gioioso 1st Anniv.

Saturday, September 27, 2025

8:00AM Eland Poore Memorial

4:00PM Francesco Boncaldo Memorial

Sunday, September 2/8 2025

7:45AM Parishioners of the Collaborative

10:15AM Henry Picewick 24th 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.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Beginning next weekend, the doors of the Churches will be locked once Mass begins. Those arriving after Mass begins are asked to enter the Church through a designated door at which there will be an usher. The designated door at St. Francis Church will be the side door facing school parking lot. This allows for access to the elevator. At St. Clare the designated door will be the ramp door in front of the Church.

As I mentioned at all the Masses last weekend, this protocol has been recommended by the security committee and, subsequently, unanimously supported by the Collaborative Pastoral Council. Ironically the Archdiocese came out with recommendations this week for all of our parishes to consider locking all but one door once Mass begins. This practice adds a layer of security for our parishioners when participating at Mass. It's a very sad commentary on our society that we need to think in such terms. Nevertheless horrific events of the past few weeks demonstrate the need to be vigilant when participating in scheduled events. We used to think that religious services were exempt from such acts of hatred. Clearly, this is not the case.

Realistically, how can locking doors prevent someone from entering and causing disruption or harm? It does not. However, locking doors can a) slow down a perpetrator, b) act as a deterrent, c) provide an usher who acts as eyes and ears for any trouble that may be coming in.

In addition to the locking of doors, we are installing security cameras in and around both Churches. The cameras can be monitored by tablet devices in the sacristy and foyers as well as on the smart phones of those who have the proper application.

Religious Education Classes Begin

Welcome to all the children in our religious education program! Classes begin today following the 10:15 Mass under the able leadership of Mrs. Karen Lane, our collaborative director of religious education. A good parish religious education program comes at a great cost to a parish. The "tuition" or fee charged to the families of those participating covers only a mere portion of the program. It is important to keep in mind that **after Sunday Mass, the most important thing we do as a faith community is to educate our children and form them to be disciples of**

Christ! Actually, more correctly stated, the most important thing we do is to help parents educate and form their children. On the day of their child's Baptism, they made a solemn promise to God that they would hand on Christian faith to their child. They look to their parish for support in this sacred duty. However, all that a parish can do is provide the support. If a child is not being taught how to worship God at Sunday Mass and pray at home, there is not much that we are able to do except teach some of the stories of the Bible and reinforce the lessons they teach.

By way of reminder, our **new Confirmation Program begins next Sunday, September 28.** You may recall, that the Sacrament of Confirmation has been moved to the end of eighth grade (with the rest of the Archdiocese). It is a two year program, and thus begins in seventh grade. Eighth graders who have not yet participated in the first year of the program are encouraged to be in touch with Fr. Kevin as soon as possible. Likewise any high school students who have not been part of the program should call Fr. Kevin.

What a terrific day we had last Sunday for the **Collaborative Picnic!** The weather was spectacular! I am grateful to our parishioners who put in many hours of work to prepare for the event: **Lisa and Philip Berardinelli, Clare Burns, Kim Kelley, Jen Walsh, Karen Whitney, Marybeth McDonough, Laura Hamilton, John Collier, and Boy Scout Troop 138.**

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir Members

Wednesday, October 1,

St. Francis Church

7:00pm-8:30

I would like to meet with all those who serve in various liturgical ministries. One of my duties as pastor is to bring together on occasion liturgical ministers for ongoing formation. The Church considers these ministries as so important to the life of a parish, that those who undertake them should be provided opportunities for learning and reflection. In past meetings we have focused on what we do. This meeting I would like to focus on how we do it. Sr. Georgeanne Marie Donovan, from the Marist Missionary Sisters will be here to lead the presentation and discussion.

Sr. Georgeanne and I have worked together in various projects over the past 28 years. Her insights into the liturgical life of the Church are most inspiring. In addition to this meeting, she will be making a presentation to the young adult group next Monday evening, September 29 at St. Francis Church. Also, I am happy to tell you that through her generosity, our collaborative is able to offer a Day of Recollection for Women on Saturday, October 4. See info elsewhere in this bulletin.

Beginning September 29 St. Francis Church will be open on Monday evenings for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** from 6:00-7:30. During the month of October, the Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet will be recited beginning at 6:45 and conclude with Benediction at 7:30. *Fr. Bob*



From Deacon Joe MacDonald

Are the Fenway faithful better at doing liturgy than we are?

