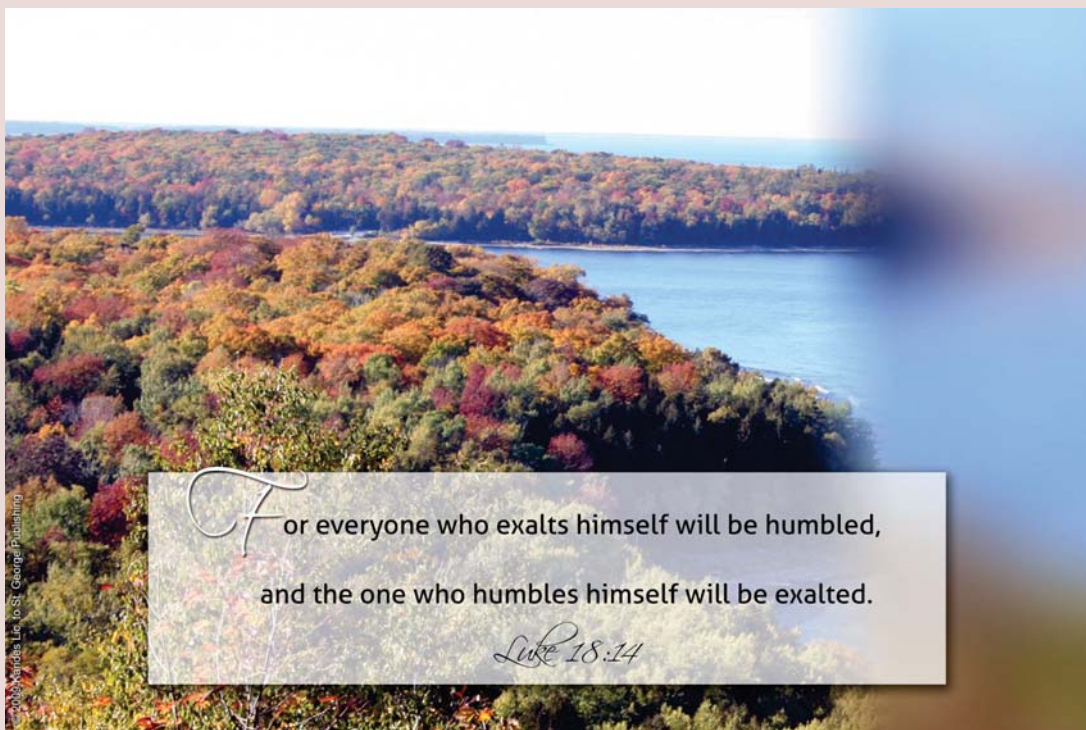


Braintree Catholic Collaborative



For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,
and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

Luke 18:14

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

Contact Information

www.braintreecatholic.org
781-843-1332 | Fax: 781-848-0976

Collaborative Office and Mailing Address

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

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, October 25, 2025

5:30PM Chester Diaute, Jr. 24th Anniv.

Sunday, October 26, 2025

9:00AM Gerald & Terence Palmer Memorial

11:30AM John "Mac" McGrath Anniversary

6:00PM Parishioners of the Collaborative

Monday, October 27, 2025

7:00AM Christopher & Theresa Faherty Spec. Intent.

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

7:00AM Margaret McCarthy Memorial

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

7:00AM Zef, Katina, Anton, Jolanda, Niko, Ida, Albina Koka and Elizabetha Koka-Kurti Memorial

Thursday, October 30, 2025

7:00AM Travis W. Paddock and Amanda Moore Memorial

Friday, October 31, 2025

7:00AM

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.



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, October 25, 2025

8:00AM Daniel Crimmins and Kathleen Crimmins Memorial Spec. Intent.

4:00PM Gene Butterfield Memorial

Sunday, October 26, 2025

7:45AM Theresa Gardner 3rd Anniv.

10:15AM William & Barbara Lane, Charles & Dorothy Edgerly and Florence Nichols Memorial

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.

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.





