

THE PARISH OF SAINT CLARE

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Parish Mission Statement

May the Lord bind us together as a community of faith filled with His love. Let us go forth and spread His Good News as St. John preached: "Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth." 1 John 3:18

Pastor

Rev. Paul T. Clifford
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Parochial Vicar

Rev. Valanarasu Newton-Williamraj
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Deacons

Michael J. Cavanaugh
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Kevin Mercier

Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:45 AM, 10:15 AM, & 6:00 PM

Daily Mass: 8:00 AM Saturday

Holy Days: 4:00 PM Mass on the Vigil
9:00 AM & 5:30 PM

Sacrament Of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 8:30-9:00 AM

Anytime by Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism: Sunday at 2:00 PM

Please call the collaborative office to register

Sacrament of Marriage:

A minimum six months notice is required. Couples must participate in a marriage preparation program.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion Calls:

Please notify the Collaborative Office if anyone is hospitalized or unable to attend Mass because of illness, handicap or age.

Religious Education: 781-843-1332

On Hiatus

Music Director:

Deacon Joe MacDonald

E-mail: deaconjoe.sfasc@gmail.com

Collaborative Office Manager—781-843-1332

Patty Kinnally—pkinnally@sfab.org

Fr. Bill's Place:

First Tuesday of the month

Mary Glynn

Al-Anon:

Meets in Parish Hall - Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

(Suspended due to Coronavirus)

Help for the Poor:

Pine Street Inn Society:

Brenda Flood 617-786-0402

Holy Name Society: (Suspended due to Coronavirus)

Second Sunday of the month at the 7:45 AM Mass

Boy Scout Troop #138:

Wednesday 7:00 PM

John Collier 781-843-3330

Family & Tots Program: (Suspended due to Coronavirus)

Karen Mc Brine 961-3460

E-mail: karensmusicklass@aol.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry: (Suspended due to Coronavirus)

First Wednesday of the month

Lucille Barton 848-0626

Braintree Catholic Women's Club:

(Suspended due to Coronavirus)

Second Wednesday of the month at 1:30 PM in the

Parish Hall

Carolyn Puleo 617-834-0726

Bulletin Deadline:

All notices must be submitted to the Parish House by Monday 1 PM. You may email them directly to stclare1@verizon.net

Welcome To New Parishioners. We want to know and serve you. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and present it to one of the priests or bring it to the rectory or place in the collection basket.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Street/City/Zip

Do You Wish to receive Offertory Envelopes? Yes

Prayers are requested for the Parishioners of St. Clare Parish, for those who are hospitalized, for our deceased relatives and friends, and for the following intentions:

Saturday	July 10, 2021	
8:00AM		
4:00PM	Arlene M. McDonough	9th Anniv.
Sunday	July 11, 2021	
7:45AM	Ellsworth Rice	Memorial
10:15AM	Parishioners of St. Clare	
6:00PM		
Saturday	July 17, 2021	
8:00AM	Thomas Walsh	Memorial
4:00PM	Edward O'Leary	Memorial
Sunday	July 18, 2021	
7:45AM	Bob & Mary Sullivan	Memorial
10:15AM		
6:00PM	Ruth Busa	Anniversary

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Offertory	\$5,030.00
Online giving	\$ 519.00
Total	\$5,549.00

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

As always, we thank you for your ongoing generosity. The offertory is our primary means of meeting our Parish weekly operational expenses.



From St. Francis of Assisi
 Basil Boudreaux
 Richard Connolly
 Ronald Snyder

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.



If you plan to travel this summer or have the opportunity to sneak away for the weekend, here is something to place in your suitcase or your smart phone. To find the Mass closest to your location, visit www.masstimes.org. When you make your reservations, please remember to reserve some time for the Lord. Summer blessings! **Be sure to call the parish you plan to attend to verify their Mass times. Be safe!**

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



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.

Please see the enclosed letter from Cardinal Sean O'Malley regarding the lifting of the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation.

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.

From the Archdiocese of Boston

Virtual Rosary for Couples Struggling with Infertility, Difficult Pregnancies, or Infant Loss

Join Fr. Ed Riley and the Archdiocese Family Life team on Monday, July 26 from 7:30-8:30 PM to pray for couples struggling with infertility, difficult pregnancy, or infant loss. We'll be praying on the Feast of Sts. Anne and Joachim as part of National Natural Family Planning Week July 25-31. You can register through bit.ly/VirtualRosary2021 or visit bostoncatholic.org/nfp for more information.



All couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversaries in 2020-21 are invited to join Cardinal Seán O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. The Mass includes a vow renewal and special blessing by the Cardinal. Couples can register at bostoncatholic.org/familylife/anniversary-mass. For more information, please contact Emily Elliott in Family Life Ministry at Emily_Elliott@rcab.org.

The Pontifical Mission Societies of Boston is looking to grow our **One Family in Mission!** We are looking for a well-qualified, Administrative Assistant to work 18 hours a week at our office in the Pastoral Center. The position requires excellent customer service, administrative and organizational skills. Proficiency in Microsoft Office necessary. Writing skills a plus. Interested practicing Catholics should send a resume and cover letter to Maureen Heil at mheil@propfaithboston.org



From
Deacon Joe MacDonald

Prophets come in all shapes, sizes and colors. They come from a myriad of places and from all walks of life. The one thing they all have in common is that God called them to speak the truth to his people. Often it was a harsh truth and one that people did not want to hear.

That's Amos in today's first reading, speaking truth to power. And when he's told to shut up and get out of Dodge, he answers (paraphrased) "there I was, minding my own business, tending my sheep, when God drafted me into his service. What am I going to say 'No!'"

The Lord calls all kinds of people, young and old, from all kinds of places and occupations. Amos was a shepherd, Peter was a fisherman, Paul was a tentmaker, Matthew was a tax collector.

Like Amos and Peter and the others, we too find ourselves minding our own business, tending our flocks; going to school; directing traffic; selling our goods; pleading cases; teaching children; making a living and just trying to get by. The last thing we are thinking about is becoming a prophet.

Whoops! Sorry! I hate to be the one to tell you this but you've already signed up to be a prophet! "Wait," you might say, "When did I do that?"

Most of us don't remember it but it was on the day of our Baptism. Together we are the body of Christ who is prophet, priest and king. On that day, when we were baptized into Christ, we were given a share in his priesthood, his kingship and his prophetic ministry. We renewed those baptismal promises at our confirmations and continue to do so every year on Easter.

When John the Baptist was born, his father, Zechariah looked at his son and spoke these words:

"You my child shall be called prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins." (Lk 1:76-77)

Those words of Zechariah still hold true for every child baptized into Christ and for each one of us who remain faithful to our own baptismal promises. There are people walking in darkness and the shadow of death carrying around guilt and shame needlessly. They need prophets, like you and me, to proclaim that salvation is close at hand and that the mercy of God and the forgiveness of sin through Christ Jesus is there for the asking.

If each Christian person, through prayer, word, and action became the prophets they were called to be it would transform our world. God's Kingdom would indeed come and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.

Moses said, "If only all the people of the LORD were prophets! If only the LORD would bestow his spirit on them!" (Num 29:11) His desire (prophesy) has come to pass. The Spirit of the Lord is indeed upon us and He has made us His prophets.

We can certainly run from our prophetic duty. Jonah did. He was a disobedient prophet who was told to go east, but fled to the west. He was thrown overboard during a storm at sea, swallowed by a big fish and ended up right back where he started. Then and only then, after all kinds of hardships, he only reluctantly went to Nineveh, where everyone from greatest to least heard his preaching and repented. Even then, he still acted like a whiny, spoiled child.

We are surrounded by prophets and we don't even realize it. People, who like Moses went before Pharaoh and cried "let my people go" (Ex 5:1) We don't recognize the prophets among us any more than Israel recognized Christ 2000 years ago. Martin Luther King and Mahatma Gandhi were both prophetic figures, speaking truth to power, they peacefully confronted their own "pharaohs" and called for their people's freedom.

Let's not be blind to reality. The life of a prophet is not an easy one. Prophets are run out of town, thrown in pits, spat upon, thrown in ovens, rejected by friends and family and worse. Dr. King and Gandhi were both assassinated. John the Baptist was beheaded. Peter and Paul were both killed by the Romans. John, the evangelist, was exiled to the Island of Patmos. Jesus, the Son of God, was crucified. Will this happen to us? I couldn't tell you, but we should be ready for anything. We might lose a few friends; our families might mock us. We might get ridiculed or tossed from some country club. But this is our calling. It's what we signed up for. The question is, are we going to be courageous like the Baptist or go AWOL and act like whiny spoiled children like Jonah?



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