

Braintree Catholic Collaborative

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

*Everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may
have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.*

John 6:40



St. Francis of Assisi Church

856 Washington Street
Braintree, Massachusetts

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:30PM
Sunday: 9:00, 11:30AM and
6:00PM

Monday –Friday: 7:00AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 12:30-1:30PM

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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

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, November 1, 2025

5:30PM John Peraino 1st Anniv.

Sunday, November 2, 2025

9:00AM Jerome & Mary Starck 20th/1st Ann.

11:30AM Deceased Parishioners

6:00PM Patrick Conroy 2nd Anniv.

Monday, November 3, 2025

7:00AM Natalie Faherty Memorial

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

7:00AM Deceased members of the York Family Memorial

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

7:00AM Esther & William J. Sheridan, Jr. Memorial

Thursday, November 6, 2025

7:00AM James York 1st Anniv.

Friday, November 7, 2025

7:00AM Deceased Member of the Anderson Family Memorial

Saturday, November 8, 2025

5:30PM The William Kelley Family Memorial

Sunday, November 9, 2025

9:00AM Basil & Mary Boudreaux Memorial

11:30AM Lauren Dyer Anniversary

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.



Mass Intentions

St. Clare

Saturday, November 1, 2025

8:00AM Parishioners of the Collaborative

4:00PM Richard Sullivan 24th Anniv.

Sunday, November 2, 2025

7:45AM Caroline & Sr. Anna Conboy Memorial

10:15AM Patricia "Trish" Burns 1st Anniv.

Saturday, November 8, 2025

8:00AM Tom Larner, Sr. & John Larner Memorial

4:00PM Roberta Colman Memorial

Sunday, November 9, 2025

7:45AM Patricia Melvin 10th Anniv.

10:15AM Fermina DiFonso Memorial

The Bread & Wine for the week of November 1 through 7 were donated in loving memory of Patricia "Trish" Burns.

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.
- **AI-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.





Today is the Feast of All Souls. Though celebrated each year on November 2, it only falls on a Sunday every so many years. It is not to be confused with All Saints which is celebrated in the first of November. The two feasts begin a month in which we focus on that part of the Church that has already completed earthly life and awaits the Resurrection. We are mindful of our responsibility to pray for the dead. You may have noticed that we do so explicitly at every Mass. We think of one-ness with God when we receive the Blessed Sacrament at Mass. In doing so we are also in Holy Communion with those who have gone before us in faith.

Continuing on with some thoughts about preparation for Mass, I want to address how we enter the Church. Many of the Psalms mention the delight of a pilgrim when finally passing through the gates of Jerusalem on way to the Temple. None of us can make ourselves feel any particular emotion. We don't likely get excited when entering the Church for Sunday Mass. Nevertheless, we can have a certain awareness that what I am entering is not the supermarket, the airport, work, school or even our own home. There is something unique about entering the Church especially for Sunday Mass.

The first thing we do is dip our hand in holy water and bless ourselves with it. This is important as it recalls our baptism; a small gesture that reminds ourselves that we belong to God, therefore we belong at the altar. In one sense, I suppose, we could compare it to scanning an id badge to get into school or the office: displaying our credentials that we belong.

When we approach the pew where we will sit, we first genuflect before entering. A genuflection is bending the knee to the floor (right knee) toward the tabernacle. This gesture is a sign of adoration for Christ who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament which is reposed in the tabernacle. Upon entering the pew it helps to stand for a brief moment or kneel so as to realize that we are in sacred space.

A brief word on how we ought to dress for Mass. There is no dress code. Some wish there were. Having said that it is worth considering how we come dressed to Mass. No doubt our culture has become more casual in attire all around. Movies, TV shows and yesteryear show men always in suit and tie and with a hat! Even in the

heat! My grandfather worked as a carpenter and he wore a tie everyday to work. As a teenager I worked in a supermarket and had to wear a tie. Fashion has become comfortable...even for the priest! You could say we are comfortable being comfortable. Fabrics and styles allow for comfort while still looking stylish. As one who is typically warm, I appreciate lighter wear. Our attire does help shape our attitude, though, about what we are doing. Could I suggest that in preparation for Mass you consider clothing that reflects the importance you place on the Mass?

The Community Meal will be served once again on Wednesday of this week. All are most welcome!

Don't miss your opportunity to help our local community in Braintree by casting your vote in local elections this Tuesday.



We will NOT have an 11:30 Mass on Sunday, November 23rd due to the Dedication of the St. Clare Sanctuary. We encourage everyone to attend the 10:15 Mass at St. Clare.

Christmas is coming!

There will be some changes to the Christmas Mass schedule this year based on attendance from the past couple of years. I'm mentioning this now because there are some families that like to plan ahead.

Christmas Eve

4:00 St. Francis

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6:00 St. Francis

11:00 St. Clare

Christmas Day

8:00 St. Clare

9:30 St. Francis

11:30 St. Clare

Fr. Bob



This year Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM on Thanksgiving morning (Thursday, November 27) at St. Clare Church.

The Annual Thanksgiving Toy Drive will be conducted at this Mass. 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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The K-6 classes have been busy making things for our All Saints Day displays in the churches. The kids reflected on how they are practicing to be saints and made mini-posters to describe what they do to follow Jesus. Here is what the collaborative posters looked like before they were put together - the kids had fun coloring their squares and guessing what the whole picture would look like!



The kids have been learning about what the All Saints solemnity celebrates, how people become recognized as saints, and how individual saints are the patrons of different things. They made some mini statues and puppets representing some of their favorite saints. We hope our displays inspire everyone to remember to pray to the saints for their intercession!