This week's column is a continuation of the discussion of preparing for Mass. The topic: how and when we arrive for Mass. Given the reality that we all run late from time to time, it is noticeable that most worshippers do not arrive for Mass on time. Anecdotally, priests will tell you that their congregations more than double from the time Mass begins until the Gospel. From the outset, let me say that I admire and respect everyone who comes to Mass regardless of what time they arrive. In the context of preparing for Mass, however, such a regular practice is not spiritually healthy. Making a habit of showing up after Mass has begun deprives yourself of precious moments for preparation. Your mind, soul and body need a few minutes to settle down and focus on what is about to take place. Many of us feel from time to time that we don't get anything out of the Mass. On occasion, even as a priest, I have felt bored at Mass or distracted. That's normal. Actually, our primary purpose in going to Mass is not to get something out of it but rather to offer something to God. Mass is an act of worship. We participate as a humble attempt to praise God and to render thanks to the One who bestows all blessings.

Having said that, often we do get something from Mass: an affirmation of faith, an insight into Sacred Scripture or into the Sacred Mysteries, a bond of community, a sense of belonging to the Universal Church and most importantly, an encounter with the Risen Christ who nourishes us in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. When we arrive for Mass after it has begun, we are often hurried, scattered in thought, and not able to be present to the sacred action of the Liturgy. We miss out on those elements. Of course our prayer and worship still means something. Ask yourself, though, what are you missing?

There are times when we simply can't help but run late. Life happens. And when we are running late for Mass we should not hesitate for one moment about going into the Church! We belong there! I offer these thoughts for your consideration in light of helping you to prepare well for what happens when we come together for Mass.

When I worked at the Pastoral Center before coming to St. Francis and St. Clare, I was slow to learn that it took much longer than two minutes to walk from the office to my car. I was always meeting someone in the elevator

or stairwell, or would stop to talk to a visiting priest in the lobby, or would be asked a question by one of the staff. Not surprisingly, I was always rushed when driving off. I learned to leave five minutes earlier to allow myself time to say hello to someone. Give yourself the time to drive to Church calmly, find a parking space, walk to the Church, find a seat, etc. I think you will find it will make a big difference!

Grand Annual Collection

It's time once again for the Grand Annual Collection. I have written to all the families registered in the parish. If you haven't already received the letter it should come in the next few days. May I ask that you give my request prayerful consideration? This is a very important endeavor we undertake each year.

All Saints and All Souls

The Solemnity of All Saints falls on a Saturday this year. When certain holy days fall on a Saturday or Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted. The Holy Day still remains and you are still encouraged to participate at Mass. It is confusing why some years a particular holy day has the obligation and another year it does not. It has to do with the fact that many of our parishes in the US are in very rural areas and the obligation to attend Mass two days in a row puts a heavy burden on some folks and even the priests who drive long distances between parishes. Next Sunday is November 2 and is the Feast of All Souls. Appropriately so we will have the first of our collaborative memorial Masses at the 11:30 Mass for those who died and were buried from St. Francis Parish during the past year.



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
4:00 St. Clare
6:00 St. Francis
11:00 St. Clare

Christmas Day

8:00 St. Clare
9:30 St. Francis
11:30 St. Clare

Fr. Bob



From Deacon Joe MacDonald

One complaint we often hear from people about Christians is that “we are holier than thou.” I don’t think that this is always true, in fact I don’t think it’s often true. But we have to admit there are some among us who are quick to point a finger at someone else and never take an inventory of their own behavior.

This week we continue to hear what Jesus says about prayer but this time it’s not about persistence but about our attitude when we pray. In this parable Jesus not only teaches us about prayer but He also takes the opportunity to offend the Pharisees, the very people who oppose His message and want Him killed. Let’s compare the two prayers.

First, we have the Pharisee. What do we know about him? For one thing he was convinced that he was better than everyone else so much better in fact that he despised them – everyone! We are told that the Pharisee took up “his position.” Apparently, he had a special seat at the Temple because, of course, he was “special” (in his own mind). Then we are told that he spoke a prayer “to himself.” Wait. I thought we were supposed to pray to God and God alone. He really was full of himself. So, as he prays to himself, he pats himself on the back – after all, he is better than everyone else. He’s not greedy, dishonest or adulterous. He fasts twice a week and he pays tithes. What a guy! And then he looks down on the poor tax collector. He shakes his head and thinks “I’m glad I’m not like him.” In case you didn’t know, tax collectors were considered traitors by the people of Israel. Collecting taxes for Rome was one of the worst things you could do.

