

THE PARISH OF SAINT CLARE

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Parish Hall is accessible to Handicapped via elevator



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
frvalan@sfab.org

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

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 31, 2021	
8:00AM	Mary Sawyer	Anniversary
4:00PM	Parishioners of St. Clare	
Sunday	August 1, 2021	
7:45AM		
10:15AM		
6:00PM		
Saturday	August 7, 2021	
8:00AM		
4:00PM	John & Esther Collins	Memorial
Sunday	August 8, 2021	
7:45AM	Henry & Anna Sullivan	Memorial
10:15AM	Abdallah John Khnaizir	Memorial
6:00PM		

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...

Offertory	\$3,609.00
Online giving	\$ 434.00
Total	\$4,043.00

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. Clare
Geraldine Miller
Helen Clarke

From St. Francis of Assisi
Katherine O'Brien

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!**



*From the
Archdiocese of Boston*

Fall 2019 Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats - September 25, October 16 & November 20

"Project Rachel led me to a place of forgiveness and mercy. During the retreat, I realized the lasting impact of forgiveness. I knew God had forgiven me, and now I needed to forgive myself." – A Project Rachel retreat participant. The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a "Come to the Waters of Healing" one-day retreat. Fall dates are September 25, October 16 and November 20 from 9 AM to 5 PM. Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.



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.



*Serving the Spiritual Needs
of Grieving Parents Whose
Children of any Age Have
Died by Any Cause,
No Matter How Long Ago.*

Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. Please join us. All are welcome.

One-Day In-Person Spiritual Retreat - August 14, 2021
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Carver, MA

Weekend In-Person Spiritual Retreat - November 5-7, 2021

Miramar Retreat Center, Duxbury, MA

For more information or to register, call Diane at 800-919-9332 or go to www.emfgp.org.



The Collaborative office will close at 12:00PM on Fridays through Labor Day.



*From
Deacon Joe
MacDonald*

Abe Lincoln once famously said, “You can fool all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but you can’t fool all the people all the time.” Now what if you were the Lord God, speaking about the Israelite community. What would he say? I think something like this: “You can never please these people, not all of the time, not some of the time, NEVER!

Grumble! Grumble! Grumble! What whiney people. I would think that Moses might have been bald from pulling his hair out in frustration. They had very short memories. They complained because they were hungry, forgetting that God freed them from the yoke of slavery. He led them through the Red Sea without getting their feet wet and he halted, quite dramatically, the pursuit of Pharaoh's army. Yet they didn't think that God would provide food for their journey.

But before we go judging our ancient brothers and sisters too harshly, let's take a look at ourselves first. After all, we will be judged in the same way we judge others. (Mt 7:1-5) I'm certainly not going to point fingers at anyone else until I take a good look inside myself. And then I hope to be smart enough to realize I have no business judging anyone.

I'm a grumbler too. No matter how good I have it I find something to grumble about. Most recently it's the trip to Disney we are taking in August. I should be thrilled to be going, and I am. I should be grateful, and I am. But you know what? I still find things to complain about. I grumble about the wait times; about the constantly rising costs; about not being able to get the reservations I want and the list goes on. Grumble! Grumble! Grumble! Why can't I just be satisfied? There are so many people who would love to take this trip or one like it and just can't.

We are all like this though, aren't we? We live in a country where food is abundant; entertainment is plentiful; for the most part we aren't overworked; we get days off and vacations; we have good healthcare; and we make more in a day than most people on this earth earn in a year. Yet we find a myriad of things to complain about. Just look at social media. Grumble! Grumble! Grumble!

We are spiritual grumblers too. We Go to Mass on Sunday and we complain to ourselves or out loud – I couldn't get a parking space close enough; we started late; the singer was out of tune; the organist played a wrong note; the sound system is too loud (or too soft); the homily was boring (or too long, or too short); someone didn't follow the rubrics correctly and the list goes on.

I'm reminded of the song “Were you there?” and wonder, is there anything God can do for us that we could ever be satisfied with?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to GRUMBLE, GRUMBLE,
GRUMBLE.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were YOU there when they crucified the Lord? Was I? – Yes!

Were you and I there at the last supper? – Yes!

Were we there when they laid him in the tomb, and rose from the dead, and ascended into heaven? - Yes, we were and we ARE every time we go to Mass and celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Regardless of how good the music is or if the priest is worthy or not or it's too hot or too cold or there is a crying baby behind you, the same thing happens at every Mass, in every church throughout the world. Both time and eternity meet, heaven is united with the earth.

In ancient times the people of the Old Covenant worshiped in imitation of the heavenly liturgy but at Mass we worship in unity with the heavenly hosts. “And so, WITH Angels and Archangels, WITH Thrones and Dominions, and WITH all the Hosts and Powers of heaven we sing the hymn of Your glory, as without end we acclaim: (From Preface number 1) And then we sing the Sanctus. (see Is. 6:3 and Rev 4:8)

In the Lord's prayer we ask that God's Kingdom come, that His will be done on earth as it is in heaven and that we receive our daily bread. That prayer is answered at Mass. Mass is heaven on earth even if we don't do it perfectly. It is where we are fed with the true Bread come down from heaven, the Bread of Life itself, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and where with open hearts we become what we eat. There really isn't anything to grumble about.



TRIDUUM IN HONOR OF ST. CLARE

Monastery of St. Clare, Jamaica Plain

August 8,,9,10 and 11

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You may mail or phone in your intentions and we will pray for them and you at this time.

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