"Wait!" you say, "There's no liturgy at a baseball game."

It looks like a liturgy to me. Let's look at the definition of liturgy. It comes from two Greek words that literally mean a public work. What is the work of baseball? To entertain the public, to distract us for just a little while from our humdrum lives, to live vicariously through the athletes and share in their victory.

Baseball (and other sports) have their "clergy" too. The athletes are the priests and umpires the bishops. There are servers, like the batboys or batgirls, coaches of various kinds. And finally, there is a congregation, 37,000 strong. Even this "congregation" partakes in the work. There's a reason why there is a home field advantage.

There is chanting at our baseball liturgy. "Let's go, Red Sox. Let's go, Red Sox." "We want a hit. We want a hit." And nary a voice is silent.

Baseball is full of rituals. There are preparatory rites. The players go onto the field and stretch, take swings with the bat, and play catch in preparation for the main event. There is a ceremonial first pitch and a kind of procession as the players run onto the field. There is an opening hymn that everyone sings with gusto. (The Star Spangled Banner) and finally the home plate umpire calls out "Play ball!"

There's also liturgical posturing at the game and everyone knows when to do each one. For example, everyone knows to stand for the National Anthem. Everyone knows to take their hats off and place their hands over their hearts as it's sung. There is standing at the crack of the bat and sitting between hits. In the seventh inning everyone stretches. More hymns are sung: "Take me out to the ball game" "God Bless America" and everyone's favorite "Sweet Caroline."

I must admit, it is electrifying to take in a game at Fenway Park. But we can leave there disappointed when they lose. Sometimes it's devastating because it's not just a loss for the athletes – we take it personally – it's a loss for us. Sometimes the home team is defeated.

When we enter the Church to attend the Sacred Liturgies what do we mean? In this context the Church defines Liturgy

this way: "The people of God participating in the work of God."

Unlike what happens at Fenway or Yankee Stadium we need to know that our team (the Church), led by Jesus Christ, NEVER loses. We may take a few hits, we may stumble and fall and strike out, but the victory is still assured.

We should be more excited, more hopeful, more joy filled, more expectant of miracles, more thankful when we enter the church than when we walk up the ramp at Fenway and see that beautiful green field.

What happens at Mass? God himself speaks to us in Scripture, we miraculously participate in the Last Supper when Jesus gave us the gift of His Body and Blood. We stand with Mary at the crucifixion where her son Jesus took our place on the cross and suffered and died for our sins so that we could live free of the sin that condemned us. It is the place where we mystically join in the liturgy of heaven with the angels and the saints.

This is what happens at Mass. Sure the priest may not always give a great homily and the organist may not always play the right note or the right song. But it's God's work that is being done. God will accomplish it regardless of our flaws.

I have a unique vantage point in the choir loft. I see everything. I notice a lot. As a deacon and a liturgical musician, I have a particular perspective. Liturgy is something I love. It breaks my heart when I notice that some people don't know how to bless themselves or genuflect. There are those among us that don't know the proper way to receive Communion. I've noticed people texting during the readings. We frequently say our common prayers like the Gloria, the Creed and the Lord's prayer robotically as if we don't know what's coming out of our mouths. Blah, blah blah.

Please do not get me wrong I am not condemning anyone. If you're at Mass, you are responding to God's love and doing His will and I applaud you. As Peter once said, "It is good for us to be here." But if we don't know how to genuflect or make the sign of the cross or know when to bow or strike our breast. It's not our fault. If we sit there at mass wondering "what for" it's the Church's failure to instruct the faithful properly. Let's see if together we can better instruct each other not just in what we believe but in how we express that belief in Liturgy.

I hope I live to see the day when we sing hymns of praise with all the gusto of Sweet Caroline. Christ won a real victory for us and we, by grace, share in that victory, not just for a fleeting moment but for eternity. Shouldn't we, God's faithful people, do liturgy even better and more joyfully than the Fenway Faithful.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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The 2nd Annual Braintree Collaborative Picnic was a huge success! There were lots of activities for the kids, including exploring a firetruck - even Father Kevin got to sit in the driver's seat!



Kids decorated triangles to complete a Pilgrim of Hope Banner that will go in the RE Hall.



