

# 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

Email: [pclifford@sfab.org](mailto:pclifford@sfab.org)

## Parochial Vicar

Rev. Valanarasu Newton-Williamraj

[frvalan@sfab.org](mailto: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](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: [karensmusicklass@aol.com](mailto: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](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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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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><u>August 21, 2021</u></b>	
8:00AM		
4:00PM	Arduino DiCenso	Memorial
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><u>August 22, 2021</u></b>	
7:45AM	Regina Senkel	Anniversary
10:15AM	Fermina DiFonso	Anniversary
6:00PM	Parishioners of St. Clare	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>August 28, 2021</u></b>	
8:00AM		
4:00PM	Donal & Pauline Leahy	Memorial
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><u>August 22, 2021</u></b>	
7:45AM		
10:15AM		
6:00PM		

**WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...**

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$3,354.00</b>
<b>Online giving</b>	<b>\$ 434.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,788.00</b>

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**  
John Tassinari

**From St. Francis of Assisi**  
Joseph H. Cody  
Stephen O'Donnell  
Dawn Marie Nichols

*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.*



*St. Clare*  
*Jacob Lewis*

*St. Francis of Assisi*  
*Matthew St. Laurent*  
*John Cusack*



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



The Braintree Knights of Columbus Council 1462 will lead a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary on August 29, 2021 at 8:30AM. The location will be at Saint Francis of Assisi Church outside at the monument to the unborn located between the church and the parking lot. All are invited



**Blood Drive**  
**Wednesday, September 1, 2021—**  
**11:30AM—5:30PM**  
**St. Francis of Assisi Church**

In honor of cancer's youngest patients at Boston Children's Hospital. To make an appointment please go to [www.halfpints.childrenshospital.org](http://www.halfpints.childrenshospital.org) and use sponsor code STFRAN. For more information contact Deirdre Shea at: [dflemshea@gmail.com](mailto:dflemshea@gmail.com).



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!**



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 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, or 50<sup>th</sup> 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](http://bostoncatholic.org/familylife/anniversary-mass) at [bostoncatholic.org/familylife/anniversary-mass](http://bostoncatholic.org/familylife/anniversary-mass). For more information, please contact Emily Elliott in Family Life Ministry at [Emily\\_Elliott@rcab.org](mailto:Emily_Elliott@rcab.org).



*Serving the Spiritual Needs  
of Grieving Parents Whose  
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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.

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](http://www.emfgp.org).



**August 22, 2021 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods.” We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these “gods” because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with “who is God” and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised “more.” But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only “feels” true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God’s kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It’s a choice we all have to make.



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