Mr. Pharisee didn’t understand that sin was universal. Just because he hasn’t taken a good look inside doesn’t mean that he hasn’t sinned. Of course, he sinned. We all sin. Saint Paul tells us the same thing in his letter to the Romans. “All have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23) and “Therefore, just as through one person sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all, inasmuch as all sinned.” (Romans 5:12) As the Catechism tells us:

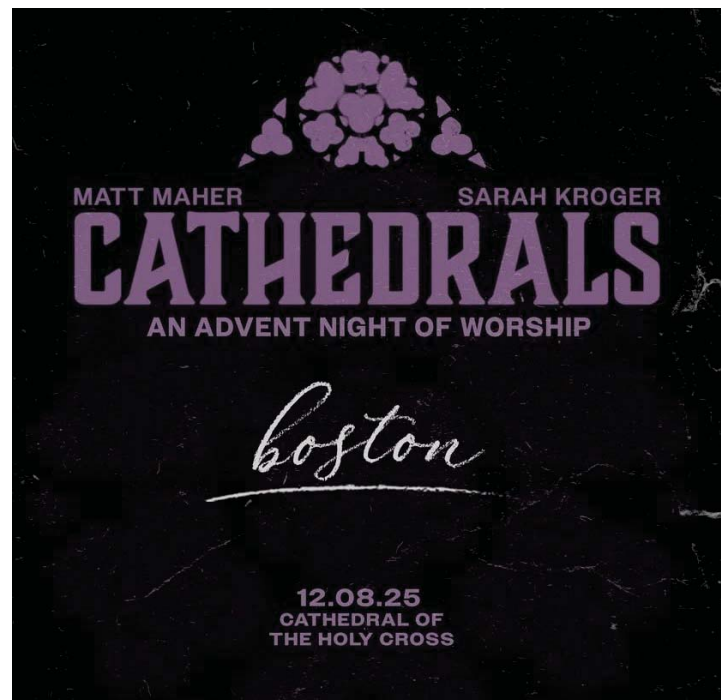
Jesus scandalized the Pharisees by eating with tax collectors and sinners as familiarly as with themselves. Against those among them “who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others”, Jesus affirmed: “I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” He went further by proclaiming before the Pharisees that, since sin is universal, those who pretend not to need salvation are blind to themselves. (Catechism of the

Catholic Church 588)

The Pharisee’s whole attitude was completely wrong. It was all about him.

The tax collector on the other hand barely came in, standing at the back. He couldn’t raise his eyes to Heaven. He beat his breast as a sign of sorrow for his sins. His prayer is not to himself but to God. “O God, be merciful to me a sinner.”

He didn’t say much. He wasn’t concerned about anyone else or their sins. He wasn’t passing judgement. He was being honest with himself and with God. That’s the kind of intimacy with Lord that He wants. He wants us to be honest with Him. He already knows what we’ve done. It’s not like we can hide it. God wants us to be honest with ourselves too, and when we are and when we come to him humbly that’s when we will receive the greatest benefit from our prayer.



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>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NEWS • NEWS • NEWS • NEWS • NEWS • NEWS • NEWS • NEWS • NEWS • NEWS

Many thanks to all who donated Halloween costumes for the Interfaith Social Services!



Half Day Event for Kids – All are Welcome!

Next Thursday, October 30, in the RE Hall at St. Clare from 1:00-4:00

✦ Bring a lunch and a drink

- ✦ We will watch a Halloween Movie
- ✦ We will work on an All Saint's Day project that will be displayed in both churches

Please email Karen Lane at klane@sfab.org if your child would like to attend!



Congratulations to our Confirmands!

Last Sunday, Father Kevin presented our Year II students as confirmands, which means that they are officially candidates for the sacrament of confirmation in December. They are currently reflecting on the saint names they will take. Please keep them in your prayers as they navigate this most special time in their faith journeys.