Parents of First Communion students: If you were unable to attend one of the parent meetings, please see Karen Lane before or after a RE class to receive a book and information packet that outlines the important dates for First Penance and First Communion.



We're still looking for volunteers with cooking skills and experience, preferably ServSafe certified! Please call the office if you're interested!

The next Community Meal will be held on November 5, 2025. Please help get the word out!

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 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

REST IN PEACE

St. Francis of Assisi

Michael A. Carlino

Patricia Whitney

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.





November 2: All Souls Day

In the Gospel today, Jesus promises not to reject anyone who comes to Him, for this is the will of His Father.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you also show your acceptance of our Lord by joyfully sharing your goods with your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened.

Due to the Government shut-down and potential loss of SNAP benefits we anticipate an increase to our Food Pantry visitors. If you are able, please keep us in mind when you are grocery shopping.

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>



From the Archdiocese of Boston

November 2 ~ Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

All Souls Day, as we refer to it, is a feast of God's triumph, in Jesus, over sin and death. It is a time of prayer for all who have died. We are reminded of the promise that we will one day enjoy the vision of God's glory in the kingdom where hope is fixed for all who love and where rest is sure for all who serve. Belief in the resurrection of Jesus, and belief in our own resurrection should convince us to take our life of faith seriously. The words of today's readings urge us to hold fast to the promise of life eternal and to look upon our life as a series of opportunities for believing, hoping, loving, and growing. Such opportunities are unique gifts from God and should not be missed.

The Nineteenth Annotation of the Spiritual Exercises

The Nineteenth Annotation Retreat of the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, An Invitation to Meet Christ in Prayer, arranged by Fr. John Sassani & Mary Ann McLaughlin is being offered in a group setting for Catholic adults. The number of participants will be limited.

These Spiritual Exercises extend over the course of twenty-three weeks and are loosely aligned with the liturgical year.

The group will use the ZOOM Format to meet weekly, on line, from 10am to 12 noon starting on Wednesday November 19, 2025 through Wednesday April 22, 2026.

Mary Ann McLaughlin and Deacon Dan Burns will direct the Spiritual Exercises. For further information please call Mary Ann at 617-686-2287 or email: maryannmclaughlin2@aol.com.

Con-validation Ceremony (2/14/26)

If you and your spouse desire holy matrimony in the Catholic Church, you are invited to con-validate your marriage through your parish or at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston during World Marriage Week on Sat. February 14, 2026 at 6 PM with Bishop Mark O'Connell and Bishop Cristiano Barbosa. A celebration of con-validation 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/convalidation2026 for more information or call Emily Elliott in Family Life at 617-746-5756.



WORDSEARCH

Can you find and circle the words listed below the wordsearch grid?

S	G	H	N	O	T	Z	P	H	A	N	D
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B	G	M	D	S	Y	E	D	M	O	R	V
C	T	R	U	T	H	F	I	E	P	S	W

SOULS	HOPE	TRUTH
TORMENT	BLESSED	ABIDE
JUST	WORTHY	LOVE
HAND	GOLD	GRACE
PEACE	TRUST	MERCY

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QUIZ

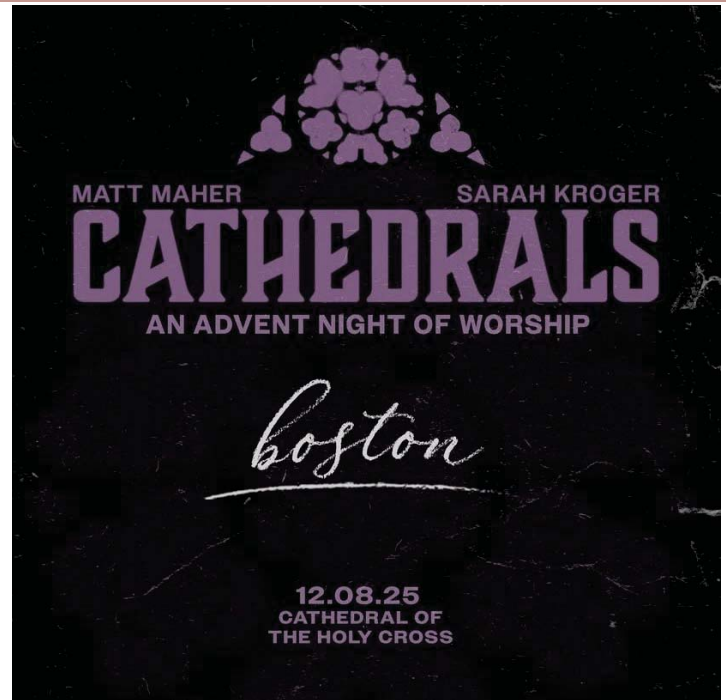
Can you choose the correct endings?

- The souls of the just are:
(a) changeless (b) dead (c) in the hand of God?
- The LORD is my:
(a) helping power (b) judge (c) light and my salvation?
- Christ, raised from the dead:
(a) dies no more (b) lives as he did before (c) returns to heaven?
- When the Son of Man comes in his glory, he will:
(a) sit upon his glorious throne (b) strike fear into many (c) heal all wounds?
- He will place the sheep on:
(a) a peaceful mountain (b) the scroll of life (c) his right?

ANSWERS

The correct answers are: 1(c); 2(c); 3(a); 4(a); 5(c)

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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>

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2025 YEAR C

SUNDAY Nov 2	Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
MONDAY Nov 3	Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14
TUESDAY Nov 4	Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24
WEDNESDAY Nov 5	Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
THURSDAY Nov 6	Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14/Lk 15:1-10
FRIDAY Nov 7	Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8
SATURDAY Nov 8	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15
SUNDAY Nov 9	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

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