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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 29, 2021

5:30PM John Keaveney Memorial

Sunday, May 30, 2021

9:00AM Anna Tingley Memorial

11:30AM John & Teresa Allen Memorial

Monday, May 31, 2021

7:00AM Nathan Watson Memorial

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

7:00AM Thomas Woods Anniversary

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

7:00AM Marge & Al Varraso Memorial

Thursday, June 3, 2021

7:00AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, June 4, 2021

7:00AM Ronnie Moody Memorial

Saturday, June 5, 2021

5:30PM Vincent Cioffi Memorial

Sunday, June 6, 2021

9:00AM Giovanna D'Amato Memorial

11:30AM Maddalena Leccese Anniversary

My brothers and sisters,

Memorial Day Greeting to all.

This will be the first holiday to occur outside the COVID restrictions so I thought it might be helpful to communicate what we will provide for this day.

While the principal time for remembering the dead in our Catholic tradition is the month of November (led by All Saints' Day on November 1 and All Souls' Day on November 2), we can still observe Memorial Day fully. To honor the dead and pray for the eternal repose of their souls is good spiritual practice at any time.

To mark this day we will celebrate two Masses: the 7AM at St. Francis of Assisi Church and a fuller, special Mass at 10AM at St. Clare's. At both of these Masses we will also have candles present to commemorate those for whom we celebrated funerals from October, 2019—September, 2020.

Please consider coming to Mass on Memorial Day if it fits in with you plans and, no matter what, remember in prayer those who have given their lives in the Armed Forces, all deceased veterans, and all our beloved dead. May they rest in peace.

In His service and yours,
Fr. Paul Clifford



And prayerful best wishes to Father Carmine Caruso who will be ordained for the Archdiocese of New York, Saturday, May 29 at 9AM. Fr. Carmine's Ordination from St. Patrick's Cathedral can be viewed at <https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live>. He will celebrate his First Mass from his home Parish, Our Lady Star of the Sea, on Sunday, May 30 at 2PM. This Mass can be viewed on YouTube using the following link: <https://youtube.com/channel/UCoNVThX4uOhtyz0wukdj07Q>



Thank you for your offerings for the last weekend:

Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT 83%.

If you are interested in the Online Giving option to simplify your weekly contributions, please contact the parish office.

Collection Report

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 3,058.00
Offertory/Loose	\$ 1,032.00
EFT Weekly Average	\$ 1,914.67
Total Offertory	\$ 6,004.67

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH WHEN PLANNING YOUR ESTATE. Thank you!

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY



Fr. Shawn will be leaving us to become the co-administrator of St. Jude Parish in Waltham. **His new assignment will begin on June 1, 2021.** 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 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.

**Meet our New Priest:
Father Valanarasu Newton-Williamraj**



Father Valanarasu Newton-Williamraj Born in Tamil Nadu State, India, on Sept. 18, 1992, Father Newton-Williamraj is the older of two brothers of Mr. Newton Williamraj and Ms. Catherine Tamil Selvi. The family's home church is St. Joseph's, Lalgudi, Trichy District, in the Diocese of Kumbakonam. Father Newton-Williamraj attended local Catholic schools in his diocese, completing his early education at Little Flower Higher Secondary School in Salem, Tamil Nadu State. He then attended Annai Veilankanni Arts and Science College in Tamil Nadu, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Visual Communications. Later while studying for the priesthood in India, Bishop Antonysamy Francis, invited him to come to Boston's Saint John's Seminary, for his Theological Studies. Father Newton-Williamraj served his diaconal year at Saint Mark and Saint Ambrose Parishes in Dorchester. He celebrated a Mass of thanksgiving at St. Mark Church, Dorchester on Sunday, May 23, 2021.

Congratulations on your ordination Fr. Valan. We look forward to your arrival in our collaborative.



As of May 29, masks are no longer required for vaccinated people in the State of Massachusetts. The State does advise that non-vaccinated people continue to wear masks.

Anyone who wishes to do so should feel free to continue to wear masks as long as you like. You will be respected if you choose to do so.

The dispensation from the obligation for coming to Sunday Mass has not yet been lifted, and even when it is, if a parishioner is feeling ill they should remain at home.

If we become aware that a COVID positive person has attended Mass an announcement will be posted on the collaborative's website.

Mass reservations are no longer required.



Reminder to parents—If you were unable to make the First Communion parent meetings last Monday, please contact the collaborative office at 781-843-1332 to arrange a meeting time to learn about the process and pick up the materials.