Kids designed sailboats for a Pilgrim of Hope Regatta! It was fun watching the kids figure out ways to make their boats float and sail to the other side of the "lake".



There were lots of outdoor toys and games for kids of all ages to enjoy the beautiful weather!





We have wonderful news to share! The Community Meal Ministry has served its first meal! We have four teams and the first team, captained by Mary Phalen cooked and served a delicious oven roasted chicken dinner. Although attendance was light all the extra food was packaged and was served to the food pantry clientele the very next day thereby fulfilling our mission. Congratulations and thank you to the many volunteers who made this possible.

Included in this thank you are those, in addition to the 60 +/- volunteers who are members of our Teams, numerous volunteers who have donated their time, talent and treasure in other ways: providing ServSafe training; providing the Protecting God's Children training; working on the CORI forms; accounting consultation; facilities improvements and the list goes on! We also thank our many donors who have enabled us to get this program off the ground by providing much needed funds and/or specialty items. And, of course, we thank Fr. Bob for his guidance in establishing this new ministry.

Come cook with us! Do you have experience in food service preparation and cooking and looking for a way to make a meaningful impact in your community. Then the Community Meal Ministry is looking to meet you. If you are ServSafe certified that's great. If not, we can assist you in preparing for and taking the ServSafe exams in its Kitchen Manager and Allergen programs, as well undergo choke saver training (Heimlich maneuver). Please the Collaborative Office to leave your contact information and someone will get back to you.

READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2025 YEAR C

25TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Sept 21	Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
MONDAY Sept 22	Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
TUESDAY Sept 23	<i>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i> Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21
WEDNESDAY Sept 24	Ezr 9:5-9/Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
THURSDAY Sept 25	Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a+9b/Lk 9:7-9
FRIDAY Sept 26	<i>Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs</i> Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22
SATURDAY Sept 27	<i>Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest</i> Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45
26TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Sept 28	Am 6:1a, 4-7/Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Pilot Bulletins

Each year all parishes in the Archdiocese are required to submit a Sacramental Statistics report to the Pastoral Center. The reporting period is based on Fiscal Year. We thought you may be interested in seeing our Collaborative Report for for this past year (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025).

St. Clare

Baptisms	35
Confirmations	73
First Communions	42
Marriages	1
Funerals	50

St. Francis of Assisi

Baptisms	50
Confirmations	73
First Communions	42
Marriages	4
Funerals	96

TOTALS

Baptisms	85
Confirmations	133
First Communions	69
Marriages	5
Funerals	146



Bereavement

Braintree Catholic Collaborative Support Group

Are you grieving the loss of someone close to you? If you are interested in talking about your grief and need support in your grief healing, we are again beginning our bereavement classes. They will be every Saturday at 10:30AM at St. Francis of Assisi church hall. The hour-long meeting will help you bring your suffering to the Lord and also allow you to know others who are going through something similar.

Meetings will begin Saturday, October 4 and will meet weekly from 10:30—11:30AM.

No sign-up or commitment, just a place to come and find comfort.

"What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we loved deeply becomes part of us."

Helen Keller



We invite the women of the collaborative to a day of retreat titled *Be Still and Know That I Am God* on Saturday, October 4 from 8AM to 2PM at St. Clare church. If you have children living at home, we know how your body and your mind are in constant motion. If you are of a certain age, your body may not be as active, but it can be a challenge to slow down your mind. And who wouldn't like a chance to have breakfast and lunch all planned for you? The day will begin with the 8AM Mass followed by a light breakfast. There will be 2 morning presentations with a break in between, lunch, and an afternoon session. There will be time for quiet, time for sharing (if you choose), time to reconnect with our loving God. If you need some alone time or if you are looking to enjoy the companionship of other women, this is for you! Come alone, bring a friend—there is no cost to attend. Please call or email the parish office for more information or to register. We need at least an approximate count so we can order food for everyone.

**REST IN
PEACE**

St. Francis of Assisi
Rosemarie Leo
Jeanne Ledwell

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.



