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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evening – 5:30 PM
Sunday – 9:00 and 11:30 AM
Weekday – Monday thru Friday 7:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday – 12:30 to 2:00 PM
Other times by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage: A minimum of ten months notice is required. Please call the Collaborative Office to schedule an appointment prior to booking a hall.

Sacrament of Baptism: First and Third Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM.
Please call the Collaborative Office to register.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion Calls: Please notify the Collaborative Office if anyone is hospitalized or unable to attend Mass because of illness.

Community Meetings: School Hall Alcoholics Anonymous – Friday 8:00 PM
(Suspended due to Coronavirus)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 8, 2021

5:30PM Russell Peck, Sr. Anniversary

Sunday, May 9, 2021

9:00AM Estelle "Kitty" Lezynski Memorial

11:30AM Katina Napolitano Anniversary

Monday, May 10, 2021

7:00AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

7:00AM

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

7:00AM Olive Walbridge

Thursday, May 13, 2021

7:00AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
12:10PM

Friday, May 14, 2021

7:00AM

Saturday, May 15, 2021

5:30PM Eleanor Sarcia Memorial

Sunday, May 16, 2021

9:00AM Jean M. McNamara Anniversary

11:30AM Monteforte Family & John Audette Memorial

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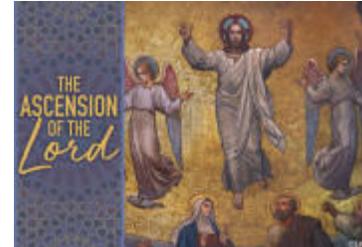
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Offertory Envelopes	\$ 3,799.00
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*From
The clergy and staff of
St. Clare and St. Francis of Assisi*



Thursday, May 13 is The Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule for the collaborative of St. Francis /St. Clare of Assisi is:

St. Francis of Assisi

Wednesday, May 12 Vigil 5:30PM
Thursday, May 13 7:00AM, and 12:10PM

St. Clare

Wednesday, May 12 Vigil 4:00PM
Thursday, May 13 9AM and 5:30PM



This is **Deacon Carmine Caruso's** final weekend in the collaborative. Below is a list of opportunities to say goodbye and wish Deacon Carmine well as he goes on to become Father Carmine.

Saturday, May 8 after the 4:00 Mass at St. Clare
Saturday, May 8 after the 5:30 Mass at St. Francis
Sunday, May 9 after the 7:45 Mass at St. Clare
Sunday, May 9 after the 11:30 Mass at St. Clare

Fr. Shawn will be leaving us to become the co-administrator of St. Jude Parish in Waltham sometime in early to mid-June. Fr. Shawn has been a blessing to our collaborative. We will surely miss him. Please join us in wishing him well after the following Masses:

Saturday, May 22 after the 8:00AM at St. Clare
Saturday, May 22 after the 5:30PM at St. Francis
Saturday, May 29 after the 4:00PM at St. Clare
Sunday, May 30 after the 6:00PM at St. Clare

Location of these gatherings is dependent on the weather.



From
Deacon Joe MacDonald

Two weeks ago, I wrote about the general considerations regarding Liturgical music. This week I'd like to continue with an article on liturgical music for funerals.

A number of years ago, while I was working as the music director at St. Elizabeth's Church, Milton, we had a very unusual request for a funeral. They wanted to bring in their own choir. This was one of the better community choruses in the area that performed major classical choral works. They had a number of "requests" (demands really) that they wanted to sing. Among these requests was a Mass written by Mozart.

Of course, the director of the chorus was not Catholic and couldn't understand why they couldn't perform this "Mass" at a Mass. I tried to explain the piece they wanted to sing was never meant to be sung at an actual Mass. It was a piece to be performed and not prayed. I explained that these parts of the Mass were to be prayed by people of faith so that they could more effectively enter into the mysteries we were celebrating. What I was saying went right over her head. She viewed the Catholic Funeral Mass as a memorial service, not as an act of praise and thanksgiving to Christ who raises us all from death to life.

