

# 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

Joe MacDonald

## Finance and Operations Manager

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](mailto:deaconjoe.sfasc@gmail.com)

Collaborative Office Manager—781-843-1332

Patty Kinnally—[pkinnally@sfab.org](mailto:pkinnally@sfab.org)

## Fr. Bill's Place:

First Tuesday of the month

Mary Glynn

## Al-Anon:

Meets in Parish Hall - Tuesdays at 10:30AM

**(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: [karenmusicklass@aol.com](mailto:karenmusicklass@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](mailto: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.

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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:

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 17, 2021</b>	
8:00AM	Thomas Walsh	Memorial
4:00PM	Edward O'Leary	Memorial
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 18, 2021</b>	
7:45AM	Bob & Mary Sullivan	Memorial
10:15AM	Parishioners of St. Clare	
6:00PM	Ruth Busa	Anniversary
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 24, 2021</b>	
8:00AM		
4:00PM	Antonio, Maria and Anna Tempesta	Memorial
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 25, 2021</b>	
7:45AM		
10:15AM		
6:00PM	Richard Keane	Memorial

**WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...**

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$4,288.00</b>
<b>Online giving</b>	<b>\$ 469.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,757.00</b>

The Altar Breads and Wine to be used at all Masses for the week of July 17—July 23 have been donated in loving memory of **Bob & Mary Sullivan**. The Sanctuary light will also burn in loving memory of **Bob & Mary**.

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  
Mary Lou Buckley

*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](http://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!**



Dear parishioners,  
May the peace of Christ be with you. Each year the Catholic Diocese of Abakaliki, Nigeria takes part in the mission activity of the Church through witnessing and apostolic charity. With the permission of our local bishop, Most Rev. Michael N Okoro and His Eminence, Cardinal Sean O'Malley, we have the privilege to share with you how much the Catholic priesthood and religious/consecrated life in our diocese have benefited from St. Peter the Apostle Society. As beneficiaries, Fr. Joseph Ogazie and Fr. Benjamin Madu would visit St. Francis/St. Clare of Assisi parish, Braintree on the weekend of **July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2021**, and would speak on the impact of St. Peter the Apostle Society in their diocese. Fr. Joseph was ordained priest on July 7, 2012, for the Catholic Diocese of Abakaliki (Nigeria), and currently works in Boston Archdiocese (chaplain at St. Elizabeth's Hospital). Fr. Benjamin was ordained priest on July 7, 2001, for the same diocese of Abakaliki, Nigeria. He also currently works in the Archdiocese of Boston (Northshore Hospital, Salem).

The Catholic Diocese of Abakaliki, Nigeria, was created in 1973 with 64 priests, 15 nuns and 21 seminarians. Located in the Southeastern region of Nigeria, the diocese serves over 600,000 Catholic faithful with priests and nuns who received a greater part of their training through supports from St. Peter the Apostle Society. As Nigeria currently faces severe security challenge, priests, nuns and Christian religious workers are more and more becoming endangered species as they are often considered more vulnerable, with higher kidnap value. These have made seminary training more difficult, and vocation to the priesthood less attractive to young people. With your gracious and generous support during the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection at the Masses during this weekend, I am sure that more priests and nuns would be trained to help strengthen the Catholic faith. *Special envelopes will be available, or checks may be made payable to The Society of St. Peter Apostle. Donations can also be made online: [www.propfaithboston.org/donations/](http://www.propfaithboston.org/donations/)* All proceeds from the appeal will enable the Society to support seminarians in over 1,100 mission territories worldwide.

May God bless and enrich you with favor as you go on mission.

*Fr. Joseph and Fr. Benjamin*





*From  
Deacon Joe  
MacDonald*

When we see the word “woe” in scripture it means the opposite of blessing. It’s really a kind of curse. So, when the prophet Jeremiah said “Woe to you shepherds,” it was like he was bringing the wrath of God down upon them. Yeah, no wonder they didn’t like him.

Who was he sent to prophesy to? He was sent to the kings and princes of Judah, and to its priests. The people with all the power. Those political and religious leaders were supposed to lead the people in righteousness. But instead, they had led them astray and had disobeyed God’s law. The result would be great suffering. Babylon would overrun the country, sack Jerusalem and destroy the Temple. Many of its people would be taken to Babylon as slaves.

But prophets also give hope and, in this case, it was a shoot of David, a new king that would be a wise ruler. He would be a king who would do what is right.

Enter Jesus. He saw the great crowd that had come to him, seeking hope and healing. This was a king who was moved with pity for a flock without a shepherd. This is the king who lay down his life for his flock – the Good Shepherd.

Today, there are still good shepherds. There are also bad shepherds. There are some leading people on the right path and those who are not. There are some who have no shepherd.

Last week I mentioned that by our Baptism into Christ we were all called to be prophets. Well, we are also called to be shepherds and good shepherds at that! If we want to know what that is – take a look at Psalm 23 again.

- A shepherd leads but doesn’t drive, push or coerce.
- A shepherd’s flock is given all they need not necessarily all they want
- A Shepherd lets his flock rest so that their souls can be refreshed.
- A good shepherd leads his flock in the right path even if it’s not paved in gold.
- A good shepherd feeds his flock food for the body and the soul.
- A good shepherd protects the flock from death and defends it against intruders.
- And THE Good Shepherd lets us live with him forever.

And so...

- If you are a political leader – you are a kind of shepherd. You had better be a good one.
- If you are a religious leader – you are a shepherd. You had better be a good one.
- If you are a parent – you too have a flock to shepherd. Be good at it.

Teachers, artists, musicians, journalists, viral social media celebrities, actors, everyone really has an opportunity to shepherd souls in either good ways or bad. We can either lead people toward God or away, toward grace or sin. The blessing or the woes we receive will depend on how faithful we are to the flocks God presents to us at home, at work, or wherever we happen to find ourselves.



*From St. Clare  
Brendan Edward Dorsey*

*From St. Francis of Assisi  
Julianna Rolfsen-Kendrick, Eloise Paloma Taylor,  
Louisanna Aurora Taylor, and Ryan Ward Lanzendorfer*



Congratulations to the following from our collaborative who have received their First Holy Communion! Please keep them in your prayers.

*St. Clare  
Jack Gately, Jackson MacRitchie, Flynn O’Riordan  
and Sam Trotta*

*St. Francis of Assisi  
Finbar O’Connell and Declan Oniskey*



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