September 21: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel we see that prudent decisiveness means that we recognize that all our choices in daily living are really choices for eternal life. Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love. **As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering.**



FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY is THIS weekend, September 20-21. 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.**

Weekly email from the Collaborative

We recently heard that some of you are not receiving the weekly email and bulletin which is sent out every Friday. If you are not, but would like to, please call the office at 781-843-1332 or email pkinnally@sfa.org so that we can be sure that we have the most accurate information for 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>



*From the
Archdiocese of
Boston*

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats

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. Fall dates are Saturday, September 27 and Saturday, October 18. Locations are confidential. For more information on the retreats or other services, contact *Project Rachel* at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

Hope for Life Conference (10/4)

The Hope for Life Conference will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4th at the Track at New Balance in Brighton from 8 AM-4 PM. All are invited to this special event featuring *The Chosen's* Jonathan Roumie, Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart, Mass by Archbishop Henning, music by the Vigil Project, and much more. The event is a collaboration of the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office, the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth, and the Men of Divine Mercy Prayer Group. Please join us in honoring the sanctity and beauty of life. For more information and tickets, visit hopeforlifeboston.com.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass (10/26)

All couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversaries or another special milestone are invited to a celebratory Mass on Sunday, Oct. 26th 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 <https://bit.ly/WeddingAnniversaryMass2025>. For more information, please email Emily Elliott at marriageprep@rcab.org or call 617-746-5756.

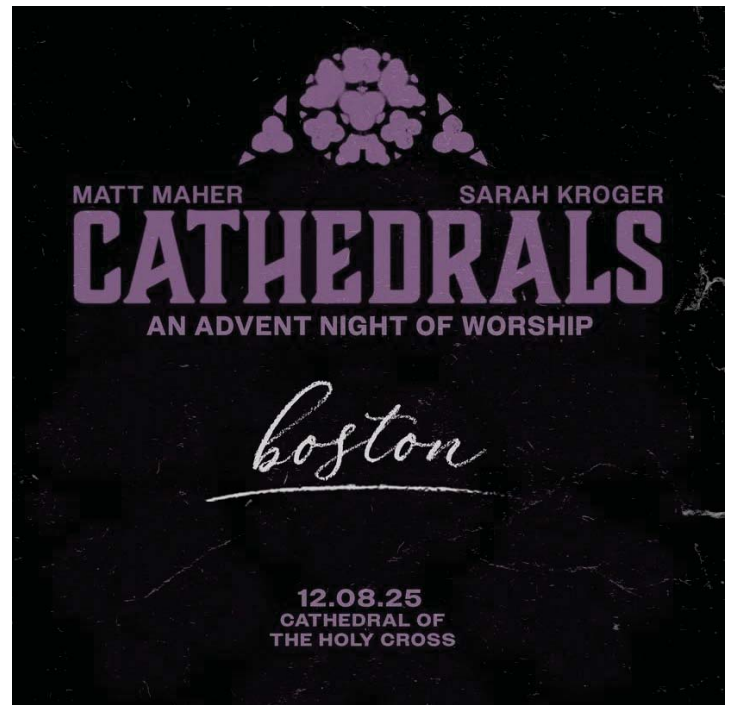
CURSILLO - An Opportunity to Deepen Your Faith

The Cursillo is a "short course in Christianity" that begins on a Thursday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. Each Cursillo weekend is an encounter with Christ in the Catholic tradition in a small community of the Church, in order that Christ's love and grace can be brought to every aspect of our daily Catholic life.

The Archdiocese of Boston Cursillo Weekends are held at: The Notre Dame Spirituality Center 30 Jeffrey's Neck Rd, Ipswich MA 01938.

For more information go to: www.bostoncursillo.org or call: Chris Graf 617-332-5548.

The date for the upcoming Mens Cursillo Weekend: October 2-5, 2025.



Sponsored by International Justice Mission

Come join us for a special night of worship at Cathedral of The Holy Cross! This event is a time to gather together as a community and celebrate the season of Advent through music, prayer, and reflection. Let's come together to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. All are welcome to attend this evening of praise and worship.