St. Francis of Assisi
Theresa Simms
Herbert Whiffen
Thomas Kelley
Alan F. Leo
Beverly Holloway
Lynn Nagle

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:18-19

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Readings for the week of May 30, 2021

- Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/ Mt 28:16-20
- Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/ Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56
- Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/ Mk 12:13-17
- Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/Mk 12:18-27
- Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34
- Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mk 12:35-37
- Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-44
- Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be called your sons
and daughters.
Keep in your mercy those men and women
who have died in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely
into your kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen

—from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*



The Collaborative Office will be closed on Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day. Have a happy and safe holiday weekend.



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

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.



*From
St. Francis of Assisi
Monroe Marie DaCunha
Alessia Josephine Fabiano*



As of Wednesday, we will begin booking Mass Intentions through Sunday, January 9, 2022. To schedule a Mass or for further information please call the Collaborative Office at 781-843-1332.



*From the
Archdiocese of
Boston*

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May 30 ~ Solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity

Listen intently to the readings at Mass this weekend, they leave no room for doubt as to the message. YOU have been commissioned, right along with the disciples to. . . Go... Baptize... Teach. All strong imperatives. Perhaps even more important – is the last line in the gospel: “.... I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Evangelization is the work of the whole Church – and that includes you. He is with you ALWAYS, no matter the times or circumstances. So - take Christ's commissioning to heart and spread the Good News!

May 30 - Most Holy Trinity:

As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise. **Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.**



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/>. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is the most precious gift that God has given to each one of us. Allow God to give you grace in abundance and transform your marriage relationship. Sign up today for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on Thursdays/Mondays Jul 8-29



May 30, 2021 - The Most Holy Trinity

Let God be who God is. This is often one of the hardest things to do. Rather than allowing the mystery of being created in the image and likeness of God unfold and take root in our lives, we change the dynamic. We want to be the creators who want to make God into the image and likeness we need God to be. We have a hard-enough time letting the people in our lives be who they are. We struggle even more so with God. It is almost as if we want God to be our imaginary friend who is not only with us whenever we need but becomes the Being we need God to be. Who is it that we want God to be today? A protector, disciplinarian, champion for justice, healer, advocate for our cause, grantor of prayers, guardian of my life, or the avenger? Our prayers tell an interesting story. When you pray, what does God look like?

Recently, a young woman who was feeling invisible, overlooked, ignored, and misunderstood by her husband struggled to make her feelings known and get his attention. Finally, she screamed, "Listen to me!" Thus, birth was given to a renewed and healthier relationship. We spend so much time storming heaven with our agenda and trying to make God into a "god" of our desires that we do not hear God saying, "Listen to me!" God is desperately trying to get our attention. God is saying, I am here among you as not one but three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many people seldom notice God's presence because they are so caught up with other spiritual cares and concerns. And, when the "god" they fashion and create doesn't produce as they desire, they shake the dust from their feet and move on. "I tried," they exclaim, "but God didn't listen."

Healthy relationships aren't built on making someone be who we need them to be. Healthy relationships are built on encounters of persons and the development of an appreciation of someone solely for who they are. Deeper relationships can even be found with two people marveling at each other and almost experiencing a childlike joy and giddiness when they see the other coming. Do you ever have these feelings about God? Believe it or not, God does for you! There is a joyful laughter that gives rise to and connects all three members of the Holy Trinity. It is this laughter, flowing from the very depths of the Godhead that not only keeps the Trinity in joyful unity but spills over into the creation of all beings and things. It is an expression of Divine Delight! Have you ever taken time away from your agenda to experience the Divine Joyfulness of God?

We can reach a connection of Presence wherein even the smallest of creatures suddenly radiate the fullness of God: the wonderful creation of their being, the innocence and playfulness of their movements, and the sustaining life breath that flows through their veins. The same God who created the heavens and the earth is the same God who wants you to call him 'Dad' and the same God who preserves your life and has all things in His care.

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PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

AUTHORITY	MOUNTAIN	BAPTIZE
ELEVEN	GALILEE	TEACH
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MISSION

When we read the Gospel, Jesus teaches us about the Father. What have you learned so far about the Holy Spirit? Using the concordance found at the back of your Bible, look up "Holy Spirit." As a family, write down the verses, find them in your Bible, and read them out loud. Talk about each verse. If you have any questions, write them down and ask your pastor or teacher for help.



Sharing the Gospel

As the disciples ate with friends, traveled, worked, shopped, and made new friends, they were to have one goal in mind—help more people follow Jesus. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to love God and love each other. Teach them to have mercy and forgive each other. Teach them to be humble. Teach them to pray. Teach them to share. And teach them to tell the people they met how to follow Jesus, too.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to teach my friends how to love and follow you—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself telling a friend about God.

Mission for the Week

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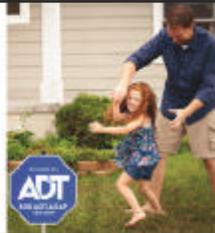
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