Although we do, of course, remember the person who died at a funeral Mass, it is not just about them. It's about the One who lived... and died... and rose again. It's about the One, without Whom, our grieving would be without hope. It's about the One who tells us that "eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it even dawned in the minds of men and women the good things that God has in store for those who love him." (1 Corinthians 2:9)

And so, the Funeral Liturgy rightly focuses our attention on the Paschal Mystery of Christ, that is, His life, death and resurrection and in the expectation of our own rising to eternal life which is the sure and certain hope of those who believe in Him. This is reflected in the liturgical texts, the prayers, the readings, and the music we use at a Catholic Funeral.

And so, we test the music we use. Is it good music? Is the text appropriate? Does it serve the particular liturgy?

This is the criteria we used for that funeral in Milton all those years ago.

Was that Mozart Mass good music? Of course, it was. It was among the best ever composed. It contained a liturgical text, so

there was no complaint there. But did it serve the Liturgy? No, it didn't. It would have overwhelmed the liturgy, drawn our attention away from the work of Christ and drawn it to the work of Mozart and snatched an act of worship away from the faithful who were there to pray not be entertained.

We are often asked, "How many songs can we have?" If we were to say three, or four, or five most people are going to come up with someone's four or five favorite hymns. This is not the way it should work.

Each sung part of the Funeral Liturgy has a particular purpose. The Entrance Song helps to draw the people together so that they can worship as one body. At a funeral it should also reflect some aspect of the Paschal Mystery.

The Responsorial Psalm, is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It is not the place for just any hymn or song. It is scripture and must be either a psalm or canticle taken from the Sacred Text.

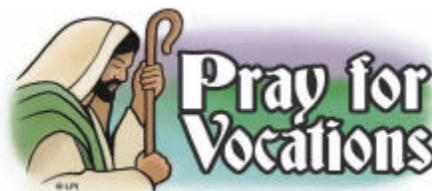
If there were any place in the liturgy that is more flexible it would be the Offertory. This would be the best place for something like "Ave Maria" or "Hail Mary Gentle Woman."

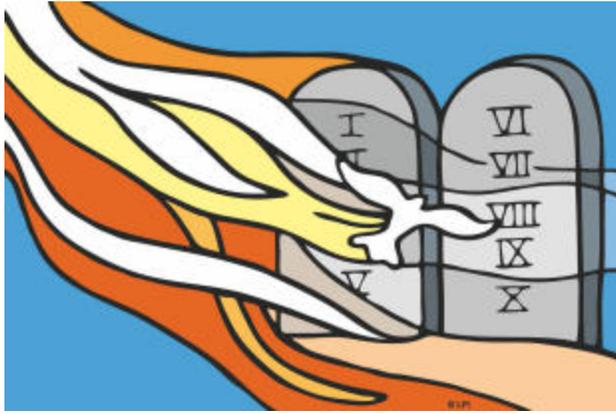
The Communion song accompanies the Procession of the people as they receive the Eucharist. Like the Entrance, singing together at Communion unites us as one body in Christ. The music should reflect motifs such as Bread of Life, Resurrection, wedding feast, unity and of course the Paschal Mystery. Since we do not approach Holy Communion with hymnals in hand, hymns and songs with a short refrain that people can easily sing while moving are most appropriate.

The Recessional Hymn is sung as people begin their journey to the place of burial. It should of course have some connection to the Paschal Mystery.

This is a lot to ponder for people who suddenly find themselves in a position to plan a funeral. There is so much to do from contacting relatives to picking out a casket. It is both difficult and exhausting. You don't have to do this alone. We are here to help you with our prayers and our assistance in planning your loved one's Funeral Mass. If you want, you can leave the choice of some or all of the music or readings up to the parish music director.

Along with Christ, the Good Shepherd, we want to help you through these difficult times. I hope that this article may be of some assistance to you or someone you know.





“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete.” - Jn 15:10-11

Readings for the week of May 9, 2021

- Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
- Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/ Jn 16:16-20 *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
- Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/ Jn 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/ Jn 17:11b-19



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Check out our new collaborative website—www.braintreecatholic.org.



Sunday Masses continue with limited seating to provide safe social distancing for all in attendance. We remind you: You must **book a seat(s) for the Mass** you want to attend. There are two methods for booking a time. You may only book times for yourself and members of your household.