Archdiocese of Boston presents:

Are you looking to:

- Thank God for His blessings in your life?
- Ensure that your Catholic values endure for future generations?
- Keep you parish and its ministries thriving and impactful?

Learn How to Transform Your Legacy!

Estate & Charitable Giving Strategies for 2026 and Beyond Presented by Lynn Gaumer, J.D.—Senior Gift Planning Consultant

Sponsored by the Catholic Legacy Society

Choose the location that best fits your needs

Monday, November 3—12:00-2:00PM at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, 392 Hanover Street, Hanover—Lunch provided

Monday November 3 6:00-8:00PM at St Agatha Parish, 440 Adams Street, Milton—Light Dinner provided

Tuesday, November 4 12:00–2:00PM at St. Joseph Parish, 272 Main Street, Kingston—Lunch provided

Tuesday, November 4 6:00—8:00PM at St. Mary's Parish, 211 No. Main Street, Randolph—Light Dinner provided

For question about registration or for more information please contact Cathy Robinson at 617-779-3748 or cathy_robinson@rcab.org.

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2025 YEAR C

SUNDAY Oct 26	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
MONDAY Oct 27	Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2+4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17
TUESDAY Oct 28	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
WEDNESDAY Oct 29	Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30
THURSDAY Oct 30	Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-3
FRIDAY Oct 31	Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
SATURDAY Nov 1	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a
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

Pilot Bulletins

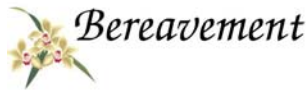


Daylight Savings ends next weekend. At 2AM on Sunday, November 2nd the clocks will be set back 1 hour (to 1AM). If you have any clocks that do not automatically update—remember to set them back.



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!



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
Mary Cathleen Kelley

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
Callum John Gill
Leo Joseph Patnaude



October 26: 30th-Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, the tax collector's prayer allows God to be God and so allows God to pour mercy into his heart. When we pray and give alms to the poor, we allow God's mercy to be poured into their hearts.

In the month of October, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God's love and mercy to families, providing food, financial assistance for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

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.**



Tyler Thorne & Delaney Sieber III

"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>

Boston Marian CONFERENCE

JOIN THE FIVE STONES OF MARY FOUNDATION (501C3)

Boston Marriott Quincy Hotel

Nov. 1-2, 2025

FOR A WEEKEND THAT WILL ENRICH YOUR FAITH,
INSPIRE & FILL YOU WITH HOPE & HEALING

DON'T MISS THESE SPEAKERS!



Fr. Dan Reehil



Ivan Dragicevic



Immaculée
Ilibagiza



Fr. Leo
Patalinghug

and also...

Archbishop Richard G. Henning, Bishop Cristiano
Guilherme Borro Barbosa, Fr. Michael Grzesik, Magnus
MacFarlane-Barrow, Fr. Rick Martignetti,
Fr. Michael Della Penna, and Colleen Willard with
Music Ministry by Mark Carey and more!

COMMENTS from past conferences....

- “I never felt so renewed in my spirit - I'm glad I came”
- “I loved the talks, loved the healing services, loved it all!”

Experience Dynamic Catholic
Speakers whose talks will uplift your
soul! Celebrate this special weekend
of All Saints Day (Veneration of Saint
Relics) & All Souls Day! Mass -
Confession - Adoration, Music Ministry
& more!

Entire Weekend Event Just \$225

Online Ticket sales are open and
seating is limited, so ACT NOW!



November, 1-2, 2025
Boston Quincy Marriott Hotel
1000 Marriott Road
Quincy, MA

Scan the QR code or visit
bostonmarianconference.org

GROW FAITH

“Jesus Wept.” John 11:35

**It's not just a generator.
It's a power move.™**

Receive a free 5-year warranty
with qualifying purchase*
- valued at \$535.

Call 617-841-4985 to
schedule your free quote!

*Terms and Conditions apply.

