

THE PARISH OF SAINT CLARE

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Collaborative Office Telephone: 781-843-1332

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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

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

(Suspended due to Coronavirus)

Al-Anon:

Meets in Parish Hall - Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

(Suspended due to Coronavirus)

Help for the Poor:

Pine Street Inn Society:

(Suspended due to Coronavirus)

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: karensmusicclass@aol.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry: (Suspended due to Coronavirus)

First Wednesday of the month

Lucille Barton 848-0626

Braintree Catholic Women's Club:

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 September 4, 2021

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

Sunday September 5, 2021

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

Saturday September 11, 2021

8:00AM Victims of 9/11 Attacks
4:00PM Helen J. (Potter) Peneau Memorial

Sunday September 12, 2021

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

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...

Offertory	\$4,307.00
Online giving	\$ 394.00
Total	\$4,701.00

The Altar Breads and Wine to be used at all Masses for the week of September 4—10 have been donated in loving memory of **Victor & Angelina Valle and Frank & Mary Gaviani**. The Sanctuary light will also burn in loving memory of **Victor & Angelina and Frank & 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 the Archdiocese of Boston
Fr. Joseph K. Fagan

From St. Francis of Assisi
Stephanie O'Shaughnessy
Mary Ellen Ellis

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.

**Check out our new collaborative website—
www.braintreecatholic.org.**



St. Clare
Oliver Ian Louis
St. Francis of Assisi
Leary Thomas Norton



St. Francis of Assisi
Corbett Norton



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.





From
Deacon Joe MacDonald

The summer is nearly over and the days are already getting shorter. The kids are heading back to school and the old routines are coming back into focus. It won't be long before we trade our lawn mowers for snow blowers, our rakes for snow shovels and fertilizer for ice melt.

So, it is with our collaborative. With the end of summer and the beginning of fall, we too begin to start up programs and bring back more solemn liturgical celebrations.

I've been asked by people in both parishes "When is the choir coming back?"

The answer is very soon! But as music director for a two-parish collaborative with precious little time between Masses Fr. Paul and I have been talking about ways in which we can make this work and how we can make the music program succeed to everyone's benefit.

We have reimagined a single blended collaborative choir from both parishes. Combined we would have the voices to form a more robust ensemble capable of singing a more varied selection of music with even better results than before.

Some of the questions you might ask are, "How is this going to work?" "Which parish will host the choir?" "When and where will the choir practice?" "Can I just sing in my own parish?"

This is what we are thinking. To make it work we need choir members with a give and take kind of attitude. We definitely want people who are willing to serve in both parishes.

As we look at things right now, the plan is to alternate which parish the choir sings by seasons, focusing primarily on Christmas, Easter and select Sundays and Solemnities for now. For example, the choir might sing at one church for Christmas and the other for Easter. Which parish starts the rotation has not yet been determined. We might just use a simple coin toss to decide.

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Your age doesn't matter. If you are at least of high school age we welcome you as we welcome back our seasoned choir members.

There will have to be some kind of "audition" – NOT the scary kind! Basically, if you can hold a tune in a paper bag, we can work with that. The "audition" will help me to determine what vocal part you will sing, what past musical experience you have, and what you are capable of. All of this helps me to get to know each of you a little better, choose music and arrangements appropriate to the group, and find out what kind of training I need to provide the choir as a whole. Personally, I think this is going to be very exciting and of great benefit to the collaborative.

At each parish over the next few weeks there will be a sign-up sheet for former and new choir members. It will be found on the cantor's stand in the front of the church. After Mass, please go there to sign up and I'll be in contact with you. Together we will "Sing a joyful song to the Lord!" (Ps 100:1)



**Lord our God,
in your wisdom and love
you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.
Send your Spirit upon these students
and fill them with your wisdom and blessings.
Grant that they may
devote themselves to their studies
and draw ever closer to you,
the source of all knowledge.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.**

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**The collaborative office will be closed on
Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day.
Have a safe and happy holiday weekend !**

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