On-line booking is found at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a45a5a722a4f49-braintree> (regular weekend Mass)

Phone Booking

- Dial 781-843-1332 and Press 3
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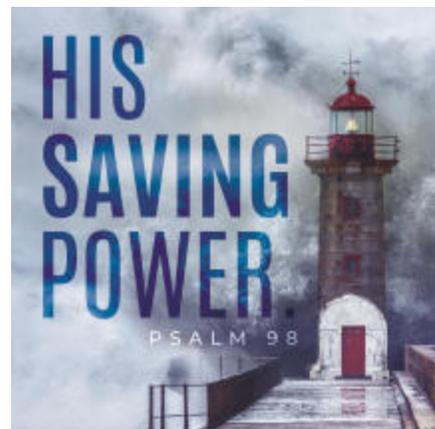
- 2:00PM Saturday for the Saturday evening Masses
- 10:00PM Saturday for the Sunday morning Masses
- 2:00PM Sunday for the Sunday evening Mass

You are required to wear a mask at all times in accordance with COVID-19 Order No. 31. You do not have to wear a mask if you have a medical or disabling condition that prevents this. Children under 2 do not require a mask; Children ages 2-5 is up to parental discretion.



- St. Francis of Assisi*
- Concetta “Connie” McKenzie*
- Peter Carr*
- Barbara Morris*
- Eileen Devonshire*
- Mary Guilfoyle*

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.



Parish Info and events of note...

- **St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry** Open Thursdays 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. Please call the parish office for more information.
- **Parish 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. If you are aware of needed updates to the board, please let us know that as well. Thank you.



We are now booking Mass Intentions through Sunday, June 27, 2021. To schedule a Mass or for further information please call the Collaborative Office at 781-843-1332. *Please do not leave this information on the Mass Reservation line.*



Please join us **THIS Monday** night (and again May 17 and 24) at 6:45PM, as we pray the Scriptural Rosary followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in honor of our Blessed Mother. We will meet (**in person**) at St. Francis of Assisi church. In keeping with the COVID protocols please remember to wear your mask and sit in the marked pews.



*From St. Clare
Evelyn Mae Smith*



*From the
Archdiocese of
Boston*

Environmental Justice: Our Common Home – Equity for All.

Sat. May 15, 11-12:30 (part of series on racial justice from the Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston). Opening remarks by Cardinal Séan O'Malley, Keynote speaker is Rev. Mariama White-Hammond. Rev. Mariama is an inspirational speaker and has just been appointed as Chief of the Environment, Energy, and Open Space for the city of Boston. Panelists include Dr. Marcos Luna from Greenroots Chelsea and Fran Ludwig from the Boston Catholic Climate Movement. Our speakers will share campaigns that you can engage in. Register for a free Zoom link <https://tinyurl.com/EJ-May15>.

May 9 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

Today's Scriptures speaks loud and clear: "Let us love one another. . ." and "This is my commandment, love one another." The love that we share is not our own, but rather it is the love God has for us. Love is a powerful means of evangelization. The love of a faithful disciple shows no partiality and draws people to Jesus Christ. So, take the scripture to heart this week – keep your eyes open and your spirit alert for the grace to be an expression of God's love wherever it is needed the most.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers! Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage relationship. The next English Worldwide Marriage Encounter experiences are

Thursdays/Mondays Jun 3-24

see website



May 9 - Sixth Sunday of Easter:

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you... You are my friends if you do what I command you."

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May 9, 2021 - 6th Sunday of Easter

"Remain in my love," and, "I call you friends," are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our "failures in love." In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share. ©LPi



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Sharing the Gospel

I would be really happy, if only I was ? rich ? popular ? better looking ? the boss. Those selfish wishes sound great, but they cannot give you true happiness inside. In today's Gospel, Jesus shares the three secrets to his complete happiness: (1) Jesus obeyed God; (2) Jesus knew God loved him; (3) Jesus loved other people enough to die for them. Wow. Jesus was completely happy, but he was not selfish at all. In fact, Jesus told his friends if they followed his loving example, they could be completely happy too. Follow Jesus to be filled with happiness from the inside out.

Prayer

God, on my own I am selfish. Thank you for loving me. Help me to obey you. Help me to love other people as much as Jesus does.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself happily holding Jesus' hand.

Mission for the Week

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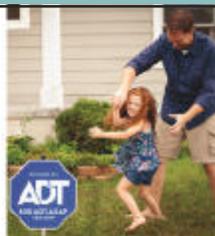
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