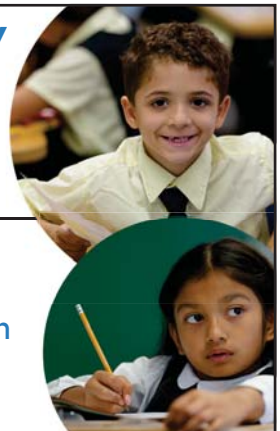
GENERAC

Be prepared before the next power outage.



CELEBRATE DAF DAY AND INVEST IN A CHILD'S FUTURE!

October 9, is a national Day of
Giving through Donor Advised
Funds (DAFs). By giving through
your DAF, you can open doors
to a Catholic education.



INNOVATIVE TREATMENTS FOR DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, & OCD



- Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS)
- Intranasal Esketamine (Spravato®)
- Intensive Out-Patient Program (IOP)
- Psychiatry Services



Now welcoming new
clients—virtually and
in-person! Oasis
Behavioral Health
Center has been
delivering trusted,
compassionate care
since 2012.

617-401-7700 | www.obhi.org

1506 Providence Highway, Suite 25, Norwood, MA

Join us this October to celebrate DAF Day

Our Tax Identification number is: 22-2485502



THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION
We Change Lives.

For more information visit us at
www.csfboston.org or Contact

Gina Rindfleisch at
gina@csfboston.org

DISCOUNT SELF - STORAGE

Storage Bins 5'x5' to 20'x20'

Shaw's Plaza 60 Winter St. Rear
Weymouth Weymouth
781-335-8200 781-340-6300

WE ARE CLIMATE CONTROLLED
FOR SENSITIVE STORAGE
www.discountselfstorage.com

WILLIAMS

"Solid Service since 1919"

PLUMBING • HEATING • AIR CONDITIONING

E-mail: info@mywilliamsenergy.com

Lic.#15278/3654c
Braintree, MA
(781)-843-0415

A Alliance

Health at Braintree

Rehab & Skilled Nursing Care
We provide both short & long
term care Located at
175 Grove Street, Braintree
781-848-2050 ext. 223
for more info.

Southside

941 Washington Street, Braintree
www.sstavern.com • 781.848.0511

AD SPACE AVAILABLE

617-779-3771

PECK

FUNERAL HOMES

CARING SERVICES FOR A LOWER EXPENSE
We HAVE SERVED YOUR COMMUNITY BEFORE
Russell and Mortimer Peck Funeral Chapels, Inc.
516 Washington St.
Braintree, MA 02184

Memorial Ads Available

617-779-3771



F U N E R A L H O M E S

WHEN THE SERVICE REALLY MATTERS

845 Washington Street
Braintree • 781-843-1878

For Information & Directions:
www.cartwrightfuneral.com

AD SPACE AVAILABLE

617-779-3771

NASHAWATY & RAND

Attorneys At Law

Michael Nashawaty, Esq.

Nicholas Nashawaty, Esq.

Family Law • Wills & Trusts
Real Estate Law • Bankruptcy • Civil Litigation

654 Washington Street, Braintree
(781) 848-8545 • www.greaterbostonlaw.com



Michael E Marella
Owner/Broker/Realtor
617-694-3669

CENTURY 21®

Marella Realty

367 Washington Street
Braintree, MA 02184
Office: 781-848-4740
C21marella@gmail.com



Each office is independently owned and operated

NDA

Notre Dame Academy
HINGHAM

Inspiring hearts,
minds and voices

GRADES 6 THROUGH 12



Pope

Exceptional Short-Term Rehab
& Skilled Nursing Care



(781) 335-4352
www.rehabassociates.com/pope

RICHMOND

Hardware
And Paint

899 Washington St. Braintree, MA
(781) 843-0066

Benjamin Moore®

"Don't You Deserve The Best?"



AFFORDABLE PACKAGE PLANS
AND CONVENIENT PREPAYMENT
OPTION AVAILABLE

Permanent Memorialization Options • In-Ground Burial
Above-Ground Entombment • Cremation Niche Columbarium

Let your Heart be the Heat in this Life Leave the heating of your Home to **Blue Hills Mechanical**
HVAC Boilers Furnaces Electrical & Plumbing

Call today (617)828-9020 • www.bluehillsmechanical.com