

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
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Deacons

Michael J. Cavanaugh
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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 August 28, 2021

8:00AM
4:00PM Donal & Pauline Leahy Memorial

Sunday August 29, 2021

7:45AM
10:15AM Parishioners of St. Clare

Saturday September 4, 2021

8:00AM
4:00PM Victor & Angelina Valle Memorial
Frank & Mary Gaviani

Sunday September 5, 2021

7:45AM
10:15AM
6:00PM

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...

Offertory	\$2,477.00
Online giving	\$ 449.00
Total	\$2,926.00

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
Frances Davy
Kenneth Lawford

From St. Francis of Assisi
Ann Marie Curley

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.



Cardinal O'Malley has asked that a special collection for Catholic Relief Services and the Church in Haiti be taken in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston. This collection will be taken as you exit THIS weekend.



*St. Clare
James Stephen Regan*



*St. Clare
Hannah LaMountain, Mia Murphy, Avery Washburn
Julia Drew, Bailey Steber, Anna Wellington and
Addison Zahn*



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



The Braintree Knights of Columbus Council 1462 will lead a 5th Sunday Rosary THIS Sunday 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 and use sponsor code STFRAN. For more information contact Deirdre Shea at: 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. 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
Deacon Joe MacDonald

Just call me Clark Griswold. You know the hapless but optimistic protagonist from *National Lampoon's Vacation*. If things could go wrong – they did. Welcome to Wally World! This article might be titled “What I Learned on Vacation” or “What God Taught Me on Vacation.” When things go wrong it can be frustrating, anxiety provoking, and downright maddening. One might even forget who it is we should be calling on for help in times like these. Hint: It’s not the front desk or housekeeping.

If you’ve read some of my earlier columns you might remember I have been obsessively planning a trip to Disney World for my family. This trip had already been cancelled twice due to Covid, so I was determined to make it perfect. I had spreadsheets, and graphs and all kinds of data I had collected since May. I could tell you what the best time to get on any ride in Disney World would be. I had done the recon and had a battle plan that would guarantee a good time for all in every park with days of rest in between. I had planned the perfect Disney Vacation – really, I did! Enter Hurricane Fred and my first bout of anxiety. It was out of my hands and there was nothing I could do about that. Two friends on the trip decided to pray away Fred. “Turn west they prayed.” It turned west. We got to Disney World around noon. The app to check in didn’t work so we had to stand in line as though it was still the 90’s, but it was still an irritation. It took over 3 hours to make sure we were all checked in and that all our magic bands had tickets and room keys for everyone. Foreshadowing.

The one thing that you can count on with Disney is that they get you to your room on time and that it’s going to be spotless, and in these times, they even guarantee “enhanced:” cleaning. Even the TV remotes would be disinfected and covered in plastic. Not this time! The latest we should have been in our rooms was 4:00. The kids were starting to melt down. They were hungry and tired. We had been on the move since 4:30 AM. At 4:15 I called and they said they’d check. Same at 4:45, 5:00, and at 5:15 they told me they sent me a text 20 minutes earlier with a room number. By the time we got into our 2-bedroom condo we were late for a dinner reservation and headed right out again – no rest for the weary. When we got back, we just wanted a shower and to go to bed. I opened the shower door it had not been cleaned. I won’t say what we found there but when housekeeping came in, even she said it was “disgusting.” No shower that night. Finally sleep, until the phone woke us up at midnight. Housekeeping had left a chemical in our bathroom. They woke everyone up! The first rule is, and Fr. Paul says this at every Baptism – “Don’t wake the baby!”

Next morning, we discovered that the phone in the master bedroom didn’t work, the remote, which wasn’t covered in

plastic didn’t work and neither did our toaster. Up at 7:00; on the bus to Magic Kingdom at 8:00, arrive as planned ½ hour before rope drop. Perfect! Except guest services at our resort didn’t actually link all the tickets. Of course, it’s the 5-year-old and 2-year-old that couldn’t get in! It took about 40 minutes standing in another line in Florida’s August, heat with two crying children who can actually see the castle but can’t get in. Eventually it all worked out and we had a wonderful day – really, we did!

By Tuesday my 2-year old granddaughter isn’t feeling good; by Wednesday she had a fever and over the next day or two had a cough. By Friday she is an in-patient at a local hospital. She had something with a 3-letter name like everything else these days. Anxiety was no worry because she was having a hard time breathing.

Enter Hurricane Henri. What else could go wrong? Will our flight leave on Sunday? Would the baby be out of the hospital by then? Our flight got canceled until Tuesday but, they gave me the wrong confirmation code so it came up as canceled again. It’s OK because after 240 minutes on hold we were able to fix it all. We had a connecting flight in DC which as it turned out was leaving the terminal as we arrived with 30 other connecting passengers. That all worked out too. But it all seemed like death by a thousand cuts. The baby was discharged on Sunday and we all met up at the airport Hilton and she seems to be doing fine now.

We’ve heard that God writes straight with crooked lines. It was true on this trip. If it wasn’t for Hurricane Henri, my daughter and granddaughter or perhaps all of us, would have missed our flight home. As it turned out we actually had a nice couple days at a clean hotel with excellent service near the airport. And it was just what we needed to take a breath and realize it all worked out.

Jesus said: “Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat [or drink], or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?” “Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? So do not worry and say, ‘What are we to eat?’ or ‘What are we to drink?’ or ‘What are we to wear?’ “All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.” “But seek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.” **“Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough troubles of its own.” (Matt 6: 25-34)**

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