The CATHEDRALS tour is proudly sponsored by International Justice Mission. There are more people enslaved now than at any other time in history – 50 million children, women and men are subjected to various forms of trafficking, slavery and violence. Our friends at International Justice Mission are creating lasting change with the help of people like you and us. For tickets go to:

<https://www.itickets.com/events/484244>

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Braintree Catholic
Collaborative

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to present to you the Annual report for Saint Francis Parish and Saint Clare Parish in the Braintree Catholic Collaborative. The report depicts two parishes that are active and able to respond to the spiritual and pastoral needs who make their spiritual home here. A closer look reveals that we are living within our means, but just barely. That is to say, what we take in through the offertory each month is just about the amount it costs us to operate the parishes. I am most grateful to all of our parishioners who sacrifice to share in the financial costs of operating a parish. We are blessed with many generous benefactors! As you well know, the costs of almost everything has gone up, especially energy. Those of you who own homes know the burden of having to heat and cool your house. Given two Churches and the rectory, the costs are quite high.

This past year we were able to replace the air conditioning unit at St. Francis and have begun a renovation of the sanctuary at St. Clare. The air conditioning was paid for from OUR savings. The renovation project is through the generosity of some parishioners. In other words we did not use money from our operating budget for these important improvements.

The collaborative operates on a very tight budget. Aside from energy costs, much of our operating budget is to compensate our small staff. We would not be able to trim the budget further without directly cutting programs and services the collaborative is able to offer.

The response to last year's Grand Annual Collection was encouraging at 54% over 2023 for St. Francis of Assisi and 29% over 2023 for St. Clare. The downside is that we depend on the Grand Annual for general operating costs rather than for capital improvements, which was its original purpose. In the coming weeks, I will be writing to each family asking for its consideration of the 2025 Grand Annual Collection.

I would like to get to the point where the monthly offertory covers the expenses of the parishes. This is not a request to give more, necessarily, but to think about how you give. Would you be willing to give electronically? Simply go to the parish website and click on the button "STC Giving" or "SFA Giving" in the top right corner of the homepage. If we can increase the number of households that use this method of supporting the parish there would be a significant increase in the offertory.

If you have any questions about the report or our finances please do not hesitate to call me. Better yet, feel free to call Kevin Mercier our collaborative business manager. He loves to talk numbers!

All the numbers in the report represent many sacrifices and hard work. I am grateful to all who support the parishes regularly.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin Mercier", written over a light blue grid background.

**Saint Francis of Assisi Parish
Comparative Statement of Income
For The Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2025**

	Actual YTD		Prior YTD		Budget YTD		Over / (Under) Budget
Offertory	467,564		466,325		488,223		(20,659)
Other	296,426		187,694		172,201		124,225
Total Income	<u>763,990</u>	100%	<u>654,019</u>	100%	<u>660,424</u>	100%	<u>103,566</u>
Total Wages & Benefits	358,638	47%	299,181	46%	286,597	43%	72,041
Total Liturgical	19,113	3%	19,666	3%	14,653	2%	4,460
Total Religious Ed	3,973	1%	5,085	1%	4,800	1%	(827)
Total Rectory	14,106	2%	12,406	2%	12,300	2%	1,806
Total Operating Expense	244,887	32%	203,552	31%	183,405	28%	61,482
Total Other (Income) & Expense	<u>28,594</u>	4%	<u>59,491</u>	9%	<u>57,143</u>	9%	<u>(28,549)</u>
Net Income	<u>94,679</u>	12%	<u>54,638</u>	8%	<u>101,526</u>	15%	<u>(6,847)</u>

Other Income Higher Due to Grand Annual Results Being Better Than Prior Year and Gifts and Bequests That Were Not Budgeted.

Wages & Benefits Higher Than Budget Due To Additions And Changes In Staffing.

Operating Expenses Higher Than Budget Due To Incresed Snow Removal, Heating and Building Maintenance Expenses.

Other (Income) & Expense is Lower Due to Increased Value in the Common Investment Fund Which is Not a Budgeted Item.

**Saint Francis of Assisi Parish
Comparative Balance Sheet
For The Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2025**

	Current Year	Prior Year	Variance
ASSETS			
Cash - Checking/Savings	1,852,780	1,918,166	(65,386)
Due From St. Clare	78,690	140,758	(62,068)
Other Current Assets	<u>9,363</u>	<u>9,802</u>	<u>(439)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	1,940,833	2,068,726	(127,893)
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Accounts Payable	38,756	13,167	25,589
Deferred Revenue		-	-
Other Current Liabilities	<u>42,857</u>	<u>65,777</u>	<u>(22,920)</u>
Total Liabilities	81,613	78,944	2,669
EQUITY			
Total Equity	<u>1,859,220</u>	<u>1,989,782</u>	<u>(130,562)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,940,833	2,068,726	(127,893)

