

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: 7:45AM, 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 10:30AM

(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: 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 August 7, 2021

8:00AM
4:00PM John & Esther Collins

Sunday August 8, 2021

7:45AM Henry & Anna Sullivan Memorial
10:15AM Abdallah John Khnaizir Memorial
6:00PM Parishioners of St. Clare

Saturday August 14, 2021

8:00AM
4:00PM Robert Pollard Anniversary

Sunday August 15, 2021

7:45AM
10:15AM Phyllis Evans Anniversary
6:00PM

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...

Offertory	\$4,363.00
Online giving	\$ 469.00
Total	\$4,832.00

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 **Henry Sullivan**. The **Sanctuary light** will also burn in loving memory of **Henry**.

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
Thomas Byron

From St. Francis of Assisi
Antoinette Marella

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*

Have you ever thought of just giving up? You're tired, worn out, depressed and the sky is falling. I've been there myself and this is how Elijah felt sitting under that broom tree. He was worn and weary. He had a price on his head and was being pursued by those who wanted him dead. He fled into the wilderness and raised the white flag. He was giving up and he asked the Lord to take his life. The poor guy was out of gas. He laid down and prayed that God would take him in his sleep. It was better than being tortured by his enemies.

But God had other plans. The battle wasn't finished. The pagan gods and those who bowed to them had to be excised from Israel. Enter the angel, who gave him food for his long journey; one that, of course, would lead to victory for God. This food given by the angel made him strong enough and gave him the energy to complete the task at hand.

Here's the thing. We can either sit under a broom tree and wait to die like Elijah or we can call upon the Lord to help us live (even when the going gets tough).

God provides. He always does, even when it doesn't look that way. Scripture is full of laments about how bad things are going. But they always end in hope. One of my favorite passages from Morning prayer comes from the prophet Habakkuk. It's one of those "woe is me" episodes where he complains to God about all that is wrong with the world. But then in a moment of grace we hear this:

For though the fig blossom not,
and no fruit appears on the vine,

Though the yield of the olive fails
and the terraces produce no nourishment,

Though the flocks disappear from the fold
and there is no herd in the stalls,

Yet I will rejoice in the LORD
and exult in my saving God.

GOD, my Lord, is my strength. (Hab 3:17-19)

There is always hope.

I knew a woman who was diagnosed with a terminal illness. She had always been a half-empty glass kind of person but when she got the news of her illness she acted as though the glass was completely empty. She lived as though she had already died. She lived three more years, relatively healthy until the very end. But she spent those three years under a dark cloud, never seeing any of the sunshine that came her way.

Contrast that with a friend I had years ago, he had cancer from childhood. He knew it wouldn't end well. But that kid never complained, and always lived his life to the fullest. He went to parties, camping trips, and retreats. He enjoyed every minute of his life. He lived every day until he died at 21. He was an inspiration.

What caused the difference in attitude between these two people who were both facing the end of their days? My friend with cancer had great faith and the woman did not. He went to Mass, Confession and Communion regularly while she stayed home. I'm sure he had his bad days, we all do, but he knew that those days were temporary; that life itself is temporary. It was a wisdom he obtained from God only through the adversity of his cancer. "Teach us O Lord to count our days, that we may have wisdom of heart." (Ps 90:12)

Like Elijah, the Lord feeds us as he did my young friend, not with hearth cakes and water but with the Bread come down from Heaven and the Cup of Salvation, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Himself. This is the true food for our journeys. It's the Bread that gives us life, sustains us in hard times, gives us hope and joy and a sharing in the divine life of Christ so that we can go into the world to bring others to the mercy of God and to the hope of eternal life.

The Bread we eat every Sunday is no junk food. It's the best food; the most nourishing food and the cause of our delight. Regardless of what else is going on in our lives, even if it seems like the end of the world – it isn't. We can take the words of Habakkuk when all seems lost and use it as our own prayer:

Yet I will rejoice in the LORD
and exult in my saving God.

Where there is life there is hope. And where there is the Bread of Life there is perfect hope.



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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