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish
Cash & Cash Limited To Use
As of June 30, 2025

	Current Year	Prior Year
Checking	28,925	18,591
Savings	47,469	97,863
On Deposit With RCAB	925,914	1,009,077
RCAB Common Investment Fund	850,472	792,635
Total Cash	1,852,780	1,918,166

St Francis of Assisi
Comparative Statement of Cash Flows
For The Year Ended
6/30/2024 and 6/30/2025

	Actual	Prior Year
Period Ending:	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	94,679	54,638
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash from operating activities:		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(39)	(1,166)
(Increase) decrease in other assets	(224,764)	32
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	25,589	3,695
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	(22,920)	39,202
Net cash from operating activities	(127,455)	96,401
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Intercompany	62,069	(46,545)
Deferred Revenue	0	0
Net cash used in financing activities	62,069	(46,545)
Net increase (decrease) in cash & cash equivalents	(65,386)	49,856
Cash & cash equivalents, start of period	1,918,166	1,868,310
Cash & cash equivalents, end of period	1,852,780	1,918,166

**Saint Clare Parish
Comparative Statement of Income
For The Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2025**

	<u>Actual YTD</u>		<u>Prior YTD</u>		<u>Budget YTD</u>		<u>Over / (Under) Budget</u>
Offertory	382,001		353,248		357,225		24,776
Other	253,553		120,459		105,668		147,885
Total Income	<u>635,554</u>	100%	<u>473,707</u>	100%	<u>462,893</u>	100%	<u>172,661</u>
Total Wages & Benefits	321,072	51%	255,675	54%	264,263	57%	56,809
Total Liturgical	16,554	3%	13,528	3%	13,131	3%	3,423
Total Religious Ed	3,971	1%	5,086	1%	4,800	1%	(829)
Total Rectory	13,605	2%	11,645	2%	12,300	3%	1,305
Total Operating Expense	143,624	23%	136,983	29%	142,760	31%	864
Total Other (Income) & Expense	<u>19,884</u>	3%	<u>41,649</u>	9%	<u>24,988</u>	5%	<u>(5,104)</u>
Net Income	<u>116,844</u>	18%	<u>9,141</u>	2%	<u>651</u>	0%	<u>116,193</u>

Offertory Higher Than Budget Due To Conservative Budgeting For A More Attainable Goal.

Other Income Higher Than Budget Due to Fundraising For Church Repairs and Renovations.

Wages & Benefits Higher Than Budget Due To Additions And Changes In Staffing.

**Saint Clare Parish
Comparative Balance Sheet
For The Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2025**

	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>	<u>Variance</u>
ASSETS			
Cash - Checking/Savings	464,189	434,195	29,994
Other Current Assets	<u>2,898</u>	<u>1,854</u>	<u>1,044</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	467,087	436,049	31,038
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Accounts Payable	14,969	5,074	9,895
Due To St. Francis of Assisi	78,690	140,758	(62,068)
Other Current Liabilities	<u>9,979</u>	<u>22,881</u>	<u>(12,902)</u>
Total Liabilities	103,638	168,713	(65,075)
EQUITY			
Total Equity	<u>363,449</u>	<u>267,336</u>	<u>96,113</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	467,087	436,049	31,038

Saint Clare Parish
Cash & Cash Limited To Use
As of June 30, 2025

	Current Year	Prior Year
Checking	24,561	13,601
Savings	39,642	114,965
On Deposit With RCAB	288,216	201,498
RCAB Common Investment Fund	111,770	104,131
Total Cash	464,189	434,195

St. Clare Parish
Comparative Statement of Cash Flows
For The Years Ended
6/30/2024 and 6/30/2025

	Actual	Prior Year
Period Ending:	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	116,844	9,141
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash from operating activities:		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(1,075)	(154)
(Increase) decrease in other assets	(20,700)	(28)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	9,895	497
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	(12,902)	9,189
Net cash from operating activities	92,062	18,645
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Intercompany	(62,068)	46,544
Net cash used in financing activities	(62,068)	46,544
Net increase (decrease) in cash & cash equivalents	29,994	65,189
Cash & cash equivalents, start of period	434,195	369,006
Cash & cash equivalents, end of period	464,189	434,195

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